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What happened during the recession is not the same as what is occurring today. Oregon's economy did decline more than most other states in the 2001 recession. Between December 2000 and December 2001, Oregon experienced the largest decline in employment and the biggest increase in unemployment. Between December 2001 and December 2002, however, employment in Oregon grew faster than in most other states, and unemployment declined more than in all but a few.

- Between December 2001 and December 2002, unemployment in Oregon fell by 0.8 percent, more than in all but four states, while unemployment rose in 25 states.
- Employment is also recovering, growing 2.3 percent between December 2001 and December 2002, more than in all but 12 states, while 14 states lost employment.

Those identifying Oregon as having the "worst" economy in the country ignore the fact that Oregon historically has had a relatively high unemployment rate in good and bad economic times. Oregon's unemployment rate fell below the national average in only four of the last thirty years. In 2000, when Oregon's per-capita Gross State Product grew faster than all but two states, the unemployment rate was seventh highest. The state will continue to have relatively high rates of unemployment even after the recovery hits full-stride.

Unemployment remains a serious concern in Oregon, with over 120,000 workers out of a job and 14,600 slated to lose Unemployment Insurance benefits by the end of May 2003. Oregon policy makers should pressure the federal government to extend Unemployment Insurance benefits, or absent federal help enact an emergency extension of unemployment insurance relying solely on the state's unemployment insurance trust fund. Increased federal spending on programs that help the unemployed, such as Medicaid, can play an important role in Oregon's recovery.

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What happened during the recession is not the same as what is occurring today. Oregon's economy did decline more than most other states in the 2001 recession. Between December 2000 and December 2001, Oregon experienced the largest decline in employment and the biggest increase in unemployment. In 2002, however, the economy began to recover with Oregon growing faster than most other states. Between December 2001 and December 2002, employment in Oregon grew faster than in most other states, and unemployment declined more than in all but a few.

Those identifying Oregon as having the "worst" economy in the country

typically point to Oregon's high rank for unemployment. The trouble with using the current unemployment rank as an overall measure of the state of the economy, however, is that Oregon historically has had a relatively high unemployment rate in good and bad economic times. Oregon had one of the highest unemployment rates in the country even at the peak of the recent economic expansion, and has fallen below the national average in only four of the past 30 years. Because so many people continue to move to Oregon, and the state has considerable employment in seasonal industries and many rural communities that are geographically isolated, the state will continue to have relatively high rates of unemployment even after the recovery hits full-stride.

Unemployment remains a serious concern in Oregon, with over 120,000 workers out of a job and 14,000 slated to lose Unemployment Insurance benefits by May 2003.¹ Oregon policy makers interested in helping unemployed workers should pressure the federal government to extend Unemployment Insurance benefits, or absent federal help enact an emergency extension of unemployment insurance relying solely on the state's unemployment insurance trust fund. Increased federal spending on programs

that help the unemployed, such as Medicaid, can also play an important role in Oregon's continued recovery.

There are limits to what Oregon can do to speed the recovery and get more workers back to work. Due to its small size and the absence of appropriate policy tools, state government can do little to impact economic growth. Oregon is just one percent of the US economy; decisions in Washington, D.C. and large states such as California can have big impacts on Oregon's economy.² Oregon's state government is constitutionally prohibited from deficit

spending, a tool the federal government can use to stimulate economic activity. Budget cuts both harm the economy by depressing spending and reducing federal matching funds, and harm the business climate. Shortened school years and decreased spending on human and public safety services send red flag messages to corporate boardrooms. Budget cuts can be best avoided and the economy and workers helped by increased taxes on Oregon's most affluent.³ Claiming "we're in a recession" is an outdated response that has no place in today's policy debates.

The Rise and Fall of Unemployment in Oregon.

