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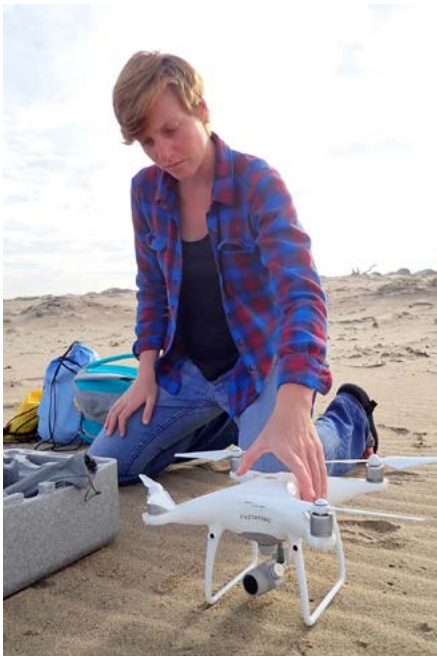


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Welcome to the 8th Annual Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit (OCCES)

The Oregon Coastal Caucus sincerely thanks you for once again joining hundreds of your dedicated colleagues and friends to help promote economic development for our rural coastal regions. We take pride in welcoming all our attendees, speakers, “Taste of the Oregon Coast” presenters and, of course, our dedicated sponsors. This summit would not be possible without your contributions, efforts and time.

This year’s summit occurs at a time when our public officials, linked by shared values and goals, can come together to confront the significant challenges facing our communities, Oregon and the nation. This summit setting will advance our ability to develop collaborative relationships across regional and political spectrums and pursue a balanced approach that can unite all Oregonians.

The 8th Annual OCCES is presented in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Three Rivers Casino and Resort, and the City of Florence. We extend special thanks to our primary partners, Spectrum, Pacific Seafood, and Business Oregon for helping us bring together bipartisan leadership to collaboratively explore a wide range of themes and goals related to infrastructure needs and investments.

As we move forward, we are relying on your insights, experiences and investment of time and energy to help close the infrastructure gap between rural and urban Oregon. Our focus on this year’s theme --Infrastructure Investments: A Collaborative Approach – will not lessen once the summit is over. It must and will be an ongoing effort that we all take with us when we leave and continue in service to Oregon and our communities.

The Coastal Caucus works hard to exemplify shared values and find common ground in order to move forward every day. Established in 1985 as a bicameral and bipartisan group representing the Oregon Coast, Coastal Caucus members began gathering weekly during legislative sessions for informal breakfast discussions, exploring issues of mutual interest. That tradition has continued and after 34 years, the Coastal Caucus is one of the strongest self-determined groups in the Oregon Legislature.

Today, Coastal Caucus members continue to be active on natural resources and coastal issues, as well as job growth and economic development. With the goal of giving coastal communities and regions an even greater voice on statewide issues, key stakeholder groups and local representatives convened in 2012 for the first OCCES to discuss concerns and share ideas on potential solutions to regional problems.

This 8th Annual OCCES is guided by the knowledge that our community leaders understand the unique challenges that face Oregon’s rural coastal communities. The diverse expertise, knowledge and leadership of those assembled at this summit give us a shared set of tools that we can use to address the issues that are significant to all our communities and stakeholders. When we work together, we are exemplifying “The Oregon Way” – a process of engagement, participation and problem solving.

As we spend the next two days together, and when we leave to continue serving the State and our communities, success will be measured by our ability to turn conversations into policy that moves all of Oregon forward. In polarizing times, this is a daunting, but necessary task if Oregon is to continue flying with her own wings.

Our State’s bold and unique policies are supported by the work you all contribute. Thank you again for joining us here in Florence. Let us move forward toward viable solutions for Oregon’s coastal regions.

Sincerely,



Representative David Brock Smith, Chair



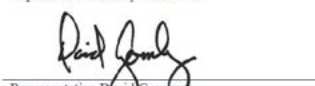
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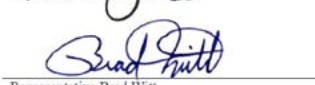
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Ron Wyden (D) United States Senator – Oregon

Oregonians know Ron as a senator who listens. Always citing the need to “throw open the doors of government for Oregonians,” he holds an open-to-all town hall meeting in each of Oregon’s 36 counties each year. Thus far, he has held more than 900 meetings.

Wyden serves on the Committees on Finance, Budget, Intelligence, and Energy and Natural Resources. He is ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee and the ranking Democrat on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Senator Wyden’s home is in Portland; he is married to Nancy Wyden, whom he wed in September 2005. He has five children: Adam, Lilly, Ava, William and Scarlett. Besides his Washington DC office, Senator Wyden has six offices throughout Oregon.



Jeff Merkley (D) United States Senator - Oregon

The son of a millwright, Jeff Merkley was born in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. His family moved with the timber economy to Roseburg and then to East Multnomah County.

Jeff began his career in public service as an intern with Oregon’s former Senator Mark Hatfield. After working in Washington D.C. for a few years in both the Pentagon and at the Congressional Budget Office, Jeff came back to Oregon to build homes as the head of Portland’s Habitat for Humanity.

He was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1998. In 2007, he became Speaker of the Oregon House and held that post until his election to the U.S. Senate. In 2009, he was sworn into the same senate seat once held by Mark Hatfield. Jeff has been on the frontlines of debates around health care, financial reform, energy, reforming the Senate and working on solutions to the ongoing housing crisis.



Peter Defazio (D) United States Congressman - Oregon’s 4th District

Congressman Peter DeFazio was first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1986 and is now the longest serving House member in Oregon’s history. As the dean of the Oregon House delegation, he has developed a reputation as an independent, passionate and effective lawmaker. In 2019, DeFazio was elected to the powerful position of Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Coast Guard, highways and transit, water resources, railroads, aviation, and economic development.

DeFazio has served as a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee since he first entered Congress in 1987. During his time on the Committee, he has served as Chairman or Ranking Member of four of the six subcommittees: Aviation, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, Highways and Transit, and Water Resources and Environment. In 2005, DeFazio served as the Ranking Member on the Highways Subcommittee. DeFazio and his wife, Myrnie Daut, live in Springfield, Oregon.

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Kurt Schrader (D)

United States Congressman - Oregon's 5th District

Congressman Kurt Schrader is currently serving his fifth term in the United States House of Representatives. He represents Oregon's 5th Congressional District, which includes all of Marion, Polk, Lincoln and Tillamook Counties as well as the bulk of Clackamas and small portions of Multnomah and Benton Counties. Before being elected to Congress, Schrader, a farmer and veterinarian for more than thirty years, established and managed the Clackamas County Veterinary Clinic in Oregon City and operated his farm where he grew and sold organic fruit and vegetables.

Congressman Schrader attended Cornell University where he received his BA in Government in 1973. He received his veterinary degree from the University of Illinois in 1977.



Suzanne Bonamici (D)

United States Congresswoman - Oregon's 1st District

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici has represented the Northwest part of the state's First District of Oregon in Congress since February of 2012. Bonamici worked her way through college in Eugene, first at Lane Community College and then at the University of Oregon, where she earned her bachelor's degree and law degree. Bonamici and her husband, Michael, have two grown children.

