

Democratic Party of Oregon
2010 Platform and Legislative Agenda

Pre-Convention Input Process and Policy

To draw as broadly as possible on the insight and expertise throughout our party, the Platform and Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Oregon (PRC) seeks pre-convention input on the *Legislative Agenda Items* in the *Second Major Draft of the 2010 DPO Platform and Legislative Agenda*. The Second Major Draft will be presented to the 2010 DPO Platform Convention on June 25th, 2010, for final review, editing, modification, balloting, and adoption by the delegates during its 2010 convention.

This policy describes the manner in which county, district, caucus, and state central committee Chairs may propose additional Legislative Agenda Items for inclusion in the Second Major Draft by the PRC.

A *Legislative Agenda Item* (LAI) is a statement, of up to 50 words, which calls for the creation, funding, or enforcement of State or Federal legislation on a specific topic, related to a specific Article and Plank of the DPO Platform. The DPO Platform is currently comprised of 5 *Articles* containing a total of 14 *Planks*, as detailed in the *First Major Draft of the 2010 DPO Platform and Legislative Agenda*, which is being distributed for review in line with this policy.

All LAIs are implicitly preceded by the phrase "Create, fund, or enforce legislation to:"

For example:

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Article 1: Our Responsibilities and Rights as Individuals and Family Members

Plank - Shelter, Food, Health Care and a Living Wage:

Securing the Basic Necessities of Life

Legislative Action Items

Create, fund, or enforce legislation to:

Adopt a comprehensive Oregon health care system that provides universal coverage accessible to all Oregonians which includes a publicly owned publicly administered, not-for-profit health care plan as one of the options available to Oregonians.

[additional items for this plank would continue here]

The PRC welcomes pre-convention LAI proposals, under the following policy:

1. **Authority:** LAIs proposed under this process are solicited through and will only be accepted from the following entities, through their Chair:
 - Chair, Oregon Congressional Districts 1 through 5
 - Chair, Oregon's 36 County Central Committees
 - Chair, DPO Recognized Caucus Committees
 - Chair, Democratic Party of Oregon
2. **Number:** each Chair may submit up to five (5) total additional LAIs, subject to the terms of this policy, each developed in the manner best suited to the processes and expertise of each Chair's committee(s) and resources.

3. **Subject matter:** proposed LAIs must:
 - be identified to a specific, existing platform plank
 - address a Statewide or National concern
 - not substantially duplicate an existing LAI in the *First Major Draft of the 2010 DPO Platform and Legislative Agenda*
 - address a single topic
4. **Format:** proposed LAIs must:
 - be no more than 50 words in length
 - be submitted in an editable electronic format (email, text attachment, MS Word attachment, unlocked PDF document)
5. **Deadline:** to be reviewed as part of the pre-convention process, proposed LAIs must be received by:

Midnight, Tuesday, June 1st, 2010

in electronic format, sent to these email addresses:

- Leo Schuman, PRC Chair: **leo.schuman@flexorial.com**
 - Jolene Jonas, PRC Vice Chair: **jolene.j.jonas@hotmail.com**
6. **Scope:** the DPO PRC seeks input on LAIs as described in this document. Proposals regarding the scope or content of the proposed platform, articles, planks, and related preamble statements will not be accepted in this process.
 7. **Review:** all LAIs proposed under this policy will be reviewed by the PRC for possible inclusion in the *Second Major Draft of the Proposed 2010 DPO Platform and Legislative Agenda*. The DPO PRC reserves discretion over the form and content of the entirety of that document.

We look forward to your committees' input through this process, and at the 2010 DPO Platform Convention.

Thank you,

The DPO Platform and Resolutions Committee

Leo Schuman, Chair
Jolene Jonas, Vice Chair