



## 2009 legislative agenda adopted

At the annual Board of Directors retreat in late January, the board supported a number of policy positions related to the 2009 legislative session that began in Salem last month. Here is a short overview:

- **Education and Workforce:** The Alliance will support the 40-40-20 goal and initiatives that link education and business experience and will encourage greater private sector involvement in higher education policy discussions. The Alliance will also look for opportunities to engage on issues of cost containment and efficiency in education spending.
- **State Transportation Funding:** Transportation funding will be one of the Alliance's top priorities. The Alliance will seek opportunities to link the elements of a funding package to the state's sustainability efforts, align with the federal stimulus package and its efforts to generate jobs.
- **Carbon emissions:** The Alliance will support efforts to find mechanisms and strategies that reduce carbon emissions and position the state strategically for job growth in this area while also seeking to minimize or eliminate job losses from increased costs.
- **State Revenue Reform:** The Alliance will work to support budget and revenue reform efforts identified by the Revenue Reform Task Force to develop a more stable source of funding for the state.

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