In Congress, she is a leader on the Education and Labor Committee and Chair of the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services. The Congresswoman is an advocate for equity in education policy and funding. She is dedicated to setting national policies that give students the support and opportunities they need to succeed in school and in life. She played a lead role in the passage of the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaces No Child Left Behind, reduces tes



Val Hoyle

Commissioner of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries

Val Hoyle grew up in a proud union household. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a concentration in International Studies from Emmanuel College in Boston, Massachusetts. Hoyle worked in the outdoor industry for 25 years, specializing in domestic and international sales. She served as a member and chairperson of the Oregon District Export Council and got involved in local politics to support public education, eventually serving as the Oregon State Representative for West Eugene and Junction City.

In 2012, Hoyle was elected by her legislative colleagues as House Majority Leader and served in that role through the 2015 legislative session. Afterwards, she worked with the University of Oregon Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics. In May of 2018, Hoyle was elected to be the 10th Commissioner of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries. She lives outside of Springfield with her husband Stephen and their two dogs.

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Tobias Read
Oregon State Treasurer

State Treasurer Tobias Read knows that financial empowerment, wise investments and sound management are foundational to the quality of life and economic opportunities for Oregonians, and key for the long-term viability of our state. As State Treasurer he has been implementing the first in the nation state-based retirement savings program, OregonSaves, to help put more Oregonians on the path to a secure financial future.

The Treasurer sits on the Oregon Investment Council and State Land Board, and oversees public investing, banking, bonding and financial empowerment programs. Those include the Oregon College Savings Plan and the ABLE savings plan, which allow families to save for higher education, job training and disability-related expenses. Tobias earned his bachelor's degree from Willamette University and his MBA from the Michael G. Foster School of Business at the University of Washington. He lives in Beaverton with his wife, Heidi Eggert, and their two children.



Ellen Rosenblum
Oregon Attorney General

A former federal prosecutor and state judge, Ellen Rosenblum is currently serving her second term as Oregon Attorney General. She leads the Oregon Department of Justice, which provides the "Gold Standard" of legal services to state government. Her approach to consumer protection focuses on ensuring a level playing field for Oregon businesses that play by the rules. Her priorities include internet privacy and security, protecting dependent children from abuse and neglect and supporting crime survivors. Her office collects over a million dollars in child support for Oregon families each day. She has led the way on issues including consumer protection, public records law reform, the student debt crisis, civil rights, including immigrant protections, modernizing Oregon's hate crimes laws, and eliminating police profiling and human trafficking.

Attorney General Rosenblum is active nationally with state attorneys general organizations and the American Bar Association. She is a proud "Double Duck."



Rich Vial
Deputy Secretary of State, State of Oregon

As Deputy Secretary of State, Rich Vial is committed to finding efficiencies within state government and increasing transparency at every level. He is also committed to civility in politics focusing on solving problems, not simply winning political battles. After selling his controlling interest in Vial Fotheringham LLP, a multi-state law firm representing primarily Condominium and Homeowner Associations, Vial was elected as an Oregon State Representative in 2016, serving on the Transportation, Judiciary, and Education, and Health Care Committees.

Vial resides with his wife and a large, diverse family in rural Washington County, where they farm and operate real estate and construction businesses. A business graduate of Brigham Young University and a graduate of Willamette Law School, Vial has been active in local community affairs for more than 30 years, serving in a variety of positions including school board chair, county fair board chair, and currently as chair of the Washington County Planning Commission.

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Martha L. Walters
Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

Martha L. Walters was elected by her colleagues as Oregon's 44th Chief Justice and began service in 2018. She practiced law for almost 30 years, emphasizing employment law and civil litigation as well as general civil practice. In 2007, Chief Justice Walters was elected as the first woman president of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Walters has served in leadership positions and on many committees and task forces within the Oregon State and Lane County Bar Associations. She has had multiple organizational memberships at the local community, Oregon state, and national levels. Born in Grand Rapids and graduated from the University of Michigan with distinction and the University of Oregon School of Law, Walters is a regular speaker, instructor and author, including teaching law school classes. Chief Justice Walters also writes professional articles on the law, including a 2002 article that she co-authored for the Brandeis Law Journal.



Tina Kotek (D)
Speaker, Oregon House of Representatives
Oregon State Representative – House District 44

Tina Kotek is the longest-serving Speaker of the House in Oregon history and the first openly lesbian speaker of any state house in the nation. During the 2019 Legislative session, she was a key architect in passing a \$1 billion per year business tax to fund critical investments in K-12 and early childhood education and led the fight to pass the most progressive statewide housing policies in the country. Under her watch, the Legislature also extended funding for the Oregon Health Plan, which provides health care for 1.1 million of the state's most vulnerable residents. She has also fought for working families by expanding earned sick leave, raising the minimum wage, expanding reproductive health care for all Oregonians and, most recently, passing paid family and medical leave insurance.



Herman Baertschiger Jr. (R)
Oregon State Senator – District 2

Herman Baertschiger is a long time Oregon resident. He and his wife raised their two sons on a ranch outside of Grants Pass. At age 19, he started his own business and has been a small business owner for over 30 years. With a background that includes forestry, wild land fire management, aviation, ranching and farming he brings practical knowledge and real experience to his work in the legislature. As a State Senator Herman is addressing many of the most contentious challenges our state faces: jobs, land use and natural resources. These are topics he has been involved with all his life. He uses his experience and understanding of these issues to help the people of Senate District 2 and Oregon.

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Cliff Bentz (R) Oregon State Senator – District 30

Senator Cliff Bentz was raised on the Whitehorse Ranch in Fields, Oregon, and the Actin Ranch in Drewsey, Oregon, both in Harney County. He attended Regis High School in Stayton, Oregon. Senator Bentz was appointed to take the House District 60 seat in the Oregon House of Representatives on January 28, 2008. He was elected to the seat for a full 2-year term in November of 2008. He was appointed to take the Senate District 30 seat in the Oregon Senate on January 4, 2018 and was sworn in on January 8th.

Currently, Senator Bentz serves on the following Senate Committees: Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction (Co-Vice Chair), Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee, as well as several work groups and task forces. Senator Bentz is married to Dr. Lindsay Norman, DVM. They have two children: Allison and Scott. The family lives on their farm outside Ontario, Oregon.



Shelly Boshart Davis (R) Oregon State Representative – House District 15

Shelly Boshart Davis is rooted in Linn County and Oregon's agriculture community. She grew up on a family farm in the Tangent and Shedd area. She attended Oregon State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

She spent the past 12 years alongside her parents and siblings, helping grow the family farm and trucking businesses. Today the farm has global reach, shipping Oregon products to markets as far away as Japan and South Korea. She serves on the Government Affairs Committee for the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and previously sat on the local United Way board. She was appointed to the Linn County Budget Committee in 2016.

Shelley is involved with the Linn County Farm Bureau, Oregon Women for Agriculture, Oregon Trucking Association, and Oregon Seed Council. Nationally, she has served as president for the U.S. Forage Export Council and sits on the advisory committee for the Agriculture Transportation Coalition.



Michael Dembrow (D) Oregon State Senator – District 23

Michael Dembrow is the state senator for District 23, covering portions of NE and SE Portland and the city of Maywood Park. Michael currently serves as Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. He also sits on the Human Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee.

In addition to his legislative committee assignments, Michael also serves on the Oregon Workforce Investment Board, the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Committee and the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.

Michael is a retired English instructor from Portland Community College's Cascade campus in North Portland. Michael earned his undergraduate degree in English from the University of Connecticut and his master's degree in Comparative Literature from Indiana University.

