

Oregon Small Woodlands Association Annual Meeting

2018

Citizen Involvement Works!

HB 2859 in 2017- Eliminated property tax exemptions

- ▶ 12 OSWA Members testified in opposition
- Many more attended, two hearing rooms filled
- ► Bill Sponsor and Committee Chair announced he would not move bill

Citizen Involvement Works!

SB 500 in 2017- Eliminated filing loss report prior to filing lawsuit

- ▶ 5 OSWA members testified
- ▶Bill died in committee

Citizen Involvement Works!

East Side Rate Relief in 2018

- Successfully restored \$500,000 in budget for East side Forestland owners
- Committee Chair said he hadn't heard from landowners so "it must not be big deal"
- ►OSWA members generated multiple contacts to legislators
- Chairman then advocated for the restorations of funds

Legislative Elections

Half the Senate, or 15 seats normally: 17 this year

All 60 House seats each even numbered year

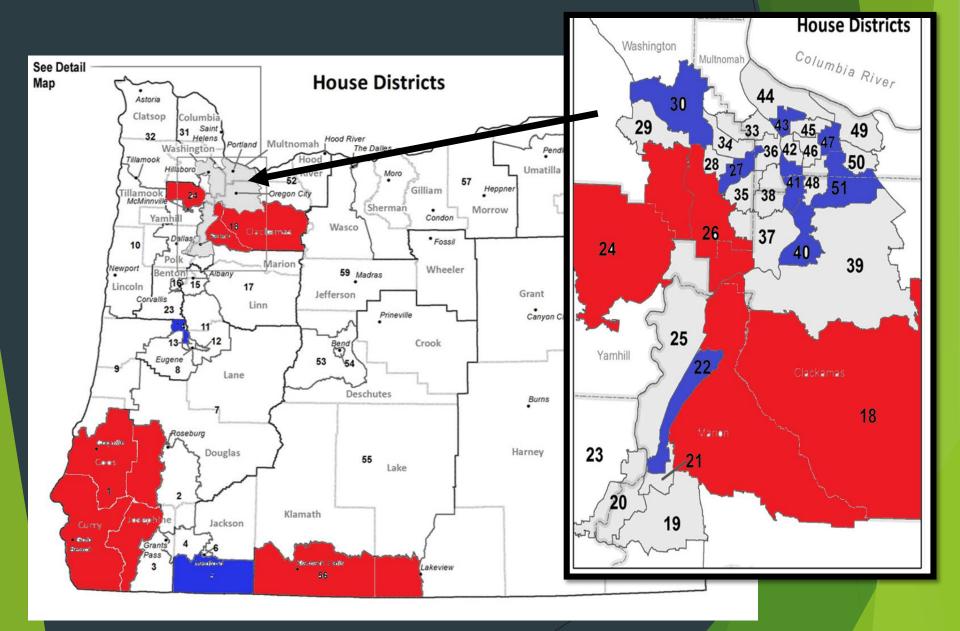
Senate: Very Stable

- ▶ 2 Senators 20+ years in Senate
- ▶ 6 Senators 10+ years in Senate
 - ► All served in House prior
- ▶ 13 Senators 5-10 years in Senate
 - ▶8 of 13 served in House prior
- ▶ 9 Senators less than 5 years
 - ▶ 5 have prior House service
 - ▶ 3 appointed this year

