

Washington, DC – President Obama today released his budget proposal for fiscal year 2011. The following is a statement from Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore), a member of the House Budget Committee:

“Our country faces serious economic challenges, and at a time when we are working to spur job growth, jumpstart the economy, and rein in the deficit, we must prioritize. We can’t do it all, and the President’s budget makes clear that job growth, education, transportation and clean energy innovation are at the top of the list.

“The budget for 2011 funds key Oregon initiatives while also closing unnecessary subsidies for the oil and gas industry, chipping away at expensive defense projects, and limiting subsidies to the nation’s biggest farmers.

“However, I expect a vigorous debate on funding the expanded operation in Afghanistan, particularly given our domestic energy and security needs. I continue to have deep reservations on sending more troops to Afghanistan.

“There are encouraging investments that put money behind the administration’s support for livable communities, which offer opportunities to advance our Oregon agenda. As a member of the Budget Committee, I am committed to looking comprehensively at President Obama’s proposal, focusing on job growth, renewable energy development, and transportation improvements that will have an immediate and enduring impact on our nation’s economic vitality.”