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Christine Drazan (R) Oregon State Representative – House District 39

Representative Christine Drazan is a fourth generation Oregonian serving her first term in the Oregon Legislature. Representative Drazan’s committee assignments include health care, economic development, the ways and means subcommittee on education and the Emergency Board. Drazan currently serves as a legislative representative to the Oregon Innovation Council and the Willamette Falls Locks Commission. Additionally, Representative Drazan serves as Co-Chair of the newly formed Clackamas Caucus.

Professionally, Christine served as the Executive Director of the Cultural Advocacy Coalition, a statewide nonprofit that supports the preservation of Oregon’s history and culture. She is a member of the Clackamas County Planning Commission and a proud graduate of George Fox University. She and her husband Dan live in rural Clackamas County between Canby and Oregon City with their three children. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and adventuring with her family on Oregon’s rivers and beaches or hiking and camping in our state and national parks.



Ken Helm (D) Oregon State Representative – House District 34

Ken Helm is the Representative for Oregon House District 34. Among his legislative duties, Representative Helm serves as Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environment and as a member of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, the House Committee on Economic Development, and the House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use.

Ken is also a member of the Oregon Global Warming Commission and an active participant in the legislature’s Environmental Caucus, Sportsmen’s Caucus, and Technology and Innovation Caucus. Representative Helm earned a Juris Doctorate from Willamette University College of Law and built a robust practice in land use law prior to joining the Oregon Legislature.



Paul Holvey (D) Oregon State Representative – House District 8

Before he began his career in public service, Holvey worked as a carpentry apprentice and eventually worked his way up to becoming a journeyman in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. He also served as a retired representative for the Pacific Northwest Carpenters; part of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

During his time serving in the legislature, Representative Holvey has championed a wide range of legislation important to Oregonians, such as expanding solar technology, assisting domestic violence victims with unemployment insurance needs, updating statutes to help Oregon’s growing wine industry, implementing the Forest Legacy program in Oregon, enacting homeowner mortgage protections and ending field burning in the Willamette Valley. Representative Holvey also serves as the Speaker Pro Tempore.

Representative Holvey and his wife Terrie live in South Eugene and keep busy with their three Yorkshire Terriers, Sonny, Boo and Trigger. He enjoys gardening, spending time outdoors, and being with his family.

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Pam Marsh (D) Oregon State Representative – House District 5

Pam Marsh was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, District 5, in November 2016, after four years as a member of the Ashland City Council. Pam is currently the Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Economic Development and Trade and serves on the House Revenue and Energy and Environment committees and the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government. She is a member of the State Broadband Advisory Council and the Oregon Retirement Savings Board (OregonSaves).

Prior to joining the legislature, Pam was actively involved in management and operation of Green Springs Inn and Cabins. Her family continues to own the business, now managed by her husband and son. She served as Executive Director of Ashland Emergency Food Bank from 2012 until December 2016. Pam has lived in Southern Oregon since 1994, when she and her husband, Diarmuid McGuire, moved their four children from Palo Alto, California, to the mountains above Ashland.



Ron Noble (R) Oregon State Representative – House District 24

Ron Noble has lived in the Willamette Valley since 1974 and is currently State Representative for Oregon House District 24. His legislative duties include Vice Chair of the House Committee on Human Services and Housing, a member of the House Committee on Health Care and the House Committee on conduct. He also serves as a Co-Vice Chair on the Joint Committee on Transportation. Ron is a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII, Co-Chair Oregon Wine Caucus and Sportsmen's Caucus member.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Ron served 28 years in law enforcement, his last 8 years as Chief of Police for the City of McMinnville. He is a past-president of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, and a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Ron has been married to his wife Sue for 36 years, and they have three grown sons and a daughter, and six grandchildren.



Karin Power (D) Oregon State Representative – House District 41

Representative Karin Power was elected to the Oregon House in 2016. Prior to that, she served as a Milwaukie City Councilor and chair of her neighborhood association. As a Lewis & Clark Law School alumna with a background in environmental law, Representative Power is committed to environmental progress. In the 2019 legislative session, she had the honor of serving as the Co-Chair for the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction that worked to develop a framework for carbon pricing in Oregon.

In her other job, Representative Power is Associate General Counsel for The Freshwater Trust, a water restoration nonprofit that works to protect and restore freshwater ecosystems. In addition to her work in the Oregon Legislature and at The Freshwater Trust, Representative Power is a board member of the Oregon Food Bank and the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Representative Power and her wife live in Milwaukie with their toddler and two rescue dogs.

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Jeff Reardon (D)
Oregon State Representative – House District 48

Born and raised in Kelso, Washington, Jeff Reardon learned the values of thrift and hard work from an early age. Jeff is a Vietnam Era Veteran who earned the highest rating possible during his term, E5, while serving on a nuclear submarine in the Western Pacific. The G.I. Bill afforded him the opportunity to become the first college graduate in his family. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from Western Washington University.

Jeff was a teacher in the Parkrose School District before taking a job at Tektronix. He served on the David Douglas School Board for a decade. Jeff later went on to teach at David Douglas High School, educating students in the career-technical field. Jeff knows that Oregon must have a stronger manufacturing base. Jeff lives in East Portland with his wife, Annette Mattson. They have four daughters and are proud they've all graduated from Oregon universities.



Rob Wagner (D)
Oregon State Senator – House District 19

Senator Rob Wagner represents Senate District 19, which includes the communities of Tualatin, Lake Oswego, West Linn, Rivergrove, Durham and Southwest Portland. In his first session, his colleagues elected him to serve on Senate Leadership in the Majority Whip position. Senator Wagner currently chairs the Senate Education Committee and the Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government. Additionally, Senator Wagner volunteers in the community as the newly elected chair of the Lake Oswego School Board.

His proudest accomplishments include advocating for student representation on the School Board and the creation of the diversity, equity and inclusion committee. Senator Wagner has spearheaded legislation with a larger goal of promoting access, equity and inclusiveness in Oregon schools. In his free time, he enjoys playing piano, singing and playing guitar in his office.



Marty Wilde (D)
Oregon State Representative – House District 15

Representative Marty Wilde grew up in rural Oregon. His father was an organic farmer in the coast range and his mother was an educator. His family was poor but were able to survive with the support of his community and the government. This experience formed the base of his belief that the government should care for its citizens and his desire to serve his community to pay back that debt.

After graduating from the University of Maryland, Marty decided to commit himself to public service by joining the military. Through 25 years of military service Representative Wilde has fought forest fires in Oregon, worked on converting a coal plant in Alaska, prosecuted cases of sexual assault in Qatar, hunted down war criminals in Bosnia and served as Chief, Rule of Law in Afghanistan, where he earned a Bronze Star. Marty lives in Eugene with his wife Monique, and their two children.

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Chief Warren Brainard

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

The ancestors of Chief Warren Brainard lived upon and served as stewards of the lands now known as coastal Oregon for thousands of years before the coming of European-Americans in the mid-1800s. When European-Americans began arriving in large numbers in Oregon, Chief Brainard's great-great-grandmother, Jane, was a member of the Miluk band of the Coos Indian tribe who lived in and around the Coos River watershed on the Oregon coast.

The Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw peoples had their own "trail of tears." After signing a treaty with the United States Government in late summer of 1855, approximately 500 tribal members were forcibly marched north to Umpqua City (near modern-day Reedsport) in the spring of 1856, where they were imprisoned for more than three years, suffering from starvation, disease and exposure to inclement weather. In September 1859, the Coos and Lower Umpqua people were once again forcibly marched north to the Yachats Prairie north of Cape Perpetua.