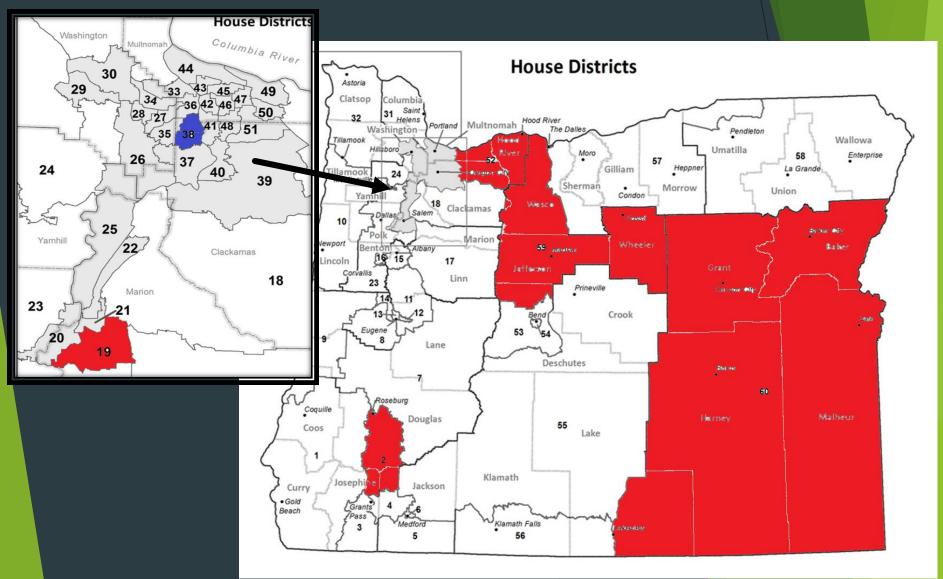
House: Unprecedented Turnover

- ► 15 Members 10 or more years service
 - ▶ 1 member prior Senate service
- ▶ 12 members 5-10 years service
- ▶ 33 members less than 5 years service
 - ▶ 15 in first term
 - ▶ 6 newly appointed in last few months

New in 2017



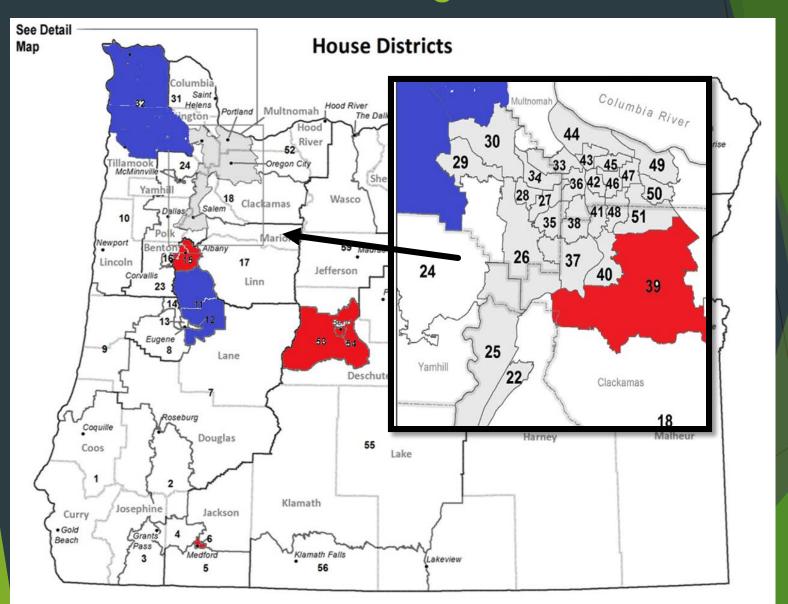
Appointed for 2018



House

- ▶ 6 of longest serving members have announced retirement at end of term
- ▶ 1 running for Governor

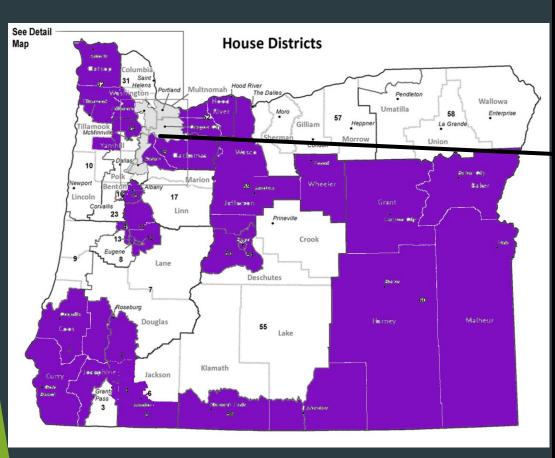
Not Running in 2018

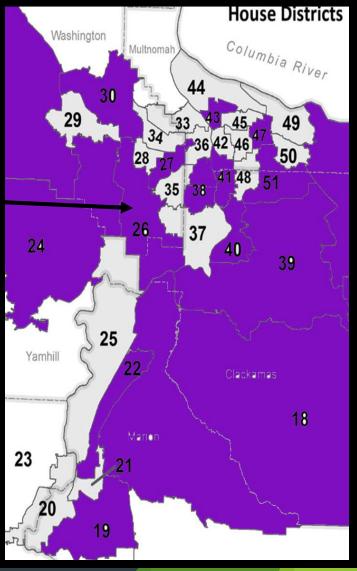


House

In 2019, at least 26 members - nearly one half the House of Representatives - will have served less than 2 years.

