

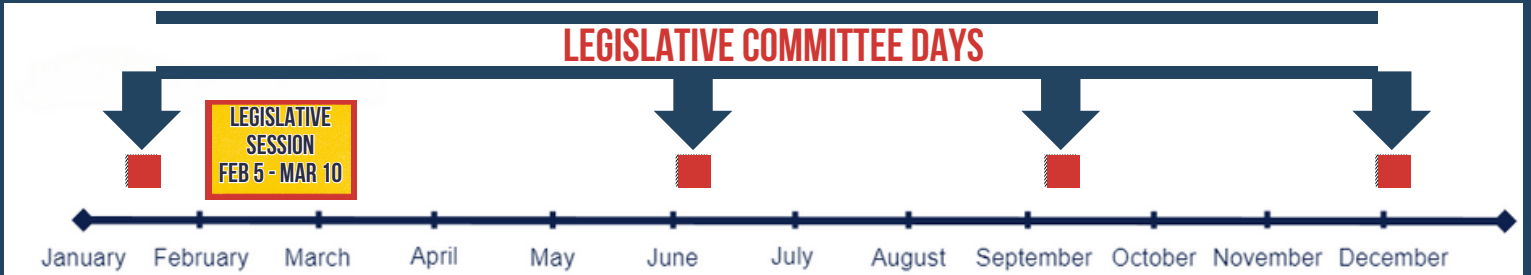


OREGON REPUBLICAN PARTY

FEBRUARY 2024

ELECTING REPUBLICANS TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL OREGONIANS

OREGON'S SHORT LEGISLATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 5 - MARCH 10, 2024



Understanding Oregon's Legislative Calendar

Oregon's state legislature alternates between 160-day sessions in odd-numbered years and 35-day sessions in even-numbered years as dictated by Oregon's constitution. A session can be extended for five days by the vote of 2/3 of both the House and the Senate.

Between sessions, often called the Interim, legislators meet on Legislative Committee Days called at various times by leadership to hear from task forces, state agencies, etc. about items that might result in legislation in the next session.

During the short session, everything happens quickly. Keeping up with legislation and submitting timely testimony requires vigilance.

OLIS (Oregon Legislative Information System) has information about all bills, committee meetings, floor sessions, and public hearings. There citizens can submit testimony about any bill within 48 hours of its public hearing in committee. Follow ORP on social media for late-breaking news about bills of concern.



Introducing: ORP's New Logo

NEW YEAR
Election year 2024 dawns with the promise of new hope for Oregon.

NEW ORP
ORP is working shoulder-to-shoulder as never before with our caucuses, with affiliated groups like Young Republicans of Oregon and Oregon Federation of Republican Women, with concerned industry and union groups, and with dedicated volunteers and grassroots activists to build a new and promising future for all Oregonians.

NEW LOGO
We've retired our faithful old friend, and found a younger, smarter, enthusiastic pachyderm pressing energetically toward the future with vision and drive.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD
Watch your mail for your new ORP membership card featuring our new logo. Get involved and be part of the movement!

A Note from ORP's Data Director, Mark Knowles

Give a warm welcome to our new canvassing and voter contact partner, Advantage. They've been working with political parties, campaigns, counties, and groups all across the country for over 12 years. They bring a wealth of experience and skills to help Oregon Republicans win in 2024.

If you're already a volunteer in your county, thank you. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now may be the perfect time. Our new partnership with Advantage coupled with recent RNC data upgrades will increase the effectiveness of our efforts in this election year.

We have room for new volunteers! Your county party leadership can help you get plugged in. Just connect with them (see bottom right on pg. 2) and tell them you want to volunteer. With some of the best tools in place to help, every volunteer can make a difference. Yes, it's hard work, but it's fun, too—working with like-minded patriots and paving the way to victory in 2024 by doing our part. If you haven't been to a local party event recently, join us. The tools are in place; we're ready to help you put them to work. We look forward to working together to elect Republicans in 2024.



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NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

News from Oregon Senate Republicans

Moving into week 3 of “short session,” we see lots of bills die and other bills continue to move through the process toward a vote on the Senate Floor.

SB 1583 - Senator Weber and Senator Anderson battled in committee against this political attempt by Democrats to take away control from the efforts of local school boards to ensure books and learning materials are “age appropriate.” As an example, we should not be teaching books sexual in nature to 2nd graders.

We are hoping this bill will stop at the President’s desk and not make it to the floor for a vote; if it does, we will need to try to stop it in the House Education Committee before it goes any further.