A key measure of Oregon's economic decline in 2001 was the rapid increase in unemployment. Between December 2000 and December 2001, Oregon's unemployment rate rose from 4.7 percent to 7.8 percent (Table 1). The unemployment rate in Oregon increased 3.1 percentage points, more than in any other state.⁴ Over the same period, the national average unemployment rate increased by 1.9 points.

Oregon's economy hit bottom at the end of 2001 and started recovering in early 2002. Between December 2001 and December 2002, the unemployment rate in Oregon fell from 7.8 percent to 7.0 percent. Over the same period, unemployment increased in 25 states. Oregon's unemployment rate declined more than in all but four other states between December of 2001 and 2002. The national average unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percent over this period, while Oregon's declined 0.8 percent.

Table 1. Rise and Fall of Unemployment in Oregon										
Unemployment Rate										
	U.S. Oregon Average Difference									
Dec-00	4.7	3.9	0.8							
Dec-01	7.8	5.8	2							
Dec-02	7	6	1							
Oregon Change 2000 to 2001 Rank										
Point Change	1.2	1								
Change 2001 to 2002										
Point Change	47									
Source: OCPP analysis of BLS data.										

Oregon's unemployment rate was 0.8 percent higher than the national average at the peak of the most recent economic expansion in December 2000. At the low point of the recession, Oregon's unemployment rate was 2 percent higher than the national average. By December 2002, Oregon's unemployment rate was 1 percent higher than the national average (See Appendix A for full list of states).

The Fall and Rise of Employment in Oregon.

Table 2. Fall and Rise of Employment in Oregon										
Employment										
Dec-00	1,714,091	135,529,649								
Dec-01	1,641,663	134,502,845								
Dec-02	1,678,958	135,564,291								
Growth 200	0 to 2001	Difference	Oregon's Rank							
change	-72,428	-1,026,804		46						
% Change	-4.2%	-0.8%	3.5%	51						
Growth 2001 to 2002										
change	37,295	1,061,446		15						
% Change	2.3%	0.8%	1.5%	13						
Source: OCPP analysis of BLS data.										

Between December of 2000 and December 2001, Oregon lost more than 72,000 jobs, 4.2 percent of total employment (Table 2). Oregon lost more total jobs than all but five other states.

As a share of employment, Oregon's job loss was higher than every other state. Overall, U.S. employment declined by 0.8 percent.

Job losses ceased in 2002 and growth returned. Between December 2001 and December 2002, Oregon added more than 37,000 jobs, growing 2.3 percent. Nationwide employment grew by just 0.8 percent over the same period. Total employment in Oregon increased by more than in all but 14 other states. Oregon's rate of job growth was higher than in all but 12 states. Fourteen states lost employment between December 2001 and December 2002, and another eight states grew less than 1 percent (See Appendix B for full list of states).

Oregon's Persistently High Unemployment.

Some of the claims that Oregon's economy is still among the "worst" in the country point to the state's unemployment rate, which remains relatively high. In December 2002, Oregon's unemployment rate was the second highest in the country.

Unemployment in Oregon, however, is usually high when compared to other states, regardless of the state of the economy. Even at the peak of the economic boom in the late 1990s, unemployment in Oregon was high compared with other states. In 2000, Oregon had the third fastest growing state economy (measured by real percapita Gross State Product or GSP), but had the seventh highest unemployment rate. In 1999, Oregon's unemployment rate was fourth highest. Between 1996 and 2000, Oregon's per-capita GSP grew faster than all but three other

states, and unemployment averaged 5.6 percent - 10th highest among states. During the economic boom of the 1990s, Oregon's unemployment rate dropped below the U.S. average during only two years, and the state's unemployment rate has been lower than the national average in only four of the last 30 years.