Representatives with less than 2 years experience in 2019





OSWA Opportunity

- 20 members likely have very little knowledge of your issues
 - ▶ 10 Metro area
 - ▶ 5 Salem, 2 Eugene
- OSWA issues are not typically high on the list of issues that legislators care deeply about

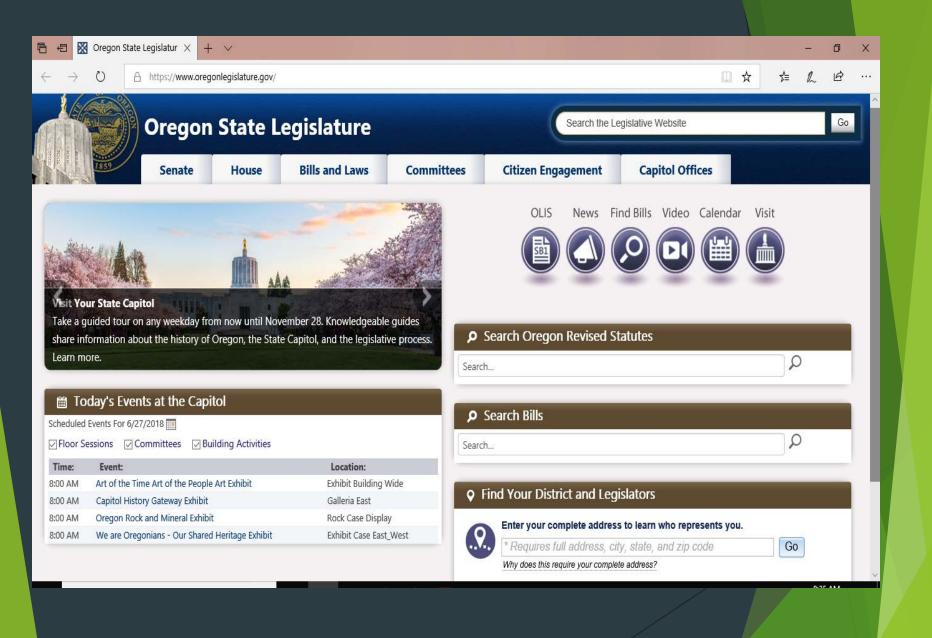
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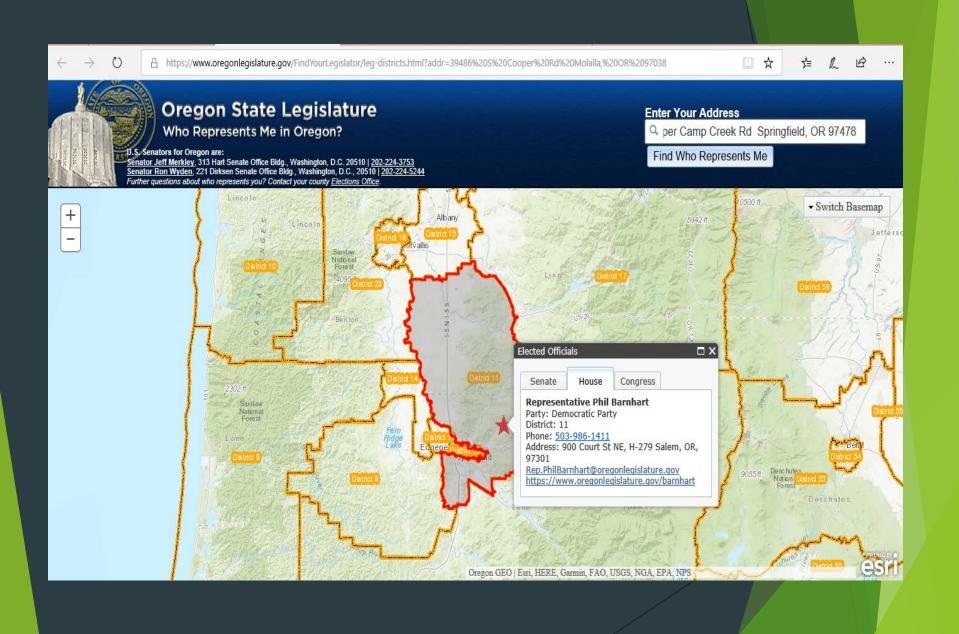
- At least 7 more will be new in 2019
 - ▶ 2 Metro, 2 Eugene
- This opportunity is very rare, last time was 20 years ago.
 - Brought on by term limits at that time
- Root cause this time is unknown, some factors could be:
 - ▶ Term limit round 2
 - Long time single party control
 - Other???

