



U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2 McLeod-Skinner to take on Walden

By JEFF MAPES
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Democrat Jaime McLeod-Skinner triumphed over six rivals to win the party's nomination to take on GOP Rep. Greg Walden in Oregon's vast — and conservative — Second Congressional District. Walden, a Republican from Hood River, easily won his GOP primary contest against two others. The congressman chairs the House Energy & Commerce Committee and has handily been re-elected ever since he first won Oregon's Second Congressional District in 1998.

The district, which covers all of Eastern Oregon and a chunk of southern Oregon, is by far the most conservative of the state's five congressional districts. In years past, Democratic strategists have generally conceded the district. The party's nomination could often be had for the asking. Not this year.

Large and angry crowds besieged Walden at a series of town halls he held around his district in the spring. They criticized him for helping write a bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

Activists began regularly protesting at Walden's district offices. And no fewer than seven Democrats signed up to run for his seat.

McLeod-Skinner was one of the first to get in the race and said she has logged more than 30,000 miles traversing the district, which is larger than any state east of the Mississippi River. She's had a varied career, working

overseas on reconstruction in war-torn Bosnia and as a planner in California, where she served on the Santa Clara City Council.

Back in Oregon, McLeod-Skinner was the Phoenix city manager for just four months before being fired in 2017. She blamed it on a dysfunctional city council.

Physician Jenni Neahr came in behind McLeod-Skinner, while Jim Cray — a retired lawyer who has challenged Walden before and lost in 2016 — came in third.

The other candidates were: retired Chrysler executive Tim White, teacher Raz Mason, retired maritime official Eric Burnette and stonemason Michael Byrne.

The seven held a series of joint candidate forums around the district. They focused their criticism on Walden and spoke positively of each other.

The district is still considered safely Republican by national handicappers. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has released an ambitious list of 101 Republican seats it is targeting. Oregon's Second Congressional seat is not among them.

But Democrats are hoping they can give Walden a tougher race this time. The Oregon Democratic Party has set up a website — titled "repeal Walden" — to collect contributions for the primary victor.

"The political winds are shifting and Republicans like Greg Walden will face serious challenges to their re-election in November," said state Democratic chairwoman Jeanne Atkins in announcing the website.

OREGON GOVERNOR GOP's Buehler earns race with Brown

By TOM JAMES AND ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM — A prominent Republican in the Oregon Legislature beat two main rivals in the party's gubernatorial primary on Tuesday, setting up a November showdown against Democratic Gov. Kate Brown, who handily won her party's primary.

State Rep. Knute Buehler, who emerged the GOP winner with a strong lead, was the most centrist of the Republican front-runners. The contest was the most-watched in this predominantly Democratic state, widely seen as a referendum on which candidates are appealing to Republicans.

In an interview, Buehler said he planned to challenge Brown on public school improvements and affordable housing.

"It sets the stage for a wonderful general election," Buehler said.

Buehler told supporters at a rally in Wilsonville, south of Portland: "I will succeed where Kate Brown has failed."

In U.S. House District 4, incumbent Rep. Peter DeFazio won the Demo-



Randy L. Rasmussen/The Oregonian via AP
Republican gubernatorial candidate Knute Buehler gathered with supporters in Wilsonville on Tuesday.

cratic primary to face old rival Art Robinson, a Republican. Robinson was one of the first U.S. politicians to use Cambridge Analytica, the firm that this year became embroiled in the Facebook data scandal, as a consultant in his unsuccessful 2014 run against DeFazio.

With partial results announced by the Oregon secretary of state's office after polls closed at 8 p.m., Buehler had more votes than his two main challengers combined: Retired Navy pilot Greg Wooldridge and businessman Sam Carpenter.

While skeptical of major new spending, Buehler says

he is open to increased taxes on electronic and regular cigarettes to pay for budget items like health care, and also to a carbon tax.

At one Salem polling place, voters described personal reactions to President Donald Trump and a renewed sense of civic obligation as motivating them to vote.

Doug Crook, a Republican, said he felt caught between the stances taken by politicians on both ends of the political spectrum.

"I'm stuck," Crook said, adding that he sympathized with some of the broader goals of the political left, like protecting workers, but that

he thought many proposals floated by Democrats around the state were too extreme, including rent regulation and gun control.

But Crook said he also hesitates over some of the proposals from his own party, including extreme deregulation — and that he was put off by hearing some candidates embrace Trump.

"I want to see more Republican values supported in this state, but not necessarily for Trump," Crook said. "I can't vote for anyone that supports the Trump approach."

Carpenter fully embraced Trump, even adopting a "make Oregon great again" campaign slogan.

Buehler repeatedly distanced himself from the president.

Wooldridge had sought something of a middle ground, distancing himself from Trump's attacks on prominent veterans but saying he's open to some of his ideas.

The three also differed on policy, with Buehler giving mixed support to abortion and Wooldridge taking an opposite stance. Both Carpenter and Wooldridge opposed a pair of gun-related initiatives.

Hoyle holds edge in race for labor commissioner

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE
Capital Bureau

EUGENE — Former state legislator and Democratic caucus leader Val Hoyle appeared to clinch the contest for labor commissioner Tuesday evening with 51.66 percent of the votes shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

Hoyle's main challenger was Lou Ogden, the long-time mayor of Tualatin, a

Republican who received 35 percent of the vote.

A third candidate in the contest, Jack Howard, a Union County commissioner, showed 13 percent of the vote after a minimal campaign. Although he filed to run, he did not file the requisite fee and paperwork to be included in the statewide Voters' Pamphlet.

At 10 p.m., the unofficial vote tally showed 469,721 votes counted in the race out

of 777,774 ballots cast.

