



# TOP TEN ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-2023

This year brought extraordinary progress in the fight for a healthy environment and climate-resilient future. We celebrate the passage of groundbreaking public health policies, laws to bolster the resiliency of Oregonians, communities, and the economy, and momentous investments in clean, affordable energy.

## LEGISLATIVE WINS



### Climate Resilience Package: PASSED!

This comprehensive bill package will cut climate pollution; strengthen the resilience of Oregon's communities, lands, and local economies by creating family-wage jobs in construction, energy, and agriculture; drive down the cost of living by increasing energy efficiency in buildings and expanding access to renewable energy; and support Oregon's rural communities through improved water quality, increased drought and wildfire resistance, and emergency preparedness at climate resilience hubs.



### Drought Package: FUNDED!

Oregon will leverage federal funds to protect, restore, and enhance sources of drinking water for vulnerable populations, improve or replace failing water infrastructure, and support better management of surface water and groundwater.



### Toxic-Free Kids Modernization Act: PASSED!

Oregon will update the landmark 2015 Toxic Free Kids Act to keep up with scientific advances to better protect kids' health. The new law will strengthen protections, remove the limit on the number of chemicals that can be regulated, and help consumers make informed decisions to protect their families.



### Toxic-free Cosmetics: PASSED!

Oregon will phase out toxic chemicals in personal care products by 2027 and require manufacturers to list all chemical ingredients. This groundbreaking new law helps address the disproportionate health risks faced by women of color, who often experience higher exposure to toxics in personal care products, promoting greater safety and equity for communities of color and all Oregonians.



### Right to Refuse Dangerous Work: PASSED!

Oregon's new law makes it an act of discrimination to retaliate against, fire, or refuse to hire a worker who, in good faith, refuses to work in hazardous conditions. This will protect Oregon's workers from being asked to work without respirator protection during a wildfire or necessary precautions during climate-fueled extreme heat.

## MORE LEGISLATIVE WINS



### Natural Climate Solutions: FUNDED!

A new “Natural and Working Lands Fund” will support Oregon farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners to adopt and maintain climate-smart land management practices that will increase carbon sequestration, improve water quality, prevent runoff, protect wetlands and streams, and bolster our state’s drought resilience.



### Clean Fuels Program: EXPANDED!

Through OEC’s advocacy in the rulemaking process, Oregon’s Environmental Quality Commission adopted expanded carbon reduction rules that meet the level of ambition that science demands. The expanded targets will reduce carbon to 20% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 37% below 2015 levels by 2035! This will create jobs in the clean fuels economy, invest in communities, and reduce harmful tailpipe pollution.

## ON-THE-GROUND IMPACT



### EVs at Work on Farms

EVs aren’t just for urban drivers! OEC secured grant funding made available through the Clean Fuels Program to provide Oregon State University Agricultural Research Centers in Central Point, Corvallis, Hood River, and Pendleton with all-terrain utility EVs, helping them make the most of new technology to support research, education, and farmwork.

## INSIDE OEC



### The ELB is back!

OEC’s Emerging Leaders Board (ELB) relaunched in 2022 after a pause during the early period of the pandemic. The ELB is a statewide ambassador board of 21-35-year-olds that engages the next generation of environmental leaders through outreach, education, and advocacy.



### We welcomed OEC’s new Executive Director!

Jana Gastellum became OEC’s Executive Director in October 2022 with overwhelming support from the staff and board. Jana is only the 6th ED hired in OEC’s 55-year history and is the first internal hire. Through a national search, Jana rose to the top for her depth of expertise and passion on the issues, her composure under pressure, and her vision for OEC’s future.

The progress made this year positions Oregon to continue making great strides for our environment in the months and years ahead.



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