**Governor’s Principles**

The future of Oregon will be determined by the investments we make in our children, our economy and our quality of life. These priorities must guide the way we spend scarce taxpayer dollars. Setting preferences based on a vision for Oregon’s future will enable state government to improve decision making and will streamline the budget process.

These principles are to be used by agencies as they carry out their work. They are also to be used to prioritize how state government spends its citizens’ dollars. Using our vision and setting priorities based on that vision and on value will result in an improved decision-making process for Oregon.

**The Basic Educational Needs of Children Must Be Met and Adults Should Have Opportunities to Develop Through Training and Education.**

To be successful, children must be ready to learn by the time they enter school and education should prepare them to be successful in college or in the workforce. Communities should be engaged in supporting children and their families to be safe, healthy, educated and productive.

It is critical to invest in post-secondary education to enable future economic prosperity. As our economy grows and changes, it is important to provide opportunities for adults to receive training and education that permits access to family wage employment.

**We Must Work to Preserve Oregonians’ Basic Health and Daily Needs.**

Our Oregon is a place where we value taking care of those who are the most vulnerable, including children, seniors and people with disabilities. All of us benefit and our communities are healthier when our citizens’ basic health, food and shelter needs are met.

**Economic Development and a Positive Business Climate Are Key to Creating Sustainable Businesses and Jobs**

The future of Oregon depends on the number of jobs that we can create and growing the capacity of our economy. We should foster and encourage business development and create receptive conditions for business to create enduring jobs for Oregonians.

**We Value a Balance Between Growth, Infrastructure Development and Environmental Protection**

Oregon’s environment and its economic health are inextricably linked. It is important to enhance and protect our natural resources while balancing it with economic growth. Our resources – natural, cultural, geographic and person-related – will carry us forward into the 21st century.

**Oregonians Have a Right to Be Safe**

Public safety is essential to our citizens. Public safety includes holding criminals accountable for their actions, preventing crime and reducing recidivism, providing for safe buildings and places of work, preventing fraud and abuse, and maintaining the ability to prepare for and swiftly respond to emergencies to preserve life and property.

**State Government Should Be Stable, Responsive and Accountable to Oregonians**

There is no more business as usual with state government. We have to be responsible stewards of the public’s money, while giving them superior customer service. This
means we must work in a cooperative and coordinated manner with the private sector and other levels of government.