Brenda Meade

Chairperson, Coquille Indian Tribe

Brenda Meade has been chairperson of the Coquille Indian Tribe since 2012. She heads the seven-member Tribal Council, which oversees all the Tribe's governmental and business activities.

Meade is passionately engaged in state, regional and national organizations that work on Native American issues. These include the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Gaming Association, the Governor's Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items, and the University of Oregon's Native American Advisory Committee.

In addition to tribal leadership, she is committed to re-establishing her tribe's cultural traditions. She and husband Lyman Meade, organized the Tribe's drum circle and dance group, and she personally crafted most of the traditional regalia worn by the dancers. The Coos History Museum has displayed her traditional beadwork and sewing.



Delores Pigsley

Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal

Delores began her career with Prudential Insurance Company, eventually retiring after 24 years work with the Social Security Administration.

As an advocate for the Siletz Tribes, she has served 38 years on the council and has been Tribal Chairman for over 33 years. Serving on the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services and various tribal boards and committees, she has worked closely with Oregon Governors and local governments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Labor, US Forest Service, and many other federal agencies. Delores is a tribal delegate to the National Congress of American Indians, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Chairman of the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services and the National Indian Gaming Association.

She has an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Law from the Willamette University and a Lifetime Achievement award from Portland State University. She married Donald Pigsley and has three children and seven grandchildren.

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Doc Slyter

Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

Doc Slyter was born and lived in the Coos Bay area for most of his life. An Army veteran, he's a Hanis Coos Elder of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Retired from Verizon, Doc has been married for 46 years and has two grown sons and three grandchildren.

He began with the Tribes on the pre-restoration Tribal Council, working with the council to help get a bill passed through Congress and signed by the President of the United States to reinstate the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians as a sovereign Tribal Nation in 1984. Doc was elected to serve on the Tribal Council for 2015-2019, and was re-elected for a second term in April 2019, and currently serves as Chairman of the Tribal Council. He has served on various committees for the Tribes, which have included Cultural Committee, Housing Committee, Budget Committee and Elder's Committee.



Sheryl Bachart

Judge, Lincoln County Circuit Court

Born and raised in Lincoln County, Sheryl was appointed to the bench in 2008 and became the first female circuit court judge in Lincoln County. Graduated *magna cum laude* from University of Oregon in 1991 with a B.A. in International Studies and Political Science, and a J.D. from the University Oregon School of Law in 1997. Sheryl worked as Deputy District Attorney in the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office from 1997 to 2008, prosecuting all types of crimes, but with a caseload focused significantly on child sexual and physical abuse. She started a Domestic Violence Court in Lincoln County and has continuously presided over the Domestic Violence Court since 2009. In 2018, Sheryl partnered with others in implementing Pretrial Services in Lincoln County. Prior memberships include Uniform Criminal Jury Instruction Committee, Council on Court Procedures and Judicial Education and Leadership Committee.



Melissa Cribbins

Coos County Board of Commissioners

Melissa Cribbins has served as a Coos County Commissioner since her election in 2012 and is the current Board Chair. Prior to her election, Melissa was an attorney for the Coquille Indian Tribe. In her role as County Commissioner, Melissa has worked to improve economic opportunities for citizens of rural Oregon while maintaining their quality of life.

Melissa was raised in rural Coos County. After graduating from high school, Melissa attended Portland State University and received a bachelor's degree in microbiology and biochemistry. She spent ten years in the drinking water industry before attending law school at Gonzaga University. Melissa graduated cum laude from Gonzaga and returned to Coos County to practice law. Melissa currently serves on the Board of the Land Conservation and Development Commission and the Energy Trust of Oregon.

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Kaety Jacobson **Lincoln County Board of Commissioners**

Kaety was elected In May 2018 and took office in January 2019. She was born and raised in a Lincoln County commercial fishing family. She has a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in Natural Resources and a Masters' degree from Nova Southeastern University in Coastal Zone Management. Kaety spent 16 years working for the Oregon State University Extension Program and Oregon Sea Grant, working with the commercial fishing industry, scientists, policy makers and the coastal community at large on a variety of fisheries and coastal resource issues. She is a skilled facilitator and has designed and executed many public processes at the local, state, and federal levels.

Kaety and her husband Mark reside in Newport, with three of their four children, their oldest child currently resides in Corvallis, Oregon. In addition to their four children, they are also a foster family and strong advocates for children.



Mark Kujala **Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**

Born and raised in Warrenton, Commissioner Mark Kujala was graduated from Oregon State University, and then returned to work in the family seafood business. Kujala was first elected to the Warrenton City Commission in 2004 and served as a city commissioner for 12, and as the Mayor of Warrenton for five years. Kujala has worked extensively on stormwater issues and levee certification and accreditation efforts in Warrenton and continues to work with the City of Warrenton in their effort to address encroachments to the levee system.

Kujala was elected to the Clatsop County Commission in 2018 and is currently employed by the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Alana, have one daughter named Karlie.



David Yamamoto **Tillamook County Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner Yamamoto studied at California State University, worked for 23 years in the forest products industry, was a 20-year long-term care specialist, and was an Oregon licensed Real Estate Broker. He serves on the Tillamook Board of Commissioners as Vice Chair, as liaison to the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), Cape Kiwanda Master Planning & Steering Committee, Community Development, Contract Review Board, Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC), Court Security, Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) the National Association of Counties (NACo), Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association (OCZMA) Executive Committee, and many others.

David's governmental and civic activities include: vice-chair of the Tillamook County Futures Council, citizen at large for the NW Area Commission on Transportation, citizen at large for the Territorial Sea Plan Advisory Committee and subcommittees, Tillamook County Economic Development Council Small Business Advisory Committee, and Tillamook County Transient Lodging Tax Committee, just to name a few.

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Joe Henry
Mayor, City of Florence

Joe Henry is serving his third term as Florence’s Mayor. A native Oregonian, Joe spent his career in the finance industry traveling the world. He and wife Pamela chose to retire to Florence more than 20 years ago and are now proud to call Florence home. Joe has volunteered for many organizations, but nothing has been as fulfilling as serving as Mayor. Joe encourages everyone to visit and learn more about projects the City has been working on during the past few years. Those projects include improvements along Rhododendron Drive, the new river beach access park, a new Public Works Facility on Kingwood, the remodeled City Hall, the ReVision Florence streetscape project currently under construction, and many others around town. These projects have kept our City in Motion moving forward! He invites you to enjoy the sights and sounds of Florence during your stay and encourages you to visit again.



Chad Allen
Dairy Producer – Tillamook, Oregon
Board Chair, Oregon Dairy Farmers Association (ODFA)

Chad Allen, his wife and their five young children live in Tillamook. He began his farming career in 2005 when he joined his father on the existing dairy farm where he was raised. Chad is a graduate of Oregon State University (OSU). While at OSU, Chad was a member of the Dairy Club and served as President. He joined the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association Board of Directors in 2013 and has served as the Association President for the past three years.

Chad recently joined the Tillamook County Creamery Association Board of Directors, and also serves on his local Land Use Planning Commission and the Oregon Agriculture Heritage Commission. Additionally, Chad serves on numerous community and school activity groups. Chad believes in the power of working towards solutions in his daily work as well as his volunteer commitments.



Laura Anderson
Owner, Local Ocean Seafood

Laura comes from a small-boat fishing family. Trolling for salmon and harvesting crab in the summers on her dad’s commercial fishing boat gave her an appreciation for the fishing families and crews that bring Local Ocean its daily catch, and an authentic understanding of its quality. Seafood was literally her “bread and butter” growing up.

