

Oregon's Governors prior to 1979 had problems finding where to spend more and more money. State government grew by leaps and bounds. As Governor, I have been faced with problems unique to Oregon in the last few decades -- getting by with less.

When I was elected, I promised to slow the rate of state spending, and I did.

And now with a depressed economy, I have cut state spending even more. Unlike our neighboring state of Washington, we have not borrowed money from Eastern lenders.

My Economic Recovery Plan adopted this year by the Oregon Legislature will bring the results necessary to return Oregon to prosperity.

I have tried to avoid additional taxation for citizens. It was my choice to balance our deficits primarily with cuts in state government. These budget decisions were difficult, but necessary to prevent a further crisis and protect the fiscal safety of our state.

I promised in 1978 that I would bring to state government the kind of common sense problemsolving Oregonians wanted and deserved.

I reorganized and consolidated departments and programs to make state government leaner and more efficient.

I tackled the problem of workers' compensation. My efforts brought about a revamping of the State Accident Insurance Fund and other reforms followed by a 16 percent reduction in rates.

I tackled the problem of field burning and brought together the city of Eugene, seed growers and the Department of Environmental Quality to base smoke management on weather, not acreage.

I pushed through the legislature a racial harassment bill that has become a national model to eliminate racially motivated acts.

I have consistently hired and appointed more minorities and women to leadership roles in my administration, including my appointment of the first woman Supreme Court Justice.

I have made significant achievements in my first four years and brought Oregon safely and sanely through some of the most chaotic times in recent history.

My ability to gain real results will serve Oregon well as we face the pressing need to revitalize Oregon's economy.