

Oregonians for Food and Shelter Voter's Guide

In the 2013 Oregon legislative session, we faced an onslaught of harmful legislation. OFS was instrumental in stopping 13 anti-biotech bills and three bills that sought to restrict pesticide use. While we were able to stem the tide over the last biennium, we expect to see bills aimed at biotech and pesticide use again in 2015. Having lawmakers who understand our issues is critical for our members to safely and effectively use pesticides and biotech products in the future.

Like in past election cycles, OFS strongly urges you to vote and requests you remind others to do the same. We hope this guide helps you understand which legislators and candidates will stand with natural resource businesses.

In the 2013 legislative session and in the shortened 2014 session, Democrats controlled the Senate, House and Governor's Office, which essentially gave Democrats control of what bills were heard and in what committees. Fortunately, most of our important issues were assigned to two key committees: the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, chaired by Brad Witt; and the Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee, chaired by Arnie Roblan. Both chairmen live in rural communities and understand rural challenges.

You'll note from our endorsements that we are a bipartisan organization, but we firmly believe a more balanced Legislature would be to our members' benefit, and with several races too close to call, we believe this election provides an opportunity to change the make-up of the two chambers in a way that could prove advantageous to our members.

We understand that you may not have the time to examine every candidate and issue to the degree you'd prefer. That's why we produced this Voter's Guide to help you decide how to mark your ballot.

In cooperation with AG-PAC, we have interviewed every candidate and reviewed their voting records. The vetting process included some pointed questions about issues you face in your agriculture, forestry and urban pesticide business aimed at learning as much as we could about each candidate.

You'll note that we have not taken a position on all races, among them, the governor's race.

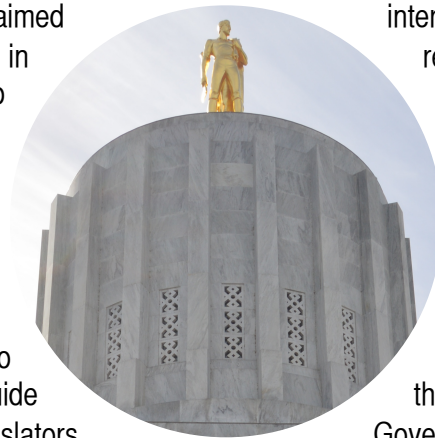
Governor Kitzhaber, we believe, provided much better leadership over the past four years than in his first-tenure as Governor. His staff was much more in tune to the challenges you face in your businesses. Unlike the Governor's first two terms, his natural resources staff was willing to "roll up their sleeves" and help us solve difficult problems. On the other hand, Dennis Richardson was an A+ vote on OFS issues and has been a tireless supporter of our natural resources communities over the years.

In the end, we decided to stay neutral in the governor's race.

We battled hard to preserve farm and forestry rights in 2013, and we expect equally pitched battles next year.

Specifically, we expect to see legislation directing the Oregon Department of Agriculture to create "control areas" where production of biotech crops would be eliminated. And we expect to see legislation to create expansive no-spray buffers.

Voting for the legislators you believe best represent what is best for your business can help



ensure that these proposals die unceremoniously in the upcoming legislative session.

While reading over the voter's guide matrix that we have included in this guide, you'll notice that endorsements from labor unions and environmental groups are included. We do this is to add perspective.

Ballot Measures

We've taken a position on two statewide issues and one county initiative.

We believe Measure 92, which would require labeling of foods containing GMOs, would be extremely challenging, costly and cumbersome for our food processors to implement, and would unfairly cast a stigma on foods with GMO ingredients. Instead of honesty in labeling, it is dishonesty in labeling.

To that end, we urge a "No" vote on Measure 92.

While Measure 88 is very controversial, the OFS Board voted to endorse its passage for several reasons. This measure allows the DMV to issue "drivers cards" to Oregon residents who meet the following requirements: (1) pass both the state's written and behind-the-wheel driver test; (2) provide proof of residence in Oregon for more than one year; and (3) provide proof of identity and date of birth.

Our farmers and forest tree-planting contractors need a reliable workforce. Measure 88 enables all Oregonians to legally obtain driver privileges. The real complication for many rural residents who are willing to work is a lack of public transportation and an inability to legally drive to work.

For these reasons, we urge a "Yes" vote on Measure 88.

On the county level, Josephine County is faced with a ballot measure that would ban pesticide use by corporations and government entities, which includes all businesses in the county, including farms, forestry, restaurants, childcare facilities and even hospitals and clinics. It is extreme and irresponsible.

