

**LEGISLATIVE BRIEF
-- 2012 Election Results**

A total of 16 seats were up for election in the senate and all 60 seats were up for election in November 2012. Heading into the election, the Democratic Party held the majority in the senate with 16 Ds and 14 Rs which remained the same after the election. Heading into the election, the majority was split in the house with 30 Ds and 30 Rs. The Ds gained 4 seats after the election, resulting in 34 Ds and 26 Rs in the house.

Incumbents retiring

Three incumbents did not run for re-election in the senate and eight incumbents did not run for re-election in the house in 2012. Those incumbents were:

SENATOR	Party	Office	REPRESENTATIVE	Party	Office
David Nelson	Republican	District 29	Arnie Roblan	Democratic	District 9
Jason Atkinson	Republican	District 2	Dave Hunt	Democratic	District 40
Joanne Verger	Democratic	District 5	Elizabeth Terry Beyer	Democratic	District 12
			Jean Cowan	Democratic	District 10
			Jefferson Smith	Democratic	District 47
			Mary Nolan	Democratic	District 36
			Matt Wingard	Republican	District 26
			William Garrard	Republican	District 56

Impact of redistricting

The Legislature passed new legislative maps on June 10, 2011, and Governor John Kitzhaber (D) signed the new maps into law on June 13, making it the first redistricting cycle in a century without court or Secretary of State involvement. There are seven senate districts where the partisan registration of Democratic and Republican voters is less than 10 percentage points apart. These districts would be considered "competitive" when looked at strictly with respect to vote party affiliation. The seven districts are District 3, 10, 12, 13, 20, 26 and 27.^{[1],[2]}

Election results *(new legislators highlighted in yellow)*

SENATE^[3]

District 1 - [Jeff Kruse](#) – R (First assumed office in 2005.)

District 2 - [Herman Baertschiger, Jr.](#) – R (Incumbent Republican Jason Atkinson did not seek re-election.)

District 5 - [Arnie Roblan](#) – D (Incumbent Democrat Joanne Verger did not seek re-election. House incumbent Roblan did not seek re-election and was elected to the senate.)

District 9 - [Fred Girod](#) – R (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 12 - [Brian J. Boquist](#) – R (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 14 - [Mark Hass](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 17 - [Elizabeth Steiner Hayward](#) – D (First assumed office in 2011.)
District 18 - [Ginny Burdick](#) – D (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 21 - [Diane Rosenbaum](#) – D (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 22 - [Chip Shields](#) – D (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 23 - [Jackie Dingfelder](#) –D (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 25 - [Laurie Monnes Anderson](#) –D (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 27 - [Tim Knopp](#) – R (Replaced incumbent Chris Telfer. Knopp served in the State house from 1999 to 2005 for three terms and served as Oregon House Majority Leader)
District 28 - [Douglas K. Whitsett](#) –R (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 29 - [Bill Hansell](#) – R (Incumbent Republican David Nelson did not seek re-election.)
District 30 - [Ted Ferrioli](#) – R (First assumed office in 1997.)

HOUSE^[4]

District 1 - [Wayne Krieger](#) - R (First assumed office in 2001.)
District 2 - [Tim Freeman](#) - R (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 3 - [Wally Hicks](#) - R (First assumed office in 2011.)
District 4 - [Dennis Richardson](#) – R (First assumed office in 2001.)
District 5 - [Peter Buckley](#) – D (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 6 - [Sal C. Esquivel](#) – R (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 7 - [Bruce Hanna](#) – R (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 8 - [Paul R. Holvey](#) – D (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 9 - [Caddy McKeown](#) – D (Incumbent Democrat Arnie Roblan did not seek re-election. He instead ran for Senate District 5.)
District 10 - [David Gomberg](#) – D (Incumbent Democrat Jean Cowan did not seek re-election.)
District 11 - [Phil Barnhart](#) - D (First assumed office in 2001.)
District 12 - [John Lively](#) - D (Incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Terry Beyer did not seek re-election.)
District 13 - [Nancy Nathanson](#) - D (First assumed office in 2007.)
District 14 - [Val Hoyle](#) -D (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 15 - [Andy Olson](#) - R (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 16 - [Sara A. Gelser](#) - D (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 17 - [Sherrie Sprenger](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 18 - [Vic Gilliam](#) - R (First assumed office in 2007.)
District 19 - [Kevin Cameron](#) - R (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 20 - [Vicki Berger](#) - R (First assumed office in 2003.)
District 21 - [Brian Clem](#) – D (First assumed office in 2007.)
District 22 - [Betty Komp](#) - D (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 23 - [Jim Thompson](#) - R (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 24 - [Jim Weidner](#) – R (First assumed office in 2009.)
District 25 - [Kim Thatcher](#) – R (First assumed office in 2005.)
District 26 - [John Davis](#) - R (Incumbent Wingard who assumed office in 2009 withdrew in June and was replaced on the ballot by John Davis).
District 27 - [Tobias Read](#) - D (First assumed office in 2007.)
District 28 - [Jeff Barker](#) - D (First assumed office in 2003.)
District 29 - [Ben Unger](#) - D (Replaced Republican incumbent Eyre (née Brewer) who assumed office in 2011.)
District 30 - [Joe Gallegos](#) - D (Replaced Republican Shawn Lindsay who assumed office in 2011.)