Ogden made a strong showing by winning 19 counties in Eastern and Southern Oregon, but Hoyle won the nearly two dozen most populous counties in the Willamette Valley and the Interstate 5 corridor.

The state's labor commissioner, who serves a four-year term, leads the Bureau of Labor and Industries, which enforces civil rights and labor laws and promotes

workforce development in the state.

"I'm honored that the people of this state had such faith in the message that I had," Hoyle said, which was that she would stand up for both labor and business. Hoyle's supporters gathered in Eugene Tuesday night at the headquarters of the Carpenters Local Union 271, cheering when the election returns came in.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A t-storm in spots; not as warm	Clearing and spotty showers	Rather cloudy with showers	Warmer with clouds and sun	Nice with some sun

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
76° 55° 75° 53° 71° 51° 72° 50° 78° 54°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
81° 57° 80° 57° 77° 56° 78° 53° 83° 57°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	89°	51°
Normals	71°	47°
Records	94° (1924)	32° (1905)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.58"
Normal month to date 0.58"
Year to date 6.00"
Last year to date 8.60"
Normal year to date 5.69"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	92°	51°
Normals	73°	46°
Records	97° (1939)	31° (1932)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.86"
Normal month to date 0.86"
Year to date 4.91"
Last year to date 6.08"
Normal year to date 4.55"

SUN AND MOON

	First	Full	Last	New
	May 21	May 29	June 6	June 13

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	59	52	pc	60	49	c
Baker City	69	50	pc	67	49	sh
Bend	68	43	t	71	40	sh
Brookings	56	48	c	59	48	c
Burns	65	43	pc	68	43	sh
Enterprise	65	49	pc	61	48	sh
Eugene	64	49	c	69	45	c
Heppner	73	52	pc	73	52	sh
Hermiston	81	57	pc	80	57	sh
John Day	65	50	pc	67	49	sh
Klamath Falls	61	44	pc	69	37	pc
La Grande	68	51	pc	67	50	sh
Meacham	66	48	pc	65	48	sh
Medford	67	52	c	76	49	c
Newport	57	50	c	57	47	c
North Bend	59	53	c	60	48	c
Ontario	77	54	pc	74	55	sh
Pasco	82	56	pc	82	56	c
Pendleton	76	55	pc	75	53	sh
Portland	69	54	c	70	51	c
Redmond	71	41	c	73	37	sh
Salem	67	51	c	70	46	c
Spokane	75	53	pc	68	50	sh
Ukiah	65	47	pc	65	46	sh
Vancouver	66	53	c	68	48	c
Walla Walla	75	57	pc	75	55	sh
Yakima	86	55	pc	85	57	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	85	68	c	76	59	sh
Hong Kong	89	81	pc	90	80	pc
Jerusalem	82	63	s	90	68	s
London	62	44	pc	62	43	s
Mexico City	81	54	pc	81	54	pc
Moscow	73	57	c	76	59	c
Paris	72	49	pc	66	45	pc
Rome	66	57	pc	70	55	pc
Seoul	73	65	t	72	64	r
Sydney	64	51	pc	68	50	s
Tokyo	79	68	pc	78	66	c

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WSW 8-16	WSW 8-16
Pendleton	WSW 7-14	WSW 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY

1 3 5 6 4 2

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Showers and storms will drench areas from the central Plains to the mid-Atlantic and southern Atlantic coasts today. Showers and storms are also in store for the interior West and High Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 106° in Midland, Texas **Low 20°** in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	86	59	s	89	57	s
Atlanta	76	66	t	81	67	t
Atlanta City	65	58	sh	62	58	c
Baltimore	74	62	t	68	60	t
Billings	81	54	pc	79	48	pc
Birmingham	85	67	t	86	67	t
Boston	75	52	pc	72	52	sh
Boston	55	51	c	72	54	pc
Charleston, SC	84	71	t	83	71	t
Charleston, WV	80	61	t	77	61	t
Chicago	79	56	pc	79	56	pc
Cleveland	71	54	pc	74	57	t
Dallas	89	70	pc	92	73	s
Denver	79	54	pc	81	51	c
Detroit	78	55	s	79	54	pc
El Paso	97	67	s	98	65	s
Fairbanks	58	38	c	61	42	c
Fargo	89	60	s	81	61	t
Honolulu	84	73	sh	86	74	pc
Houston	94	67	s	95	71	s
Indianapolis	79	60	c	80	61	t
Jacksonville	83	70	t	85	69	t
Kansas City	81	60	c	85	61	pc
Las Vegas	92	65	s	87	66	s
Little Rock	89	67	t	87	67	c
Los Angeles	71	56	pc	70	56	pc
Louisville	83	67	t	82	67	t
Memphis	89	70	t	86	69	c
Miami	86	75	t	85	74	t
Millwaukee	86	63	s	88	62	pc
Minneapolis	86	63	s	83	64	pc
Nashville	86	67	t	84	64	t
New Orleans	94	74	t	93	74	s
New York City	65	57	sh	74	58	pc
Oklahoma City	83	61	pc	86	67	pc
Omaha	84	60	pc	87	62	s
Philadelphia	66	56	pc	68	57	sh
Phoenix	99	73	s	98	68	s
Portland, ME	56	47	c	73	47	s
Providence	62	53	c	74	55	pc
Raleigh	82	67	t	81	68	t
Rapid City	81	55	t	83	55	t
Reno	64	46	pc	65	49	pc
Sacramento	70	50	pc	76	52	pc
St. Louis	82	66	t	85	63	t
Salt Lake City	80	56	pc	80	53	pc
San Diego	68	58	pc	66	59	pc
San Francisco	66	54	pc	64	54	pc
Seattle	67	53	pc	67	52	pc
Tucson	97	65	s	98	61	s
Washington, DC	78	67	t	73	64	t
Wichita	84	62	t	87	66	pc