In her early years, Laura worked with artisanal fishermen as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines, followed by a year of international business in Hanoi, Vietnam. She has a master’s degree in marine resource management from Oregon State University. Understanding the science and the policy of fisheries ensures that every dish served at

Local Ocean passes Laura’s “red-face test” for sustainability. In addition to running the day-to-day operations at Local Ocean, Anderson sits on the boards of The Nature Conservancy, the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Ocean Science Trust.

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John T. Andrew
Assistant Deputy Director,
California Department of Water Resources

John T. Andrew is Assistant Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources, where since 2006 he has overseen the Department's climate change activities. His previous organizational affiliations include the Stege Sanitary District, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, the California Department of Health Services, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the US Environmental Protection Agency. Andrew has more than 25 years experience in water resources and environmental engineering and holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.



Scott A. Ashford
Ph.D., Kearney Professor and Dean of the College of Engineering
Oregon State University

Ashford brings experience in both higher education and industry to his leadership role as dean of the College of Engineering at Oregon State University. After graduating from Oregon State with a degree in civil engineering, he worked in private industry for seven years before earning his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. Ashford's research focuses on enhancing public safety and reducing potential economic loss worldwide from earthquake and coastal hazards.

Scott works to improve the resilience of the lifeline systems in the Pacific Northwest to better withstand attack from the Cascadia Subduction Zone. He has been appointed by Governor Kate Brown and confirmed by the Oregon State Senate to serve a four-year term on the Governing Board of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.



Keri Askew Bailey
Regional Vice President,
Government Affairs, Charter Communications

While working in the State Capitol as a policy aide and Chief of Staff to various members of the State Assembly, Keri staffed issues in the financial services, insurance and tax arenas for more than a decade. After leaving the Capitol, Keri initially lobbied in both California and Nevada on behalf of the credit union movement, working on policy issues including financial literacy, data security and expanding credit union services to members. When leaving the financial services arena, Keri moved into the grocery retail space working on behalf of a major trade association in that sector. Among other things, her policy work focused on food access, California's Proposition 65 and industry environmental initiatives.

In 2018, Keri joined Charter Communications as Senior Director, California and now serves as Regional Vice President, Government Affairs for the West Region in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii, Arizona and Idaho.

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Jim Bernau
Owner, Willamette Valley Vineyards

Willamette Valley Vineyards was established in 1983, when founder Jim Bernau planted an overgrown pioneer plum orchard in the Salem Hills with Pinot Noir, watering his vines with a garden hose. Jim believes that Pinot Noir made with consideration for the environment, employees and community simply tastes better. With that purpose, Willamette Valley Vineyards and Jim Bernau have been recognized for environmentally responsible winegrowing by LIVE (Low Impact Viticulture and Enology) as well as receiving the Sustainable Standard-Setter award from the Rainforest Alliance for their use of FSC Certified cork. In 2014, Jim was honored with the Los Heroes de Salud! award for his contributions in providing healthcare to Oregon's vineyard workers. These accomplishments have led to Willamette Valley Vineyards being listed among the top 100 Wines in the World by Wine Spectator Magazine, named "Greatest Pinot Noir Producers in the World" by Wine Enthusiast Magazine and "Winery of the Year" by Wine and Spirits Magazine.



Troy Bowers, PE
Executive Vice President, Murraysmith

Troy brings over 29 years of experience in the planning, design and construction of public works facilities. He joined Murraysmith in 1990 and has designed and managed hundreds of high-profile multidisciplinary infrastructure projects. Troy was named a principal of Murraysmith in 1997, senior vice president in 2008, president in 2013 and currently serves as the Executive Vice President. He is an active member of the engineering industry and has represented ACEC, AWWA, and APWA at the local, regional and national levels. He has extensive experience in assessing and upgrading public water system essential facilities to address today's seismic hazards.



Terry Brandborg
Owner, Brandborg Vineyard & Winery Elkton, Oregon

Terry started making homemade wine in his garage in 1975, and in 1986 he was able to get that garage bonded as a home occupation commercial winery and produced 300 cases. In 1990 Terry moved to a rented warehouse space and production grew to around 2000 cases.

Brandborg had familiarity with the Umpqua Valley since the early '80s and had met and tasted with the pioneers there but had never heard of Elkton until 2000. A visit in 2001 set the move in motion. It was love at first sight for the property they purchased. In addition to their Estate Vineyard, they are now able to make almost all of their 10,000- case production from grapes grown in the Elkton, Oregon AVA. Their core wines remain Pinot Noir, Riesling and Gewurztraminer which have been grown in Elkton since 1972. Brandborg wines are now distributed in 25 states.

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Kevin Brice

Deputy District Engineer, US Army Corp of Engineers

Kevin Brice has been the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management for the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since May 2007. In this position, Brice provides District leadership in establishing and maintaining processes to manage the scope, quality, cost, budgets and schedules of all district projects.

Brice retired as a lieutenant colonel after 21 years of military service. Upon retiring from the military, Brice was a Building Code Enforcement Program Manager and Building Official in Washington County, before returning to the Corps of Engineers as a civilian. Brice graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1978. He received his Master of Science degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University in 1987. Brice is a registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin and Oregon and a member of the Society of American Military Engineers.



Tom Byler

Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

Tom Byler is the Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department. Prior to this role, Byler served nine years as the Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. Before OWEB, Byler worked as a Natural Resources Policy Advisor for Governor Kulongoski and Governor Kitzhaber. Prior to this work, he acted as the legislative and policy coordinator for the Oregon Water Resources Department. Byler began working on water policy issues in 1995, as a legislative assistant for Oregon State Representative Charles R. "Chuck" Norris of Hermiston, who chaired the House Water Policy Committee.

Byler is a fifth generation Oregonian born and raised in Pendleton. He received his B.A. from Willamette University and earned his law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law.



Miriam Calderon

Director, Early Learning System

Miriam Calderon is the Early Learning System Director overseeing the Early Learning Division in Oregon. Before coming to Oregon, Miriam served as the Senior Director of Early Learning at the Bainum Family Foundation, where she shaped a new \$10 million investment in a birth to three system for the District of Columbia. She also was a senior fellow with the BUILD Initiative, leading BUILD's work related to dual language learners and serving as a faculty member for BUILD's Equity Leaders Action Network.

Previously, Calderon served as a political appointee in the Obama Administration, advising on early learning policy at the Domestic Policy Council at the White House and at the Department of Health and Human Services. She has published several reports on early childhood education. Calderon holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Delaware and a Master of Social Work from Portland State University.

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Ben Cannon

Executive Director, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

In this position, Cannon oversees state funding allocations, policy-setting, and coordination for Oregon's higher education system, including community colleges and public universities. Cannon is a former teacher, state representative and education policy advisor to the Governor. Elected three times to the Oregon House of Representatives (2006-2011), he chaired House committees with jurisdiction over environment, energy and water policy, and served on committees related to health care and education. From 2003 to 2011, he taught humanities to middle school students at the Arbor School of Arts and Education. He earned his BA from Washington University, St. Louis, and attended Oxford University, England, on a Rhodes Scholarship, earning graduate degrees in comparative and international education and philosophy, politics and economics.



