

# A union guide to Oregon's November general election

## LEGEND

The acronyms below refer to statewide or regional bodies unless a local number is listed.

**AFL-CIO** the state federation that most unions belong to

**AAUP** university professors

**AFM 99** musicians

**AFSCME** state, county, and municipal employees

**88** Multnomah County

**189** City of Portland

**2505** OLCC

**328** OHSU

**350** Clackamas County

**3336** Oregon DEQ

**3580** Metro

**2831** Lane County

**AFT** AFT-Oregon (college instructors and school support staff)

**ATU 757** transit

**AWPPW** pulp and paper mill

**BAC** Bricklayers Local 1

**Boilermakers** Local 104

**CPBTC** Portland metro area building trades council

**CWA 7901** telecom

**IAFF** fire fighters

**43** Portland

**1159** Clackamas County

**314** Salem

**2210** Hillsboro

**1660** Tualatin Valley

**IAM** Oregon Machinists Council

**IBEW** electrical workers

**48** Portland

**280** Albany

**125** utility lineman local

**IBT** Teamsters Joint Council 37

**IBU** Inland Boatmen's Union

**ILWU** longshore/warehouse

**Insulators** - Insulators Local 36

**IUOE 701** Operating Engineers Local 701

**IUPAT** Painters District Council 5

**IW** Ironworkers Local 29

**LiUNA** Oregon/SW Washington District Council of Laborers

**483** public sector laborers

**737** construction laborers

**NALC 82** letter carriers

**NOLC** NW Oregon Labor Council, the local AFL-CIO

**OBTC** state building trades

**OEA** Oregon Education Assn. (teachers) or local affiliates

**OFNHP** nurses and health techs

**ONA** Oregon Nurses Association

**OPEIU 11** office/professional

**OPCMIA 82** Plasterers Local 82

**OPCMIA 555** Cement Masons Local 555

**OSEA** school employees

**PAT** Portland Assn. of Teachers

**PCCFFAP/PCCFCE** faculty and classified locals of AFT at PCC

**PTE 17** Professional & Technical Employees at City of Portland

**Roofers** Roofers Local 49

**SEIU** service employees

**503** public sector

**49** hospital and janitorial

**SMART** Sheet Metal Local 16

**UA 290** plumbers and fitters

**UFCW 555** grocery

**UBC** Carpenters

**USW** steel workers

**WFP** Working Families Party, a union-backed minor party

If a candidate is listed in bold below, they're backed by at least one labor organization. To keep a long list as short as possible, union-endorsed candidates who are running unopposed or against only token opposition are not listed. You'll see that unions sometimes didn't agree: In some winner-take-all races, more than one candidate got support from at least one union. Following each name is a list of union endorsers and a link to the campaign web site, if they have one.

## DON'T FORGET: Ballots must be received (not postmarked) by Nov. 6!

### CONGRESS

#### Congressional District 1 (NW Oregon)

**Suzanne Bonamici**, a three-term incumbent, has a 95 percent lifetime rating from the AFL-CIO. AFL-CIO, AFGE, AFT, IAFF, IAM, IBT, IUPAT, OEA, ONA  
BonamiciForCongress.com

#### Congressional District 2 (E Oregon)

**Jamie McLeod Skinner** is a city planner and former AFSCME member. She's mounting the most serious challenge in years to 20-year incumbent Congressman Greg Walden, a Republican whose votes over the years have earned him a 23 percent lifetime rating from the national AFL-CIO. AFL-CIO, APWU, IBT, OEA, SEIU 503, UFCW, WFP  
JamieForOregon.com

**Greg Walden** was the owner of five Columbia Gorge radio stations and a former chief of staff to Republican Congressman Denny Smith when he first ran for Congress in 1998. He's been re-elected ever since in the district that covers the two-thirds of Oregon east of the Willamette Valley. IBEW 48  
GregWalden.com

#### Congressional District 3 (E Portland)

**Earl Blumenauer**, an 11-term incumbent, has a 94 percent lifetime rating from the AFL-CIO. AFL-CIO, AFGE, AFSCME, AFT, OEA  
EarlBlumenauer.com

#### Congressional District 4 (SW Oregon)

**Peter DeFazio**, a 16-term incumbent, has a 94 percent AFL-CIO rating. AFT, AFGE, OEA, UFCW, WFP  
defazioforcongress.org

#### Congressional District 5 (W Oregon)

**Kurt Schrader**, an 11-term incumbent, has an 83 percent lifetime rating from the AFL-CIO. AFGE, OEA, UFCW  
kurtshrader.com