Honest attempts to understand Oregon's consistent relatively high rate of unemployment acknowledge that it is the result of basic structural features of the state's geography, population, and economy. According to the Oregon Employment Department:

"[t]here are several key reasons why Oregon's unemployment rate is likely to be consistently higher than that of the United States as a whole. These include rapid inmigration, significant rural economic and geographic isolation, high dependence on seasonal industries, reliance on some industries which tend to be more impacted by economic cycles, and the long-term decline of some traditional industries."5

The Employment Department has noted that states that currently have the lowest unemployment rates had lower population growth than Oregon throughout the 1990s. With more people coming to and wanting to remain in Oregon than in many other states, Oregon maintains a relatively high unemployment rate in good and bad economic times.⁶

The Employment Department has noted that other states did better than Oregon for reasons beyond our control or our interest:

"The primary reasons why some states have weathered the current recession better than Oregon include the presence of energy- or defense-related industries; little growth during the 1990s, few jobs to lose during the recession; little or no population growth; and heavy dependence on ... industries not impacted by the current recession. These are all factors that are either impossible to duplicate here or that many Oregonians would find ... undesirable to replicate."⁷

Oregon was hit harder during the 2001 recession largely because it was so successful in attracting high-tech investment during the 1990s. As Robert Parry, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, has noted: Oregon's "high-tech success in the 1990s [was] a mixed blessing," because it "propelled strong growth during the expansion," but left the state "more exposed to the downturn." The speed at which high-tech recovers will have a significant impact on the speed at which Oregon's economy continues to recover.

Conclusion.

After being hit hardest in 2001, employment has grown and unemployment fallen more in Oregon than in most other states in 2002. While the economic recovery in Oregon is faring better than in most other states, there is obviously considerable room for improvement. Although it increased over the last year, employment in Oregon still remains lower than levels in December 2000. There are still 127,000 unemployed workers, and Unemployment Insurance benefits will be running out for thousands over the coming months.

Targeted efforts to aid unemployed workers are appropriate, but the state

does not need to overhaul its tax system and regulations to "get the economy moving again." The economy is already moving, and the revenue lost to further tax cuts would reduce funding for public services, including education, public safety, and infrastructure, that will be crucial for residents and businesses in the future.

The appropriate arena for effective economic stimulus is at the federal level. Acknowledging that tax cuts to businesses and high-income families will fail to stimulate an economy with low capacity utilization, some members of Congress have proposed an economic stimulus package emphasizing federal

aid to the states (such as enhanced Medicaid spending) and a federal extension of Unemployment Insurance benefits. This plan would help states avoid further budget cuts, which are acting as a drag on state economic

performance and causing considerable harm to vulnerable citizens. The plan would also put money into the hands of unemployed workers until the economy recovers sufficiently for them to return to work.

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Endnotes

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Appendix A. State Unemployment Rates and Change