Housing - The Senate Committee on Housing was able to move some housing bills through and on to Ways and Means. This includes the Governor’s bill. Senator Knopp and Senator Anderson worked diligently to spur private home developments and infrastructure improvements in rural Oregon (not just Portland). This is evident with the radical left still pushing against the bill.

The Governor’s bill is not going to solve the housing problems in Oregon, but we were able to move the needle at least a little bit away from just homelessness and low income housing into workforce or middle income housing with some land use changes. We are in the minority and must keep pushing.

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News from Oregon Senate Republicans, continued

Measure 110 and Senate Bill 1553 - Senate Republicans and Democrats in committee voted to pass a law to make it a “Class A” misdemeanor to do drugs on public transportation. Republicans very clearly pointed out that if it is good to give police tools to enforce drug use bans on a bus, they should also be equipped to enforce drug use bans in our neighborhoods. Hypocrisy is playing its heavy hand with Democrats these days. Read our statement here.



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Standing with Texas Governor on Southern Border - Senate Republicans with some House Republicans and County Commissioners have penned a letter to Governor Abbott of Texas pledging our support for his efforts on the border to curb the flow of drugs and terrorists into America. Even non-border states should be standing with Texas.

View more on our Facebook page
[Oregon Senate Republicans Facebook](#)

News from Oregon House Republicans

Most House Republicans are standing firm on HB 4036 - the Republican bill to recriminalize possession of deadly drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine, while mandating treatment to help people get clean. This bill answers the demand of Oregonians for both criminal justice accountability and the addiction recovery services that the people of Oregon are demanding.

Democrat leadership, however, is trying to broker a deal to undermine the criminal justice accountability provisions that are written into the Republicans' bill—HB 4036.

We cannot let Democrats pass a bill that falls well short of taking the urgent actions necessary to end Oregon's drug crisis. They're playing politics while Republicans are trying to save lives.

It's important that conservatives **CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS** — Republican and Democrat —

Urge them to stand firm in favor of HB 4036. Oregon needs to make meaningful structural reforms to save the state from the failures of Measure 110. Call your legislator and demand that they vote for HB 4036, not the Democrats' backroom deal.

Find phone numbers [HERE](#).



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NEWS FROM ORP COUNTY PARTIES AND COMMITTEES

Hood River County Republican Party Dani Correa, Chair

The painful 2020 election losses drove Hood River Republicans to reconsider how to help our candidates win in the 3rd bluest county in Oregon.

Fast forward to 2022. Despite having only 20% registered Republicans, Hood River County celebrated BIG GOP wins! Daniel Bonham took the SD26 seat vacated by retiring Senator Chuck Thomsen, and Jeff Helfrich won HD52 against all odds in our deep blue district. How did we do that?

First, both candidates were fantastic! They ran like they had nothing to lose. Hood River GOP donated time and money, and the candidates showed up to forums and community events. One strategist remarked that every door Jeff Helfrich knocked was worth ten that a PCP knocked. Jeff became a professional door-knocker, supported by master door-knocker, Senator Emeritus Thomsen. Because he put the time in, Jeff was able to shrink the gap in Hood River County and win his seat, flipping HD52 from D to R.

In 2022 Republicans blew our chances of big wins because 120,000 of us didn't vote. Christine Drazan fell only 66,000 votes short of the governor's seat. Oregon Republicans suffered losses in 9 house districts by only 180 to 2500 votes. We know how to win—we simply need to vote and vote EARLY. What a difference 120,000 Oregon Republican votes could make!

With the primary election coming in May, help friends check their voter registration. Talk to people in your friendship circle. They already trust your advice and judgment. Encourage them to vote; tell them about a great candidate you endorse; invite them to a meet-and-greet; host a coffee clatter at your church or club; host a GOTV gathering for friends, and take your ballots to the dropbox together. If we can do it here in the 3rd bluest county in the state, every county can!

LET'S GO!

Get Out the OTE Connie Whelchel, Chair

County Parties throughout Oregon have already started Get Out the Vote efforts! We are in the middle of Voter Registration Season, and PCPs and volunteers are having fun educating and converting Non-Affiliated Voters (NAVs) to Republicans. With at least a third of Oregonians unaffiliated with any party, many don't realize they are not qualified to vote for partisan positions in this May's Presidential Primary Election. Make sure your friends and family are registered Republicans! They can check and/or update their Voter Registration status at [Oregon Secretary of State's My Vote](#). Share the link or QR code with others via text!



ORP Data Director Mark Knowles has been training GOTV Coordinators throughout Oregon on ORP's new tools for counties that will allow them to target the right audiences in their efforts to encourage Oregonians to vote.