### STATEWIDE

#### Governor

**Kate Brown**, a Democrat, has been Oregon's governor since John Kitzhaber resigned in February 2015. In 2015, Brown signed legislation giving Oregon workers the right to paid sick leave. In 2016, as unions considered two competing ballot measure proposals to raise the minimum wage, Brown met with business and labor leaders and crafted a compromise — raising the wage at different rates in different parts of the state. By 2022, the

resulting legislation will raise wages to \$14.75 in the Portland area, \$13.50 in the Willamette Valley and the North Coast, and \$12.50 in rural Eastern Oregon. In 2017, Brown signed a \$5.3 billion transportation funding package and laws cracking down on abusive scheduling practices by employers, barring local jurisdictions from passing antiunion "right-to-work" ordinances, and taxing health care providers to pay for the Oregon Health Plan. Her Republican opponent, state representative Knute Buehler, voted against all those laws. He also says he won't sign any spending bills until the Legislature sends him a bill "reforming" Oregon's PERS public pension system. He did not seek union endorsement. AFL-CIO, AFGE, AFT, OBTC, OEA, ONA, UFCW  
KateBrownForOregon.com

### BALLOT MEASURES

#### Measure 102

**SUPPORT** This constitutional amendment would make public investments in affordable go farther by allowing local governments to partner with non-profit and private housing providers when spending public bond proceeds. Oregon legislators voted almost unanimously to refer this constitutional amendment to voters. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME 88, 189, 328, AFT, ATU, IBEW 48, IAFF 43, OEA, OSEA, PAT, SEIU 49, 503, UBC, UFCW, WFP  
YesForAffordableHousing.com

#### Measure 103

**OPPOSE** This measure, bankrolled by giant grocery chains, would amend the Oregon Constitution to bar any taxes on food or soda — and exempt the grocery industry from any future increases in the state's minimum corporate income tax. Bear in mind there is no current tax on groceries, and no one is proposing one. Grocery union UFCW is not in favor; in fact, defeating Measure 103 is one of its top priorities this year. AFL-CIO, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, ATU, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, WFP  
NoOn103.org

#### Measure 104

**OPPOSE** This constitutional amendment is the latest in a long line of efforts to undermine majority rule and hamstringing the ability of Oregon's elected representatives to fund schools and public services. A 1996 ballot measure (which itself passed by 55 percent in a low-turnout primary) currently requires a 60 percent (three-fifths) supermajority vote in the legislature to raise taxes of any sort. Measure 104 would make it so that lawmakers would also need that same hard-to-obtain three-fifths supermajority to repeal or reform tax breaks. If it passes, it will make it harder for the legislature to reverse special interest tax loopholes that were a bad idea to begin with. AFL-CIO, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, ATU, IAFF, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, WFP  
NoOn104.org

#### Measure 105

**OPPOSE** This measure would repeal a 1987 state law that bars state and local law enforcement agencies from apprehending people SOLELY on suspicion that they may have violated federal immigration law. Back then, the law passed overwhelmingly, with support from both parties, in response to racial profiling by police, like a case in which Polk County sheriffs demanded that a U.S. citizen of Mexican descent prove he was in the United States legally. Under the law, local police are still arresting immigrants if

they commit crimes. But Oregonians can't be stopped, detained or interrogated just because someone thinks they might be an undocumented immigrant. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, ATU, IBEW 48, ILWU 5, IUPAT, IW, LiUNA, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, UBC, UFCW, WFP  
ORUnited.org

#### Measure 106

**OPPOSE** This constitutional amendment prohibits public funds from being spent on abortions in Oregon, except when medically necessary or required by federal law. It would impact two groups of Oregonians in particular: the 271,833 low-income women of reproductive age who are enrolled in the Medicaid-funded Oregon Health Plan, and the 77,344 women of reproductive age who get insurance through the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and Oregon Educators Benefits Board (OEBB). For the majority of PEBB and OEBB enrollees who are union members, those are benefits they bargained for. AFL-CIO, AFSCME, AFT, ATU, IAFF, ONA, OSEA, PAT, SEIU 49, 503, UFCW, WFP  
NoCutsToCare.com

### OREGON SENATE

#### Senate District 1 (Roseburg)

**Dallas Heard**, incumbent Republican OBTC  
**Shannon Souza**, Democrat OBTC, IBEW 932, OSEA, SEIU 503, 49, WFP  
ElectShannonSouza.org

#### Senate District 3 (Medford)

**Jeff Golden**, manager for Medford's public television station, faces Republican businesswoman Jessica Gomez  
AAUP, AFSCME, IBT, OEA, OSEA, SEIU, SMART, WFP  
GoldenForSenate.com