We urge a "No" vote on Measure 17-63 in Josephine County.

Voter turnout critical; Rural Oregon Can Trump Portland!

After each election, much is made of the idea that Portland's large population base dictates which issues and candidates win or lose, and that rural votes don't matter.

As people who care about the future of our rural economy and communities, we must re-double our efforts to combat this attitude and trend. This is a defeatist attitude, and it is taking root and becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy in Oregon politics.

Consider the recent defeats of two strong statewide candidates, both of whom are friends of natural resource industries and rural communities. In 2008, Gordon Smith was defeated for re-election to the U.S. Senate by just 59,233 votes, or 3.3 percentage points. In 2010, Chris Dudley lost the closest race for Oregon governor in 50 years by just 22,238 votes, or 1.5 percentage points.

In both cases, a stronger turnout from rural communities could have changed the outcomes. Remember, a vote cast in Prineville counts the same as a vote in Portland. A vote cast in Elgin counts the same as a vote in Eugene.

Taken from another angle, consider that 30 of Oregon's 36 counties in recent elections have tended to favor the candidate more supportive of pro-natural-resources policies. If these 30 counties increased their average turnout in statewide elections by just 5 percent, it could help offset the influence of urban population bases. This is particularly true in non-presidential election years, such as 2014, when the ability of rural communities to effect statewide elections is more pronounced.

Increasing rural voter turnout can be accomplished by registering new voters and by getting occasional voters to vote more often.

The environmental groups, unions and other left-leaning special interest groups recently announced they are spending more than \$250,000 to register new voters and turn out voters sympathetic to their causes. They are targeting urban areas and college campuses.

They're fighting for what they believe. We must, too.

| Political Race | | OFS | AG-PAC | OFBF | AOL | AFL-CIO | OLCV |
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| Senate District | 3 | Dave Dotterer | Dave Dotterer | Dave Dotterer | Dave Dotterer | Alan Bates | Alan Bates |
| Senate District | 4 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Floyd Prozanski | Floyd Prozanski |
| Senate District | 6 | Lee Beyer | Lee Beyer | Lee Beyer | No Position | Lee Beyer | Lee Beyer |
| Senate District | 7 | No Position | No Position | Chris Edwards | Chris Edwards | Chris Edwards | Chris Edwards |
| Senate District | 8 | Betsy Close | Betsy Close | Betsy Close | Betsy Close | Sara Gelser | Sara Gelser |
| Senate District | 10 | Jackie Winters | Jackie Winters | Jackie Winters | Jackie Winters | No Position | No Position |
| Senate District | 11 | No Position | Patti Milne | No Position | No Position | Peter Courtney | Peter Courtney |
| Senate District | 13 | Kim Thatcher | Kim Thatcher | Kim Thatcher | Kim Thatcher | No Position | Ryan Howard |
| Senate District | 15 | Bruce Starr | Bruce Starr | Bruce Starr | Bruce Starr | No Position | Chuck Riley |
| Senate District | 16 | Betsy Johnson | Betsy Johnson | Betsy Johnson | Betsy Johnson | No Position | No Position |
| Senate District | 17 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward | Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward |
| Senate District | 19 | No Position | No Position | Richard Devlin | No Position | No Position | Richard Devlin |
| Senate District | 20 | Alan Olsen | Alan Olsen | Alan Olsen | Alan Olsen | Jamie Damon | Jamie Damon |
| Senate District | 23 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Michael Dembrow | Michael Dembrow |
| Senate District | 24 | No Position | No Position | No Position | Rod Monroe | Rod Monroe | Rod Monroe |
| Senate District | 26 | Chuck Thomsen | Chuck Thomsen | Chuck Thomsen | Chuck Thomsen | Robert Bruce | Robert Bruce |
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| House District | 1 | Wayne Krieger | Wayne Krieger | Wayne Krieger | Wayne Krieger | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 2 | Dallas Heard | Dallas Heard | Dallas Heard | Dallas Heard | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 3 | Carl Wilson | Carl Wilson | Carl Wilson | Carl Wilson | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 4 | Duane Stark | Duane Stark | Duane Stark | Duane Stark | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 5 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Peter Buckley |
| House District | 6 | Sal Esquivel | Sal Esquivel | Sal Esquivel | Sal Esquivel | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 7 | Cedric Hayden | Cedric Hayden | Cedric Hayden | Cedric Hayden | No Position | No Position |