Gordon Cook

Multi-State Network Designer, Verizon

Gordon Cook designed and built wireless networks for Verizon and its predecessor companies for 30 years, including working on some of the first analog cell sites in the Pacific Northwest in 1990, the first GSM network in Portugal in 1992 and the first 4G networks in the Southeast United States in 2010. He currently resides in Seattle, Washington, and is responsible for Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii network design and construction for Verizon. Gordon was recalled to active duty in September 2001, and is a veteran of Afghanistan, having served two combat tours with US Army Special Forces, and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf cluster in 2006. Gordon volunteers with St. Vincent de Paul Society and Solid Ground in Seattle, trying to keep people out of homelessness..



J.R. Cook

**Founder and Director, Northeast Oregon Water Association
Owner, CL&W Consulting, LLC**

J.R. Cook is the Founder and Director of the Northeast Oregon Water Association (NOWA), a non-profit corporation established to protect and enhance the value-added natural resource-based economy in northeastern Oregon. Cook also runs CL&W Consulting, LLC, specializing in water and land use permitting, project development and property and water optimization. Over the past 16 years, Cook has worked in several roles with a variety of stakeholders to assist a coordinated effort to restore alluvial and basalt aquifers in the Umatilla Basin, while ensuring adequate water supplies for existing water rights holders, sustainability and environmental needs.

Cook is an avid outdoorsman, and a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. He has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Oregon University in Small City and Rural County Management but will proudly admit that most of his training and relationship building has come from being on the job and out in the communities of Oregon.

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Steve Corbató
Executive Director, Link Oregon

Steve Corbató serves as Executive Director of Link Oregon (the service name for the Oregon Fiber Partnership), a new non-profit organization formed by Oregon's four research universities and state government to develop and operate a high-speed, statewide broadband network in support of the founding partners' missions of education, research, healthcare and public service. Prior to assuming this leadership role in April 2018, he served as the Chief Technology Officer with responsibility for IT infrastructure at OHSU in Portland. Corbató has nearly three decades of experience around Internet-based network development and deployment. While at the University of Utah (2006-2015), he served as a member of the governing board of the long-standing Utah Education Network (UEN) and launched two partnerships with public transportation agencies to provide access to optical fiber and conduit for network expansion. At the Internet2 non-profit organization (2000-2006), he led the national, high speed network that supports U.S. research and education. Previously, while at the University of Washington (1995-2000), he was a member of the steering group that developed the Washington State K-20 Network that connects all sectors of public and higher education.



Emma Cox
Manager, McDonalds Corporation

Emma Cox is the North American Sustainability Manager at McDonald's Corporation. She leads Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency & Water with a specific focus on the 14,000 McDonald's restaurants in North America. She is currently laser-focused on scaling the renewable energy program at McDonald's. After graduating from Columbia University in New York, she worked for the U.S. Green Building Council specifically on programs, events and continuing education. From there, she moved to Chicago, where she worked for an energy and sustainability tech startup called Green Per Square Foot—leading their Business Development & Marketing team. Cox went on to lead the Energy & Sustainability consulting group for Cushman & Wakefield before eventually ending up at McDonald's, where she has the unique opportunity to use its scale for good. At home, she is Mom to two young kids and enjoys traveling whenever they let her get away.



Chris Cummings
Executive Director, Infrastructure Finance Authority, Business Oregon

Chris Cummings joined Business Oregon in February 2016 as the Assistant Director of Infrastructure Finance and the Executive Director of the Infrastructure Finance Authority.

Prior to joining the agency, Chris served as Program Manager of the Oregon Department of Transportation's Freight Planning Program, working to ensure a robust, efficient freight transportation system. He brings a wealth of knowledge and more than 15 years of experience in economic development, project management, and capital construction and planning.

Chris graduated from Rowan University in New Jersey with a B.A. in Law/Justice and Rutgers University with a Master of Public Administration. Now an Oregonian, Chris enjoys fishing, golf and camping with his family.

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Adam Denlinger General Manager, Seal Rock Water District Board Director, Special District Association of Oregon

Adam has a 36-year career in municipal government serving both large and small communities in Texas, California and Oregon. Responsible for managing numerous complex government programs and infrastructure projects related to municipal water and wastewater uses, Adam has served in many collaborative roles with multiple agencies to provide beneficial cost saving outcomes related to joint service agreements and regional municipal improvements. He studied principals of water and wastewater management at Sacramento State University, California. Adam has served as a Board Member for the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO), representing the interests of member districts throughout the State, and also served as a member of the SDAO legislative committee. He represents the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership as a Co-Convener, serving the collective interest of water throughout the mid-coast region, and holds state registration in water and wastewater in Oregon and California.



Jim Desmond State Director, Oregon Nature Conservancy

Jim Desmond has been State Director for The Nature Conservancy in Oregon since 2015. Under Jim's leadership, TNC Oregon has launched ambitious programs to protect Oregon's coastal estuaries and sage brush desert and is successfully completing a \$60 million fundraising campaign.

Jim began his career as a real estate attorney and partner at the Winston & Strawn law firm in Chicago, and most recently served as Metro's Director of Parks and Nature, where he developed the nation's most successful urban conservation program, acquiring 14,000 acres, protecting 170 miles of river and stream frontage, planting 2.5 million trees and shrubs and serving 12,000 school-aged children per year in their outdoor education programs. Jim also launched the effort to provide public access to Willamette Falls in Oregon City. Jim holds a BA degree from the University of Notre Dame and a JD from the Vanderbilt University School of Law.



Brendan Finn Transportation Policy Advisor, Oregon Governor's Office

Governor Kate Brown appointed Brendan Finn as Transportation Policy Advisor for the Governor's Office in 2018. Finn is responsible for policy development and coordination regarding transportation infrastructure across Oregon, the Oregon Department of Transportation and implementation of the transportation funding package passed in 2017.

Governor Brown said, "I look forward to Brendan's work bringing the historic transportation funding package to life to ensure goods can efficiently get to market and our roads and bridges are safe in the event of a devastating seismic event." Finn served as an aide to Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman in a variety of roles. Finn was key to contracting and engineering efforts in the "Big Pipe" project, the largest infrastructure project in the history of the City of Portland. Finn went on to serve as Chief of Staff as Commissioner Saltzman led the Portland Bureau of Transportation, Portland Fire and Rescue and several other city agencies.

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Joseph Franell
Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Oregon Telecom

Joseph Franell is the Chief Executive Officer of Eastern Oregon Telecom (EOT), a rural competitive telephone company and Internet service provider serving residents and businesses in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, in Northeastern Oregon. EOT is currently providing residential and commercial Gigabit services in four of the communities in its service area. Oregon Business Magazine called Joe, “The Rural Connector” because of his effective leadership in bringing broadband to rural Oregon.

In 2009, Franell was appointed by the Governor of Oregon to the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (OBAC) where he has served as the chair since 2010. The OBAC’s mandate is to advise the legislature and Governor’s office on matters pertaining to broadband in the State, and to specifically promote the adoption and utilization of broadband for economic development, e-government, tele-health/tele-medicine, education, public safety and tribal lands. Franell is a ten-year veteran of the US Army, is happily married, and has one daughter.



Dr. Rex Fuller
President, Western Oregon University

Dr. Rex Fuller became the 23rd president of Western Oregon University in 2015. Dr. Fuller grew up in California and attended community college before transferring to and graduating from Chico State with a degree in Public Administration. While working as an analyst in city government, Fuller earned his doctorate in Economics from the University of Utah.

He went on to teach in the College of Business Administration at University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, eventually becoming the dean. In 1993, he completed the Institute for Education Management program at Harvard. Fuller’s next move was to the Hasan School of Business at Colorado State University, where he was dean from 2000 to 2006. Prior to becoming WOU’s president, Fuller served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Washington University. Throughout his career, Dr. Fuller has worked on economic development issues in the regions where he has lived.