#### Senate District 4 (Eugene)

**Floyd Prozanski**, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, AFSCME, AFT, ATU 757, IAFF, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, UA 290, UFCW  
Floyd4Senate.com

#### Senate District 6 (Springfield)

**Lee Beyer**, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, OEA, ONA, SEIU, UA 290, UFCW  
VoteLeeBeyer.com

#### Senate District 8 (Corvallis)

**Sara Gelsler**, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, IAFF, IBEW 48, IBT, IUOE 701, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, SMART, UBC, UFCW, USW, WFP  
SaraGelsler.com

#### Senate District 10 (Salem)

**Deb Patterson**, Democrat, is a Congregational minister and home care provider represented by SEIU Local 503, and an Oregon Labor Candidate School graduate. AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, IBT, OEA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, WFP  
DebPattersonOR.org

**Jackie Winters**, Republican, is a longtime incumbent. OBTC  
JackieWinters.com

#### Senate District 11 (Salem)

**Peter Courtney**, incumbent Democrat and Senate President, faces a challenge from Republican Greg Warnock. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, OEA, SEIU, UA 290, UFCW, WFP  
VotePeterCourtney.com

#### Senate District 13 (Keizer)

**Sarah Grider**, an educational assistant at Newberg School District, is president of OSEA Local 17 at Newberg High School. She's challenging Republican incumbent Kim Thatcher. Grider lost the Democratic primary to Willamette law professor Paul Diller, but then he dropped out of the

race, and she was named his replacement in a party nominating convention. AFL-CIO, AFT, OSEA, PCCFAP/PCCFCE, SEIU 49, UFCW, WFP  
SarahGrider.org

#### Senate District 15 (Hillsboro)

**Chuck Riley**, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, IAFF 1660, IBEW 48, IBT, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, UFCW, WFP  
ChuckRiley.org

#### Senate District 19 (Tualatin)

**Rob Wagner**, incumbent Democrat, is a former lobbyist for AFT. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, IBEW 48, OEA, ONA, OSEA, PCCFAP/PCCFCE, SEIU 49, 503, UFCW, USW, WFP  
RobWagnerForOregon.com

#### Senate District 20 (Canby)

**Charles Gallia**, a health policy researcher, is challenging incumbent Republican Alan Olsen. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, ATU, IAM, IBT, ILWU, Insulators, IW 29, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, UFCW, WFP  
Gallia4Oregon.com

#### Senate District 26 (Hood River)

**Chrissy Reitz**, a Hood River School Board member, is challenging incumbent Republican Chuck Thomsen. AFSCME, AFT, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 503 UFCW, WFP  
ChrissyForOregon.com

### OREGON HOUSE

#### House District 2 (Roseburg)

**Gary Leif**, who was appointed to the office when fellow Republican Dallas Heard was appointed to fill the senate seat vacated by Jeff Kruse, faces a challenge from Democrat Megan Salter, a homemaker and former teacher. OBTC  
GaryLeif.com

#### House District 6 (Medford)

**Michelle Blum Atkinson**, a Democrat, is challenging Republican incumbent Sal Esquivel. AFL-CIO, AFSCME, AFT, OEA, OSEA, SEIU  
BlumAtkinson.com

#### House District 7 (Roseburg)

**Kristy Inskip**, a Lane County public health worker and member of AFSCME 2831, is challenging Republican incumbent Cedric Hayden. OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, OPEIU OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, UFCW  
InskipForOregon.com

#### House District 9 (Coos Bay)

**Caddy McKeown** has been a reliable backer of funding for K-12 and infrastructure, and supports the Jordan Cove project. She faces a challenge from Republican community college instructor Teri Grier. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, IAFF, IAM, OEA, ONA, SEIU, UA 290, UFCW  
caddymckeown.com

#### House District 10 (Central Coast)

**David Gomberg** a kite store owner, is the Democratic incumbent. AFL-CIO, OBTC, IAM, OEA, UFCW  
ElectGomberg.com

#### House District 11 (Eugene)

**Marty Wilde**, a Democrat, faces Republican Mark Herbert for the open seat that was held by Democrat Phil Barnhart. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFT, ATU, IBEW, IBT, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU, UFCW, WFP  
WildeForOregon.com

#### House District 15 (Albany)

**Jerred Taylor**, a Democrat, was a supply chain manager until the solar manufacturer he worked for closed last year. He faces Republican straw farmer Shelly Boshart Davis and Independent Party candidate Cynthia Hyatt for the seat