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	Dec-00	Dec-01	Dec-02	Point	Rank	%	Rank	ļ	Point	Rank	%	Rank
Alaska	6.6	6.0	7.4	-0.6	49	-9.1%	49		1.4	1	23.3%	1
New Hampshire	2.8	3.9	4.8	1.1	26	39.3%	18		0.9	4	23.1%	2
West Virginia	5.4	4.6	5.6	-0.8	51	-14.8%	50		1	2	21.7%	3
Massachusettes	2.6	4.4	5.2	1.8	13	69.2%	4		0.8	6	18.2%	4
Pennsylvania	4.3	5.1	6.0	8.0	36	18.6%	36		0.9	3	17.6%	5
New Mexico	4.6	5.1	5.9	0.5	42	10.9%	43		0.8	5	15.7%	6
Connecticut	2.3	4.0	4.6	1.7	16	73.9%	3		0.6	8	15.0%	7
Deleware	4.0	3.4	3.9	-0.6	50	-15.0%	51		0.5	14	14.7%	8
New Jersey	3.7	4.8	5.5	1.1	27	29.7%	24		0.7	7	14.6%	9
New York	4.3	5.7	6.3	1.4	18	32.6%	22		0.6	9	10.5%	10
Ohio	3.9	4.8	5.3	0.9	31	23.1%	32		0.5	13	10.4%	11
Wisconsin	3.9	4.9	5.4	1.0	28	25.6%	29		0.5	12	10.2%	12
Maine	3.4	4.3	4.7	0.9	32	26.5%	28		0.4	16	9.3%	13
Texas	3.9	5.7	6.2	1.8	12	46.2%	15		0.5	10	8.8%	14
California	4.7	6.1	6.6	1.4	22	29.8%	23		0.5	11	8.2%	15
Rhode Island	4.2	5.0	5.4	0.8	35	19.0%	35		0.4	18	8.0%	16
Colorado	2.7	5.1	5.5	2.4	4	88.9%	2	ŀ	0.4	15	7.8%	17
Illinois	4.8			1.2		25.0%	30		0.4	17	6.7%	18
Georgia	3.6	6.0	6.4 4.8		25							
		4.5		0.9	33	25.0%	31		0.3	19	6.7%	19
lowa	2.9	3.7	3.9	0.8	34	27.6%	26		0.2	22	5.4%	20
Wyoming	3.8	4.2	4.4	0.4	44	10.5%	44		0.2	21	4.8%	21
Kansas DC	4.0	4.4	4.6	0.4	45	10.0%	45	ŀ	0.2	23	4.5%	22
	6.3	6.4	6.6	0.1	47	1.6%	47		0.2	24	3.1%	23
Mississippi	5.1	6.5	6.7	1.4	19	27.5%	27		0.2	20	3.1%	24
Idaho	4.8	5.5	5.6	0.7	38	14.6%	39	ŀ	0.1	25	1.8%	25
Oklahoma	3.0	4.7	4.7	1.7	15	56.7%	9		0	26	0.0%	26
Nebraska	2.9	3.4	3.4	0.5	43	17.2%	38		0	27	0.0%	27
Missouri	4.3	4.9	4.9	0.6	39	14.0%	40		0	28	0.0%	28
North Carolina	4.2	6.5	6.4	2.3	6	54.8%	11		-0.1	29	-1.5%	29
South Carolina	4.2	6.1	6.0	1.9	11	45.2%	16		-0.1	30	-1.6%	30
Vermont	3.0	4.3	4.2	1.3	23	43.3%	17		-0.1	31	-2.3%	31
Minnesota	3.4	4.0	3.9	0.6	40	17.6%	37		-0.1	32	-2.5%	32
North Dakota	2.9	3.1	3.0	0.2	46	6.9%	46		-0.1	33	-3.2%	33
Alabama	4.7	6.0	5.8	1.3	24	27.7%	25		-0.2	35	-3.3%	34
Arizona	3.8	5.8	5.6	2.0	9	52.6%	14		-0.2	34	-3.4%	35
Michigan	4.0	6.2	5.9	2.2	7	55.0%	10		-0.3	36	-4.8%	36
Utah	3.5	5.9	5.6	2.4	3	68.6%	5		-0.3	39	-5.1%	37
Indiana	3.3	5.1	4.8	1.8	14	54.5%	12		-0.3	37	-5.9%	38
Louisiana	6.0	6.7	6.3	0.7	37	11.7%	42		-0.4	42	-6.0%	39
Tennessee	4.1	5.0	4.7	0.9	29	22.0%	33		-0.3	38	-6.0%	40
Maryland	3.9	4.4	4.1	0.5	41	12.8%	41		-0.3	40	-6.8%	41
Arkansas	4.6	5.5	5.1	0.9	30	19.6%	34		-0.4	41	-7.3%	42
Washington	5.5	7.4	6.8	1.9	10	34.5%	20		-0.6	45	-8.1%	43
Oregon	4.7	7.8	7.0	3.1	1	66.0%	6		-0.8	47	-10.3%	44
Montana	4.7	4.7	4.2	0.0	48	0.0%	48		-0.5	43	-10.6%	45
Florida	3.8	6.0	5.3	2.2	8	57.9%	7	Ì	-0.7	46	-11.7%	46
Kentucky	4.6	6.2	5.4	1.6	17	34.8%	19	ŀ	-0.8	48	-12.9%	47
Virginia	2.2	4.5	3.9	2.3	5	104.5%	1	ŀ	-0.6	44	-13.3%	48
Hawaii	4.2	5.6	4.2	1.4	21	33.3%	21		-1.4	50	-25.0%	49
	2.6		3.0			53.8%		ŀ		49	-25.0%	50
South Dakota		4.0		1.4	20	1	13	ŀ	-1 1.0			
Nevada	4.4	6.9	5.0	2.5	2	56.8%	8	L	-1.9	51	-27.5%	51
US Average	3.9	5.8	6.0	1.9		48.7%			0.2		3.4%	
OR Minus US	0.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.3		-13.9%			-1		-16.4%	