At the March State Central Committee meeting, we will be conducting a GOTV training that will further help counties learn about effective strategies and tools available to them. We are excited to continue growing our Party and getting our 2024 Republicans elected!

Election Integrity

Janice Dysinger, Don Powers, CoChairs

Our election integrity team has been busy the past few months.

Janice Dysinger, ORP Co-Chair of election integrity recently held a seminar in Salem about hand counting ballots with 150 interested citizens. ORP Co-Chair of Election integrity Don Powers brought Joe Oltmann, a nationally known election integrity expert and tech CEO to speak with the group. The training was just one of several such seminars geared toward teaching people how easy it is to have same day voting with voter ID and hand-counted ballots, at the precinct level.

In mid-January, ORP Co-Chair Don Powers hosted an Election Integrity event featuring the Documentary film "Let My People Go" at the beautiful Sherwood Center for the Arts. After the showing, filmmaker David Clements and Executive Producer Joe Oltmann discussed the film with attendees and introduced their Gideon 300 concept for empowering people at the county level to get involved in their local community government. Appetizers from Joy Teriyaki were provided through a generous donation from ORP Chair Justin Hwang. Beer, wine and other beverages were available for purchase as well. All proceeds from this event went directly to support January 6th political prisoners and their families.





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Some of the WORST bills in Salem

Despite promises to focus on homelessness, the failures of Measure 110, and housing availability, the majority party is pushing some truly bad bills:

- SB1577 - Automatic voter registration of public college applicants regardless of citizenship or college enrollment
Submitted Testimony: Support 2, Oppose 87
Committee recommended DO PASS
- HJR 201 - Establishes a state property tax which is not subject to past property tax limitations, and which is dedicated to "public safety," which it doesn't define
Submitted Testimony: Support 7, Oppose 1458
In committee
- HB 4021 - Requires the governor to appoint a Senator when a vacancy occurs mid-term. This replaces the current requirement to hold a special election and instead places the office of Senator into the hands of the governor. This method is how Oregon judges are currently selected; they resign before the term ends so the governor can appoint a new judge, who then runs as an incumbent in the next election.
Submitted testimony: Support 0, Oppose 14
In committee
- SB 1583 - Removes the ability of local school boards, parents, or teachers to remove books and materials from public school classrooms and libraries if the removal can be classified as "discrimination." This is a thinly disguised attempt to prevent removal of sexually explicit and age-inappropriate material from classrooms and libraries.
Testimony: Support 1055, Oppose 571
Committee recommended DO PASS

Republicans **MUST** submit testimony to stop this bill if it goes to the House. The health and well-being of children is at stake.

Keep Up with Legislation

It's tough to keep up with the fast-paced movement of legislation during the short session, but for quick reference, one of the best sites to help you stay on top of developments in Salem over the next few weeks is:

[Oregon Citizens Lobby](#)

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

BE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE GOP PRIMARY



Become a Precinct Committeeperson

Would you like to get more involved in helping elect Republicans in 2024? March 12, 2024 is the last day to file to run for Precinct Committeeperson.

PCPs serve as the voice of Republican voters in their precinct to the county and state party. Elected PCPs choose county leaders, vote on county matters, and even nominate replacements for vacant legislative seats. They are the grassroots workers in the Oregon Republican Party—getting to know the voters of the precinct, conducting surveys, making phone calls, answering questions, chasing ballots, and helping get out the vote. They are passionate about building a better future for Oregon. It's fun, it's exciting, and it's a way to make a difference. Fill out Form SEL-105 and take it to your county elections office before March 12.

File to run for the office of PCP.

Republican Events



Oregon Legislature's Short Session
February 5, 2024 - March 10, 2024



Lincoln/Reagan Dinner
Deschutes Republican Party
Feb 19, 2024 Bend Elks Lodge, Bend



ORP State Central Committee Meeting
The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park, North Bend
March 16, 2024



Second Annual Lincoln Dinner
Hood River County Republican Party
Apr 6, 2024 Gorge Room, Best Western, Hood River



Marion County GOP Golf Tournament & Dinner
Salem Golf Club
June 29, 2024



Red Wave Revival Summer Concert
Clackamas County Republican Party
Sept 7, 2024 Clackamas County Fairgrounds



Linn Laughs With Adam Carolla
Linn County Republican Party
September 7, 2024 Albany, OR

The ORP office is open for business! Stop by to sign petitions, grab some swag, learn what it takes to run for office, and get connected.

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