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| House District | 32 | No Position | No Position | No Position | Deborah Boone | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 33 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Mitch Greenlick | Mitch Greenlick |
| House District | 34 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Ken Helm | Ken Helm |
| House District | 35 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Margaret Doherty | Margaret Doherty |
| House District | 36 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Jennifer Williamson | Jennifer Williamson |
| House District | 37 | Julie Parrish | Julie Parrish | Julie Parrish | Julie Parrish | No Position | Garrett Rosenthal |
| House District | 38 | No Position | No Position | No Position | Ann Lininger | Ann Lininger | Ann Lininger |
| House District | 39 | Bill Kennemer | Bill Kennemer | Bill Kennemer | Bill Kennemer | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 40 | Steve Newgard | Steve Newgard | Steve Newgard | Steve Newgard | Brent Barton | Brent Barton |
| House District | 41 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Kathleen Taylor | Kathleen Taylor |
| House District | 42 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Rob Nosse | Rob Nosse |
| House District | 43 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Lew Frederick | Lew Frederick |
| House District | 44 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Tina Kotek | Tina Kotek |
| House District | 45 | Barbara Smith Warner | Barbara Smith Warner | Barbara Smith Warner | No Position | Barbara Smith Warner | Barbara Smith Warner |
| House District | 46 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Alissa Keny-Guyer |
| House District | 47 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Jessica Vega Pederson | Jessica Vega Pederson |
| House District | 48 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Jeff Reardon | Jeff Reardon |
| House District | 49 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Chris Gorsek | Chris Gorsek |
| House District | 50 | No Position | Dan Chreistenson | No Position | Carla Piluso | Carla Piluso | Carla Piluso |
| House District | 51 | Jodi Bailey | Jodi Bailey | Jodi Bailey | Jodi Bailey | Shemia Fagan | Shemia Fagan |
| House District | 52 | Mark Johnson | Mark Johnson | Mark Johnson | Mark Johnson | Stephanie Nystrom | No Position |
| House District | 53 | Gene Whisnant | Gene Whisnant | Gene Whisnant | Gene Whisnant | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 54 | Knute Buehler | Knute Buehler | Knute Buehler | Knute Buehler | Craig Wilhelm | Craig Wilhelm |
| House District | 55 | Mike McLane | Mike McLane | Mike McLane | Mike McLane | No Position | No Position |

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| House District | 56 | Gail Whitsett | Gail Whitsett | Gail Whitsett | Gail Whitsett | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 57 | Greg Smith | Greg Smith | Greg Smith | Greg Smith | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 58 | Greg Barreto | Greg Barreto | Greg Barreto | Greg Barreto | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 59 | John Huffman | John Huffman | John Huffman | John Huffman | No Position | No Position |
| House District | 60 | Cliff Bentz | Cliff Bentz | Cliff Bentz | Cliff Bentz | No Position | No Position |
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| Congressional District | 1 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Suzanne Bonamici | No Position |
| Congressional District | 2 | Greg Walden | Greg Walden | Greg Walden | No Position | No Position | No Position |
| Congressional District | 3 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Earl Blumenauer | No Position |
| Congressional District | 4 | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Peter DeFazio | No Position |
| Congressional District | 5 | Kurt Schrader | Kurt Schrader | Kurt Schrader | No Position | Kurt Schrader | No Position |
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| Governor | | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | John Kitzhaber | John Kitzhaber |
| U.S. Senate | | Monica Wehby | No Position | No Position | No Position | Jeff Merkly | Jeff Merkly |
| Labor Commissioner | | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Brad Avakian | Brad Avakian |
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| Ballot Measure 88 Driver Cards | | Support | Support | Support | No Position | Support | No Position |
| Ballot Measure 89 Equal Rights | | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | Support | No Position |
| Ballot Measure 90 Open Primary | | No Position | Support | Support | Support | Oppose | No Position |

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| Ballot Measure 91 Legalized Marijuana | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position |
| Ballot Measure 92 Label GMOs | Oppose | Oppose | Oppose | Oppose | No Position | Support |
| Josephine County Ballot Measure 17-63 Bans Commercial and Government Use of Pesticides | Oppose | No Position | Oppose | No Position | No Position | No Position |
| Curry Co. Comm. | David Itzen | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position |
| Marion Co. Comm. | Kevin Cameron | Kevin Cameron | No Position | No Position | No Position | Diana Dickey |
| Jackson Co. Comm. | Rick Dyer | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position | No Position |

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AG-PAC is a coalition of 13 natural resource groups.

OFBF is the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.

AOL is Associated Oregon Loggers.

NFIB is the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

AFL-CIO is a federation of unions.

OLCV is the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, a coalition of environmental groups.