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2026 General Election Endorsements

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The **Oregon Nurseries' Political Action Committee (ONPAC)** serves as the campaign arm of the Oregon Association of Nurseries. ONPAC evaluated races for the upcoming general election and has made recommendations to provide greater balance over the next two years.

A midterm election cycle is one that presents challenges for the party that is in power at the national level. In 2026, that challenge is what Republicans are facing. With that said, the nursery industry seeks to break the cycle of supermajorities held by the Democrats in the Oregon Legislature and seek a new direction in the governor's race.

Oregon agriculture is under duress at the state and federal level, and the cost burden has made many operations struggle to remain competitive. The endorsements below are your guide for the upcoming election. Regardless of the recommendations, ONPAC urges all members to vote. Ballots have been mailed to your homes, and we encourage everyone to return their ballots early.

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Oregon State Senate by the Numbers:

- 30 seats in the Oregon Senate
- Senators elected for 4-year terms
- Democrats currently hold an 18-12 advantage (supermajority)
- 5 of the 15 Oregon Senate seats have no incumbent seeking re-election.

Oregon House of Representatives by the Numbers:

- 60 seats in the Oregon House
- Representatives elected for 2-year terms
- Democrats currently hold a 37-23 majority (36 is a supermajority)

OREGON GOVERNOR

ONPAC Endorses Christine Drazan

In a rematch of their close 2022 race, Republican Christine Drazan is running against Governor Tina Kotek. ONPAC believes that the state is at a critical juncture for livability and business survival. A Republican governor has not been elected since 1982 and it is time for a change. Drazan is a longtime ally of the industry and has been recognized on numerous occasions. She received the Friend of Nurseries Award in 2019 and 2025, was named Legislator of the Year in 2021, and will receive the Japanese Beetle Warrior Award in 2026. ONPAC endorsed Drazan in 2022 during her narrow loss and feels she is again the best choice for the industry in 2026.



SEEKING BALANCE IN THE LEGISLATURE

Democrats currently hold 18 of 30 Senate seats and 37 of 60 House seats. The three-fifths threshold for revenue-raising measures is 18 votes in the Senate and 36 in the House. If Republicans hold their Senate seats and flip one currently held Democratic seat, Democrats would lose the ability to pass such measures without Republican votes. In the House, a net Republican gain of two seats would bring Democrats from 37 to 35.

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ONPAC PRIORITY ENDORSEMENTS



Senate District 3
Brad Hicks
Southern Jackson
County



Senate District 11
Tracy Cramer
Marion County and the
Salem-Keizer area



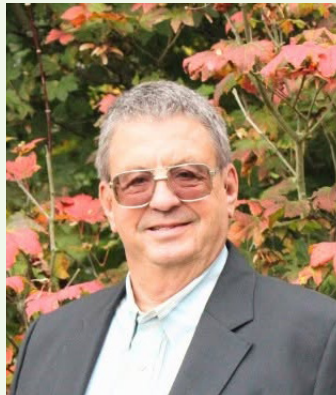
Senate District 16
Courtney Bangs
North Coast and Lower
Columbia



House District 18
Amanda Staehely
Clackamas and Marion
counties



House District 21
Kevin Mannix
North Salem and Keizer



House District 32
Max Sherman
North Coast

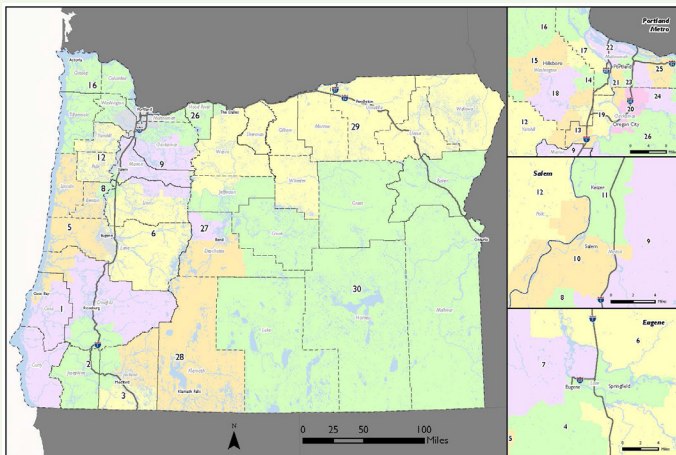


House District 52
Scott Hege
Columbia River Gorge
and Mount Hood

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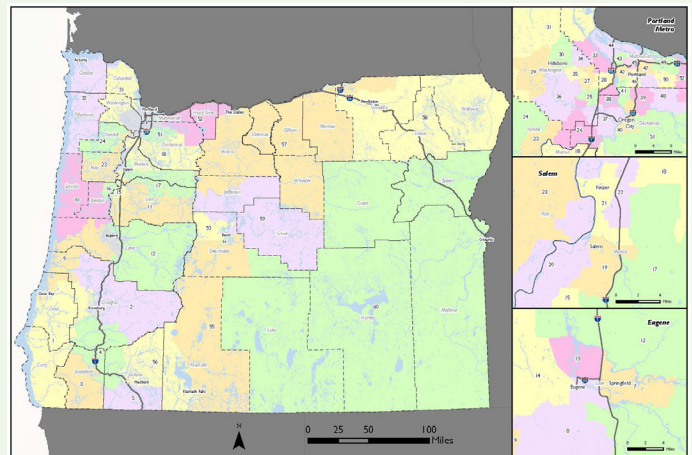
SENATE RACES