- District 31 - [Brad Witt](#) - D (Was appointed in 2005.)
- District 32 - [Deborah Boone](#) - D (First assumed office in 2005.)
- District 33 - [Mitch Greenlick](#) - D (First assumed office in 2003.)
- District 34 - [Chris Harker](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 35 - [Margaret Doherty](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 36 - [Jennifer Williamson](#) - D (Incumbent Democrat Mary Nolan did not seek re-election.)
- District 37 - [Julie Parrish](#) - R (First assumed office in 2011.)
- District 38 - [Chris Garrett](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 39 - [Bill Kennemer](#) - R (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 40 - [Brent Barton](#) - D (Incumbent Democrat Dave Hunt did not seek re-election.)
- District 41 - [Carolyn Tomei](#) - D (First assumed office in 2003.)
- District 42 - [Jules Kopel Bailey](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 43 - [Lew Frederick](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 44 - [Tina Kotek](#) - D (First assumed office in 2007.)
- District 45 - [Michael Dembrow](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 46 - [Alissa Keny-Guyer](#) - D (Was appointed in 2011.)
- District 47 - [Jessica Vega Pederson](#) - D (Incumbent Democrat Jefferson Smith did not seek re-election.)
- District 48 - [Jeff Reardon](#) - D (Replaced Democratic incumbent Schaufler who assumed office in 2003.)
- District 49 - [Chris Gorsek](#) - D (Replaced Republican incumbent Wand who assumed office in 2011.)
- District 50 - [Greg Matthews](#) - D (First assumed office in 2009.)
- District 51 - [Shemia Fagan](#) - D (Replaced Republican incumbent Sheehan who assumed office in 2011.)
- District 52 - [Mark Johnson](#) - R (First assumed office in 2011.)
- District 53 - [Gene Whisnant](#) - R (First assumed office in 2003.)
- District 54 - [Jason Conger](#) - R (First assumed office in 2011.)
- District 55 - [Mike McLane](#) - R (First assumed office in 2011.)
- District 56 - [Gail Whitsett](#) - R (Replaced incumbent Republican William Garrard who did not seek re-election.)
- District 57 - [Greg Smith](#) - R (First assumed office in 2001.)
- District 58 - [Bob Jenson](#) - R (First assumed office in 1997.)
- District 59 - [John E. Huffman](#) - R (First assumed office in 2007.)
- District 60 - [Cliff Bentz](#) - R (First assumed office in 2009.)

Campaign contributions

This chart shows how many candidates ran for the senate and house in Oregon in past years and the cumulative amount of campaign contributions in the races, including contributions in both primary and general election contests. All figures come from [Follow The Money](#).^[5]

Year	SENATE candidates	Total SENATE contributions	HOUSE candidates	Total HOUSE contributions
2010	41	\$8,704,179	140	\$14,996,656
2008	29	\$2,779,111	130	\$16,963,664
2006	40	\$6,103,385	149	\$14,560,329
2004	36	\$7,016,263	183	\$10,967,119
2002	37	\$6,330,449	156	\$10,976,823

The top 10 donors were (rank listed in parenthesis following donor name):^{[6],[7]}

SENATE Donor	Amount	HOUSE Donor	Amount
Oregon Senate Republican Leadership Fund (1)	\$1,070,878	Future PAC House Builders (1)	\$1,818,536
Oregon Democratic Party (2)	\$933,967	Promote Oregon Leadership PAC (2)	\$628,525
Oregon Education Association (4)	\$250,846	Oregon Education Association (3)	\$462,227
Oregon Public Employees Local 503 (5)	\$241,151	Oregon Public Employees Local 503 (4)	\$425,634
Oregon Health Care Association (6)	\$192,361	Oregon Health Care Association (5)	\$246,496
Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (7)	\$181,900	Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (10)	\$170,068
Senate Democratic Leadership Fund (3)	\$723,942	Oregon Nurses Association (6)	\$222,892
Doctors for Healthy Communities (8)	\$110,995	Oregon Lodging Association (8)	\$194,027
Coalition for a Healthy Oregon (9)	\$102,830	Oregon Victory PAC (9)	\$175,000
Douglas County Physicians (10)	\$92,000	Oregon Beer & Wine Distributors Association (7)	\$200,280

Results of Ballot Measures

Title	Subject	Description	Result
Measure 77	Admin of gov't	Revision to responses to catastrophic disasters; requires approval by a 2/3rds majority	Passed
Measure 78	Admin of gov't	Changes terminology in the state Constitution for the three state gov't branches	Passed
Measure 79	Taxes	Would ban real estate transfer taxes.	Passed
Measure 80	Marijuana	Would create a cannabis commission to regulate the cultivation and sale of cannabis.	Failed
Measure 81	Animal rights	Bans Columbia River commercial salmon fishing with gillnets by non-tribal persons, allows seine nets instead.	Failed
Measure 82	Gambling	Authorizes establishment of privately-owned casinos.	Failed
Measure 83	Gambling	Authorizes Multnomah County casino.	Failed
Measure 84	Taxes	Phases out estate and inheritance taxes.	Failed
Measure 85	Taxes	Allocates corporate income/excise tax "kicker" refund to additionally fund K through 12 public education.	Passed

References

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