

Oregon Diabetes Caucus

The Diabetes Caucus is a bipartisan group of Oregon State Legislators committed to improving the lives of all people affected by diabetes in Oregon. This includes:

- 241,819 Oregonians who have diabetes.
- 547,053 Oregonians diagnosed with pre-diabetes – a condition that places them at higher risk for developing diabetes.
- and the projected trend affecting 1 in 3 Oregonians born in the year 2000.

To help improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes, the Oregon Diabetes Caucus will:

- Ensure diabetes is adequately addressed in all relevant legislation and regulations to preserve and support:
 - Funding for research and services to prevent and cure diabetes.
 - Health care benefits that meet the needs of people with diabetes.
 - Removal of discrimination impacting the workplace and children with diabetes in schools.
 - Strategies to prevent and reduce the projected impact of diabetes.
- Urge relevant authorizing committees to support diabetes programs, research and patient care needs through letters and testimony.
- Work with the American Diabetes Association and members of the Oregon Diabetes Coalition to hold information events for Legislators and staff to increase awareness of diabetes and associated needs for management and prevention of the disease.
- Continue to build the Diabetes Caucus into a sustainable, dynamic political force and information clearinghouse by increasing visibility, membership and activities.
- Commit to using the American Diabetes Association's Standards of Care when creating legislation or policies on disease management.