- District 6** **Jack Tibbetts** - Most of Linn, eastern Lane and a portion of Marion counties
District 19 **Rob Wagner** - Lake Oswego and surrounding Clackamas County communities
District 20 **Mark Meek** - Oregon City and nearby Clackamas County communities
District 26 **Jeff Helfrich** - Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood



Adopted Oregon Senate Districts (SB 882)
 Senate (SB 882) (colors vary) Water Bodies
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Districts from SB 882 (2021) State, Counties, Cities, Tribal Lands, Military, and Roads from Census 2020 Forests and similar and Water Bodies from NPS Census 2020. FWIS, ODF, Open Street Map, USDA, HHS, and other sources. For mapmaking purposes by ONPAC. Map created by ONPAC November 2021.



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HOUSE RACES

- District 1** **Court Boice** - Coos, Curry and Douglas counties
District 9 **Claire Lynn** - Douglas, Lane and Coos counties
District 11 **Ken Jackola** - Linn, Marion and Benton counties
District 12 **Darin Harbick** - Eastern Lane County
District 15 **Shelly Boshart Davis** - Linn, Marion and Benton counties - New Legislator of the Year 2019; Legislator of the Year 2022; Friend of Nurseries Award 2023, 2025
District 16 **Sarah Finger McDonald** - Willamette Valley; Corvallis-area region
District 17 **Dan Farrington** - Marion and Linn counties
District 20 **Paul Evans** - Mid-Willamette Valley; Monmouth area
District 22 **Noemi Legaspi** - Woodburn, North Salem, Gervais, Brooks, and Labish Village
District 23 **Anna Scharf** - Polk and Yamhill counties

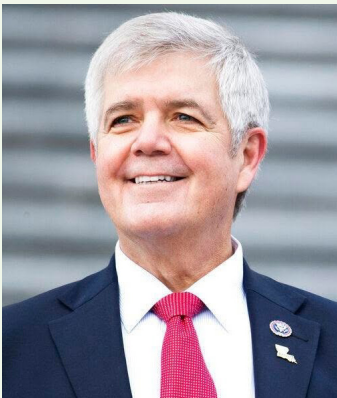
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HOUSE RACES (continued)

District 24	Lucetta Elmer - Yamhill and Polk counties
District 25	Ben Bowman - Tigard and southwest Portland suburbs
District 26	Stephanie Carlin - Washington, Clackamas and Yamhill counties
District 29	Susan McLain - Forest Grove and western Washington County
District 31	Darcey Edwards - Columbia, Washington, Multnomah and Yamhill counties
District 36	Hai Pham - Hillsboro and western Washington County
District 38	Daniel Nguyen - Lake Oswego and nearby communities
District 40	Michael Sugar - Oregon City, Gladstone and Johnson City
District 43	Tawna Sanchez - North Portland
District 50	Ricki Ruiz - Gresham area
District 51	Matt Bunch - Canby, Estacada and Sandy
District 53	Emerson Levy - Bend and surrounding Central Oregon communities
District 55	E. Werner Reschke - Klamath County and parts of Lake County Friend of Nurseries Award 2024
District 56	Emily McIntire - Klamath Falls, North Medford, and Eagle Point
District 57	Greg Smith - Gilliam, Morrow, Wheeler, Wasco, and Sherman counties
District 58	Bobby Levy - Umatilla, Wallowa, and Union counties. Friend of Nurseries Award 2023
District 59	Vikki Breese Iverson - Prineville. Friend of Nurseries Award 2023
District 60	Mark Owens - Baker, Grant, Malheur, Harney, and Lake counties Friend of Nurseries Award 2023

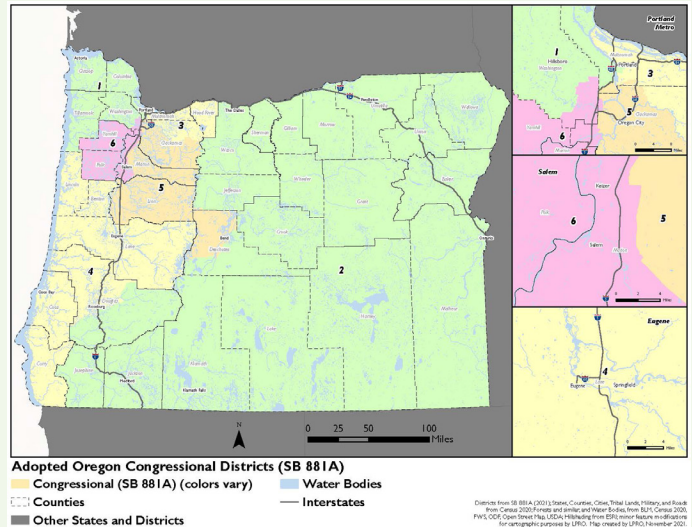
FEDERAL ENDORSEMENTS

Oregon Congressional Races



District 2 Cliff Bentz

Cliff Bentz has been a friend of the nursery industry since his time as a state legislator and throughout his time in Congress. Bentz was recognized as a Friend of Nurseries for both elected positions in 2013 and 2023.



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