Change 2000 to 2001

Change 2001 to 2002

Appendix B. State Employment Growth

Appendix B. 3	State Employment Growth				Change 2000 to 2001					Change 2001 to 2002			
Data:	Dec-00	Dec-01	Dec-02		#	Rank	%	Rank	l	#	Rank	%	Rank
Arkansas	1,173,526	1,157,384	1,221,581	ļ	-16,142	32	-1.4%	36		64,197	9	5.5%	1
Kansas	1,336,824	1,316,443	1,386,810	ļ	-20,381	36	-1.5%	38		70,367	8	5.3%	2
South Carolina	1,888,901	1,823,285	1,900,001	1	-65,616	45	-3.5%	48		76,716	7	4.2%	3
Vermont	322,893	321,946	335,117	1	-947	21	-0.3%	23		13,171	30	4.1%	4
Washington	2,866,443	2,751,408	2,860,591	1	-115,035	48	-4.0%	50		109,183	4	4.0%	5
Montana	448,935	441,379	454,600	1	-7,556	28	-1.7%	41		13,221	29	3.0%	6
Nevada	961,321	972,410	1,001,483	1	11,089	10	1.2%	5		29,073	19	3.0%	7
Nebraska	898,838	899,600	925,498		762	18	0.1%	17		25,898	20	2.9%	8
Georgia	4,015,252	3,923,910	4,036,324	1	-91,342	47	-2.3%	44		112,414	3	2.9%	9
New Hampshire	668,952	661,727	679,490	1	-7,225	27	-1.1%	33		17,763	23	2.7%	10
Virginia	3,557,488	3,539,769	3,630,406	1	-17,719	34	-0.5%	27		90,637	5	2.6%	11
South Dakota	391,767	391,079	400,161		-688	20	-0.2%	22		9,082	32	2.3%	12
Oregon	1,714,091	1,641,663	1,678,958		-72,428	46	-4.2%	51		37,295	15	2.3%	13
Arizona	2,274,335	2,319,981	2,367,821	1	45,646	1	2.0%	2		47,840	12	2.1%	14
New Mexico	800,740	796,851	813,060	1	-3,889	23	-0.5%	26		16,209	25	2.0%	15
Alaska	301,323	302,633	308,662		1,310	17	0.4%	13		6,029	34	2.0%	16
Maryland	2,712,951	2,721,229	2,774,276	1	8,278	12	0.3%	16		53,047	11	1.9%	17
Wisconsin	2,843,812	2,853,911	2,908,703		10,099	11	0.4%	14		54,792	10	1.9%	18
New York	8,526,510	8,306,186	8,447,234	1	-220,324	51	-2.6%	46		141,048	1	1.7%	19
Tennessee	2,683,708	2,697,149	2,737,172	1	13,441	8	0.5%	12		40,023	13	1.5%	20
Colorado	2,218,744	2,202,577	2,232,789	1	-16,167	33	-0.7%	29		30,212	18	1.4%	21
Kentucky	1,888,118	1,847,954	1,872,809		-40,164	42	-2.1%	43		24,855	21	1.3%	22
Utah	1,071,996	1,061,962	1,075,615	1	-10,034	29	-0.9%	30		13,653	27	1.3%	23
Massachusettes	3,161,057	3,150,537	3,189,561	1	-10,520	30	-0.3%	24		39,024	14	1.2%	24
Mississippi	1,247,381	1,212,746	1,227,368	1	-34,635	40	-2.8%	47		14,622	26	1.2%	25