Colt Gill
Deputy Superintendent, Public Instruction,
Oregon Governor’s Office

Colt Gill was appointed by Governor Brown as Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction (and as such serves as the Director of the Oregon Department of Education), and he was confirmed by the Senate on February 12, 2018. He served previously as Oregon’s first Education Innovation Officer.

In this position, he focused on improving graduation outcomes by working with local communities, school districts, researchers, students and other stakeholders to identify effective practices across the P-20 education continuum and make recommendations to the Governor, state agencies, and the Legislature regarding policies, budget priorities and support needed to increase the number of students who graduate prepared for their next steps in the workplace or college. He has been an Oregon educator since 1989 and is an adjunct professor at the University of Oregon. He has served on several boards and commissions relating to education and children’s health and wellness initiatives.

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Timothy Gross

Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Newport

Since 2010, Tim has been serving as the Director of Public Works/City Engineer for the City of Newport on the Central Oregon Coast. In this role, Tim is responsible for the personnel and operations of water treatment and distribution, wastewater treatment and collections, streets, storm water, park maintenance, facility maintenance and engineering.

Tim serves as a co-convenor for the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership: the regional Place-Based Planning pilot study group developing a regional water plan for the Central Oregon Coast in accordance with the vision outlined in the State of Oregon's Integrated Water Resource Strategy. For the past eight years, Tim has been working on mitigating seismic deficiencies in the Big Creek Dams, the only source of water for the City of Newport. This influenced Tim to become involved in the League of Oregon City's Water Policy Committee, and to become a participant in the legislative process and rulemaking affecting dam safety, seismic resiliency, and infrastructure funding.



Dr. Margaret Hamilton

President, Lane Community College

Dr. Hamilton was appointed to Lane Community College as their seventh president in 2017. She has devoted most of her 30-year career in community college education to developing partnerships in workforce and economic development between post-secondary education, business and industry and universities to establish pathways in career and technical education. Nationally, Hamilton served on the board for the Collegiate Workforce Development Consortium of NJ-PA, as a Commissioner for College Readiness for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Commission on Student and Community Development. She was recently appointed as Pacific Northwest representative to the AACC President's Academy. Since arriving in Oregon in 2017, Hamilton was appointed to the Sacred Heart Medical Center Community Health Board and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, as well as numerous education and workforce committees. Dr. Hamilton holds a Ph.D. from Widener University, a Master of Science from the University of Delaware and a Bachelor of Science from SUNY Plattsburgh.



Nancy Hamilton

Director, Oregon Business for Climate

Nancy Hamilton serves as Director of Oregon Business for Climate, a statewide organization focused on mobilizing industry support and business leadership to advance climate policy and institute a price on carbon emissions while strengthening Oregon's economy. As Director, Hamilton was deeply engaged in many of the efforts that occurred during the recently completed 2019 Legislative Session.

Nancy has long been known as a skilled negotiator and effective communicator, bringing deep relationships across a diverse cross-section of stakeholders in the Portland Metro area and across Oregon, developed during nearly two decades while moving from her work as Chief of Staff to Mayor Tom Potter, to her focus on workforce and economic development for Governor Kulongoski.

Now in her seventh year as a certified Emerging Small Business (ESB) & Woman-Business Enterprise (WBE) in Oregon, with much of her work focused on economic development as it relates to carbon reduction and energy efficiency.

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Chris Harder
Director of Business Oregon

Chris Harder is Director of Business Oregon, appointed by Governor Kate Brown in 2016. Chris leads the agency to help businesses grow in Oregon and see that economic opportunity is reaching each corner of the state. An Oregon native, Chris most recently served as economic development director at the Portland Development Commission, the city of Portland's economic development agency. He managed the Business & Industry Division and led Portland's efforts to support entrepreneurship, innovation and trade. Previously, Chris was the Director of Economic Analysis for the North Carolina Department of Commerce and a Senior Budget Analyst in the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management.

Chris has master's degrees in City and Regional Planning and Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Puget Sound. Chris lives in NE Portland with his wife, Melinda and two young children.



Craig Horrell
General Manager, Central Oregon Irrigation District.

Craig has been with COID for more than 5 years and brought with him a record of solid ethics, energy, creativity and an intuitive and fair nature. Craig provides an unparalleled mastery of local, state and federal issues in areas with sensitive water, environmental and land use challenges.

Craig currently serves on the Board for the Deschutes River Conservancy and is the Chairman for the Basin Study Work Group. He also is a Board Member with Oregon Water Resources Commission.



John Huffman
Director, USDA Rural Development

John Huffman has called The Dalles home for the past 35 years. He served the rural and frontier constituents of House District 59 in the Oregon legislature between 2007 and 2017. John was involved in and supported funding for a variety of broadband and telecommunications needs in his legislative district, from getting cellular service into Wheeler County, to funding broadband projects in Wasco, Sherman and Wheeler Counties.

In October 2017, John was appointed to the position of USDA Rural Development State Director for Oregon. Rural Development is a major federal funder of rural eConnectivity. because of the Administration's emphasis on rural broadband expansion, John heads up Rural Developments rural broadband program for Oregon. Through his efforts, Oregon has been recognized by the USDA Rural Development national office for broadband outreach, partner building, ReConnect application training and training community champions to develop a plan to gain adequate connectivity in their community.

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Tom Insko
President, Eastern Oregon University

Tom Insko the 12th president of Eastern Oregon University, is a native of eastern Oregon. Insko grew up on a family farm 35 miles north of La Grande. He is a graduate of EOU with degrees in mathematics and business economics and played intercollegiate basketball for the Mountaineers. He holds an MBA from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Prior to becoming EOU's president, he was the area manager of Boise Cascade's Inland Region. He worked for Boise Cascade for 20 years holding a variety of leadership Positions, additionally he managed state and federal forest policy activities for the company. Insko is a past president of the EOU Foundation.

President Insko serves as a member of the Oregon State Board of Forestry and the Western Resources Legal Center board of directors.



Bill Kerr
President, United Steelworkers Local 1097

Bill Kerr is President of the United Steelworkers local 1097 representing over 600 union employees at the Georgia Pacific Wauna Mill located in Clatsop county. He started his career in the paper industry 34 plus years ago, working his way up through the ranks from his entry level position to his current role in operating one of the world's largest and fastest tissue machines. Bill also serves on the National Steering Committee of the Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council, a national grassroots organization whose sole mission is to find solutions to issues affecting the forest product industry. Each year, Bill travels to Washington DC to help educate our Nation's leaders on the direct impact that current legislation and/or proposed regulations will have on the forest product industry and how they can make a difference in saving businesses and jobs. Bill enjoys fishing and hunting, but mostly enjoys time with his family, especially his six grandchildren.



Meta Loftsgaarden
Executive Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Meta Loftsgaarden is the Executive Director for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), coordinating an 18-member board and directing a \$103 million biennial budget. She is also now serving as Governor Brown's lead for Oregon's 100-Year Water Vision. Throughout her career Meta has served in leadership positions that support her passion for local economies, communities and conservation. Meta worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service on partnership and policy issues in both Oregon and Montana, including the Conservation Title of the 2008 Farm Bill. While in Montana, Meta ran the Montana Department of Agriculture's Marketing and Business Development Bureau and promoted rural economic and natural resource policies as deputy communications director for Montana's Governor Judy Martz and communications coordinator for the Montana Stockgrowers Association. Meta has a Master's in Public Administration from Portland State University and a Bachelor's in Agriculture Extension from Montana State University.