How to take advantage of the Opportunity

► Find your Oregon House District

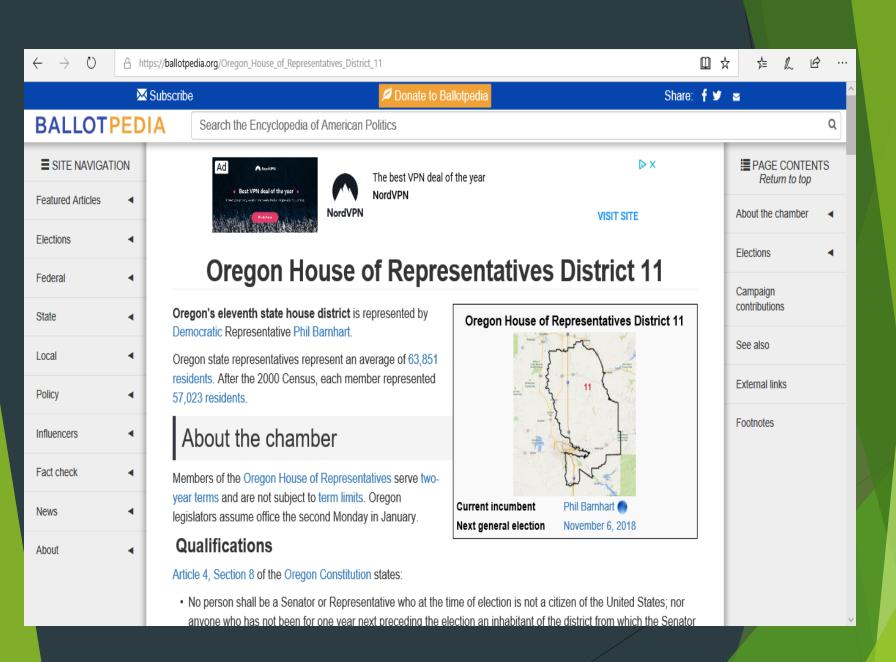
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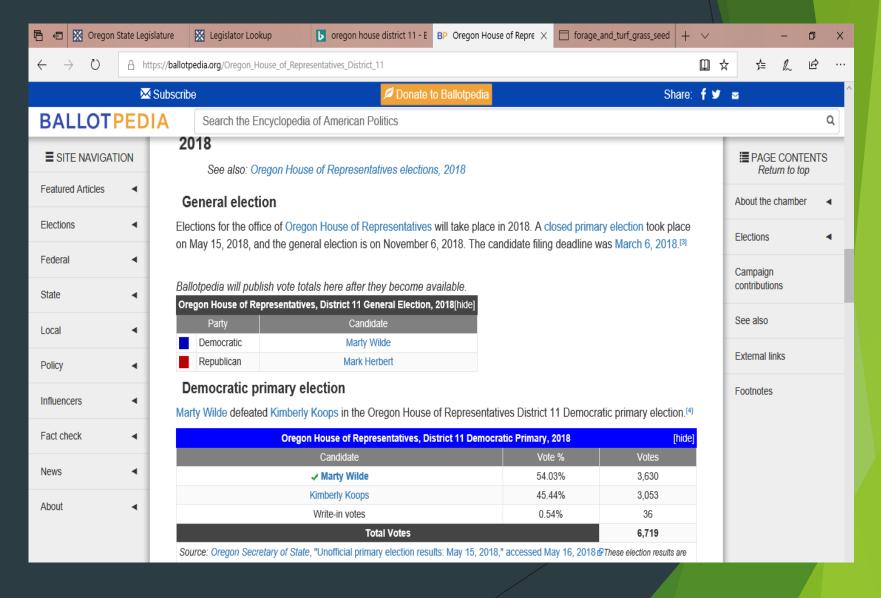


Find Candidates for the Position

- "Google" Oregon House District ____
 - https://ballotpedia.org/Oregon_House_of_Representatives_District_11
- Click on the Link



Scroll to find Info



MOST IMPORTANT: TAKE ACTION

- Attend meetings of both candidates
- ► Get to know them personally
- Choose a campaign and get involved
- ► Donate Time and Money