Texas	9,948,097	9,937,515		1	-10,582	31	-0.1%	20		115,897	2	1.2%	26
Rhode Island	482,985	476,687	481,909		-6,298	25	-1.3%	34		5,222	35	1.1%	27
Florida	7,282,154	7,286,063	7,363,539	1	3,909	15	0.1%	18		77,476	6	1.1%	28
Indiana	2,982,717	2,950,751	2,981,158	1	-31,966	39	-1.1%	32		30,407	17	1.0%	29
Iowa	1,520,483	1,543,261	1,556,813	1	22,778	4	1.5%	3		13,552	28	0.9%	30
Maine	661,733	654,914	659,670		-6,819	26	-1.0%	31		4,756	36	0.7%	31
Minnesota	2,680,249	2,713,284	2,730,601	1	33,035	2	1.2%	4		17,317	24	0.6%	32
Alabama	2,051,962	2,020,634	2,032,792	1	-31,328	38	-1.5%	39		12,158	31	0.6%	33
New Jersey	4,024,750	3,997,696	4,021,717	1	-27,054	37	-0.7%	28		24,021	22	0.6%	34
Connecticut	1,699,323	1,639,695		1	-59,628	44	-3.5%	49		7,750	33	0.5%	35
California	16,433,515	16,414,944	16,445,855	1	-18,571	35	-0.1%	21		30,911	16	0.2%	36
Oklahoma	1,596,203	1,608,387	1,610,317	1	12,184	9	0.8%	9		1,930	37	0.1%	37
Wyoming	258,682	261,492	261,275	1	2,810	16	1.1%	6		-217	38	-0.1%	38
Missouri	2,838,501	2,801,061	2,797,765	1	-37,440		-1.3%	35		-3,296	40	-0.1%	39
Pennsylvania	5,751,094	5,769,378	5,746,765	1	18,284	6	0.3%	15		-22,613		-0.4%	40
North Dakota	329,635	328,507	326,195	1	-1,128	22	-0.3%	25		-2,312	39	-0.7%	41
Ohio	5,576,776	5,607,780	5,560,198	1	31,004	3	0.6%	11		-47,582	48	-0.8%	42
Idaho	635,045	655,387	649,376	1	20,342	5	3.2%	1		-6,011	41	-0.9%	43
Michigan	4,984,551	4,858,197	4,803,547	1	-126,354	50	-2.5%	45		-54,650	49	-1.1%	44
Hawaii	575,099	575,121	567,841	1	22	19	0.0%	19		-7,280		-1.3%	45
North Carolina	3,810,035	3,753,298	3,698,523		-56,737	43	-1.5%	37		-54,775		-1.5%	46
Louisiana	1,913,876	1,927,786	1,885,067		13,910		0.7%	10		-42,719		-2.2%	47
Illinois	6,066,566	5,947,714	5,812,198		-118,852	49	-2.0%	42		-135,516		-2.3%	48
Deleware	262,358	257,968	251,338		-4,390		-1.7%	40		-6,630		-2.6%	49
DC	400,954	405,184	393,538		4,230		1.1%	7		-11,646		-2.9%	50
West Virginia	786,400	794,422	759,347		8,022	13	1.0%	8		-35,075		-4.4%	51
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US TOTAL	135,529,649	134,502,845	135,564,291	1	-1,026,804		-0.8%			1,061,446		0.8%	
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