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Justin King
King Estate Winery

Justin King is a third-generation member of the King family. In addition to his responsibility for distributor relations, Justin leads a nine-person national sales force. He is also exploring the winemaking side of the business, producing a limited amount of Biodynamic Pinot Noir from the 2016 vintage that will be available only in the King Estate Restaurant and to wine club members. Before joining his family's wine business, Justin, who is a professional fingerstyle acoustic guitarist known for pioneering the percussive tapping style, founded and operated Vinegar Hill Sound, a recording studio in Brooklyn. In the late 2000s he worked as a photojournalist in places such as Iraq and Haiti. An active community volunteer, King serves on the boards of the Oregon Environmental Council, Square One Villages and FOOD for Lane County.



Steve Marks
Executive Director, Oregon Liquor Control Commission

Steven Marks is a veteran of public service, with more than 30 years' service to the State of Oregon. Prior to joining the Oregon Liquor Control Commission as Executive Director, he served as a policy advisor in the Office of the Senate President, a Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor and as Chief of Staff to the Governor during his service to the state. From 2004 to 2010 Marks was president of his own public policy and public affairs consulting business, *The Marks Network*. In 2013, he returned to state government service as a policy advisor within the Chief Operations Officer's Office, Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

Marks is a graduate of Sutherlin High School and earned his undergraduate degree and master's degree in Public Policy, Planning and Management from the University of Oregon.



Jim McCauley
Legislative Director, League of Oregon Cities

Jim came to the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) in December of 2018 and currently serves as their Legislative Director where, in addition to managing a staff of five lobbyists, has an issue portfolio of transportation and telecommunications. Prior to LOC, Jim was the Government Relations Manager with Washington County, where he was responsible for the county's state legislative program and transportation lead at the federal level. Jim holds a bachelor's in forest management from Oregon State University and spent most of his early career in the forests of Oregon, Washington and California working for a combination of private industrial landowners, Oregon Department of Forestry and trade associations representing the forest products sector. Jim later transitioned into work for the Department of Environmental Quality and the Portland Metro Home Builders Association before moving to Washington County.



Sandra McDonough
President, Oregon Business Industries

Sandra McDonough joined OBI as president and CEO in October 2018. Previously, she served 14 years as the president and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance which, under her leadership, became the Portland-metro area's most prominent and impactful business organization. Earlier, she spent two decades in the energy industry, holding executive-level positions at PG&E Corporation and PacifiCorp. She also worked for a decade as a newspaper reporter, with stints at *The Oregonian* and the *Seattle Times*. McDonough holds bachelor's degrees in German and journalism from the University of Oregon, and she has extensive experience serving on nonprofit boards. Currently, she serves on the board of New Avenues for Youth, a Portland-based organization providing housing, education and job training for homeless and at-risk youth.

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Maureen McGee Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel, Oregon State Legislature

Maureen McGee has dedicated her career to providing nonpartisan, policy neutral legal services in support of the legislative process. As a Senior Deputy in the Oregon Office of Legislative Counsel, Maureen develops draft legislation and provides legal advice on behalf of each of the 90 members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly on a confidential basis. Her subject areas of expertise include the environment, natural resources, public lands, energy, utility law and telecommunications.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, Maureen served as the lead LC drafter on legislation addressing carbon pricing in Oregon, diesel emissions, broadband accessibility and removal and fill regulation, among many other issues. Maureen works tirelessly to facilitate informed policymaking by providing her clients and their stakeholders with a straightforward understanding of the existing law and any proposed legislative changes.

Maureen earned her BA from the University of Puget Sound and her JD from the University of Oregon School of Law.



Mark McMullen Oregon State Economist

McMullen, who was director of consulting at Moody's Analytics, took over chief economist duties in 2012. Mark has directed the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis, which, among other duties, prepares the quarterly revenue forecasts on which the Legislature bases its biennial budget.

McMullen received a bachelor's degree in economics from Pomona College and a master's degree in public economics from the University of Pennsylvania.



Scott McMullen Chairman of the Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee

Scott McMullen is the Chairman of the Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee. He was instrumental in the formation of this committee whose mission is to promote cable awareness, preservation of commercial fishing grounds, and safety in the Pacific Coast trawl fleet. This organization was the first of its kind and has served as a model for similar cable/fisheries committees nationally and internationally. Until he began full time work for the OFCC, Mr. McMullen was a lifelong fisherman. His experience includes salmon and tuna fishing along the entire US west coast, shrimp and bottom fish trawling on the Oregon, Washington and Northern California coasts, and tanner and king crab fishing in Alaskan waters. He served as Chairman of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council under Governors Kitzhaber, Kulongoski and Brown, representing the North Oregon Coast commercial fishing industry.



Mike McNally President, Willamette Valley Wineries Association Owner, Fairsing Vineyard

Mike and Mary Ann McNally are the developers, owners and operators of Fairsing Vineyard LLC. Mike has held Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and other executive positions in numerous energy companies. He has managed diverse operations including finance, corporate development, marketing and shared corporate services. Mike has four wonderful grandchildren; he is a sustainable farmer, an avid yogi, and a deep ecologist.

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Nagi G. Naganathan

Seventh President, Oregon Institute of Technology, ASME Fellow

Dr. Nagi Naganathan was appointed the 7th President of Oregon Tech in 2016. Prior to joining Oregon Tech, Dr. Naganathan served as the dean of the College of Engineering at The University of Toledo (UT) in Toledo, Ohio for over 15 years. He was UT's interim president during 2014-15 and was the founding chairperson of the Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering department; and was a member of the faculty since 1986.

Dr. Naganathan has received prestigious awards, including election to the rank of Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, UT Outstanding Teacher Award, UT Outstanding Researcher Award, SAE Ralph R. Teetor Educational Award, ASME Outstanding Regional Faculty Advisor Award, TST/TSPE Engineer of the Year and Distinguished Alumnus Award from his alma mater, the National Institute of Technology in Tiruchirappalli, India. Dr. Naganathan earned his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree in mechanical and industrial engineering from Clarkson University, New York.



Samuel Pastrick

Outreach Manager, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

As CUB's Outreach Manager, Sam(uel) advocates for residential utility customers before the Oregon legislature and Public Utility Commission regarding information/communications technology and energy policy issues. He also oversees CUB's membership campaigns. Before joining CUB, Sam worked for the Portland-based nonprofit Community Energy Project on low-income weatherization, building performance and lead poisoning prevention programs. He studied Environmental Management & Policy at the University of Maine. When not working, he's most likely hanging out with his wife, enjoying the outdoors or getting way-too-worked-up about politics.



Andrew Phelps

Director, Oregon Office of Emergency Management

Andrew began his career in New York where he was an active member of the response and emergency management community, serving as a response team member of New York Search and Rescue, and Rescue Team Chief for New York City's first FEMA-recognized Community Emergency Response Team. Andrew left New York to manage the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Local Preparedness Program which provided technical assistance to local and tribal emergency management programs. Andrew also served as New Mexico's Emergency Operations Center Planning Section Chief for several federally declared disasters. Prior to his arrival in Oregon, Andrew was the Director of Emergency Management for the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he was also served as a volunteer firefighter with the Santa Fe County Fire Department. He was hired as director for the Oregon Office of Emergency Management in February 2015.



Jim Rue

Director, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

Jim Rue is the Director of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. