

ACUF Rates Oregon Legislators

Average Score of Lawmakers Drops to 28 Percent

The American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF) has released its ratings of the 2018 Oregon State Legislature. ACUF's Ratings—both federal and state—are an initiative of ACUF's Center for Legislative Accountability.

These ratings are designed to reflect how over 8,000 of the nation's elected officials view the role of government and illustrate the differences between chambers of the legislature, while revealing lawmakers' positions on a wide variety of issues that directly affect Oregonians.

The ACUF, founded in 1964, is based in Alexandria, Virginia, and is the oldest conservative lobbying organization in the country. The ACUF advocates for conservative policies, and ranks politicians based on their level of conservatism. The ACUF is concerned with issues including personal liberty or freedom, foreign policy, and traditional values.

ACUF reviews each piece of legislation voted on by State Legislatures in both the Senate and House to produce average scores of each chamber, as well as individual scores for each sitting member. Bills are selected that focus on fiscal and economic issues including taxes, budgets, regulation, healthcare, and property; social and cultural issues like the 2nd amendment,

religion, welfare, and education; and government integrity including voting, individual liberty, privacy, and transparency.

According to ACUF's Year in Review, the Oregon State Legislature's overall conservative score fell dramatically compared to the 2017 session (from 40% to 28%).

Oregon legislators voted on key issues during the 2018 session. Bills included in the rating mandated coverage of hearing devices in health insurance policies (HB 4104), reinstated net neutrality recently removed by the FCC (HB 4155), maintained non-citizen eligibility for in-state tuition and scholarships at public universities (SB 1563), provided government loans to small businesses (SB 1516), expanded state-run electric vehicle charging stations (HB 4022), expanded opportunities for charter and homeschool students (HB 4036), forced drug companies to disclose pricing information (HB 4005), disregarded pension or retirement accounts when determining welfare eligibility (HB 4079),

hiked homebuyer recording fees to fund affordable housing projects (HB 4007), and mandated school class size as a collective bargaining issue (HB 4113).

The average score for Republican Oregon House Representatives was just 65% while just 7% of all representatives earned awards for scoring 80% or better. The average score for Republican Oregon Senators was 54%. The overall average for the Oregon State Legislature was 28%.

State Senator Betsy Johnson (D-16) was the highest rated Democrat in the Oregon Senate with a rating of 17%; the lowest Republican was Alan DeBoer (R-3) with a rating of 25%.

The highest rated Democrat in the Oregon House was Debbie Boone (D-32) with a rating of 15%; the lowest Republican was Jeffrey Helfrich (R-52) with 29%. Representative Brad Witt (D-31) received a rating of 7%.

Vernonia Weather November 2018

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23	47	31	0
24	46	28	0
25	47	28	.32
26	50	39	.84
27	56	45	.32
28	55	42	.09
29	49	39	.25
30	48	38	.37

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Vernonia, Oregon 97064
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CC25 - 10 x 20 - Courtney Dempsey
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**Auction will be held
Noon, Tuesday
January 8, 2019**

Please call prior to auction
Cash or certified check only

Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:
Monday, January 7, 2019

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Christmas Day

Monday, December 31, 2018
New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
New Year's Day

Dates and times subject to change

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AA Meetings

Open Meetings
Mondays & Thursdays
6:30-7:30 pm
Vernonia Christian Church
410 North Street

Women's Meeting
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
Vernonia Christian Church
410 North Street

Columbia Humane Society



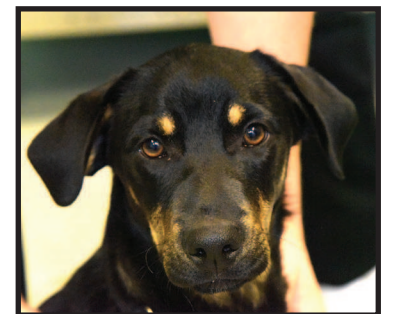
Purr-fect Pals

Meet Ximena. She is about 5 months old and came to the shelter from a home with 10 other cats. She is very sweet and loves to play. She will make a great loyal companion and with proper introductions could be able to live with another cat. An introduction to a dog would have to be slow as she is a little afraid of them at this time. This kid is going to want to be in your lap and playing with you a lot. Due to her longer hair we want to remind adopters that she is going to have to be

brushed to help keep her mats down. If you think you can give this kid a great home, please don't hesitate to give us a call. Her adoption fee is \$145.00 which includes all her vaccinations, microchip, and treatment for fleas and worms.

Featured Dog

Five month old Jake is a recent addition to the CHS family. This carefree kid is looking for a family that is wanting to put the work in to make a great puppy a wonderful family dog. Jake does well with other dogs, although he is a little slower at reading body language and does not always understand that he is being puppy-annoying to the dogs around him. He will do well in a home with a confident female dog, or even a family that is willing to socialize him with other dogs. Jake is very friendly with new people, but we have no idea what his experience is with little kids. He is going to be a large boy, and obedience training is going to be key to his success. We have exposed him to cats at the shelter, however the tests have been inconclusive; he was nervous at the time of meeting so we were not able to get an accurate reading from him. Due to his age, if he is to be placed with a cat, we would ideally like the cat to be experienced with dogs.



Please note that CHS is committed to finding just the right home for all animals that are in our care. Our kennels are not open for public walk through and adoptions do not happen on a first come first serve basis. Each family is carefully screened to be sure that we are making the ideal match between family and new pet. If we feel the pet you are interested in will be an appropriate match with your family, we will schedule a meet and greet with the pet. If all goes well, you could be fostering your new family member the same day. If you are interested in learning more about our adoption process please don't hesitate to call or email.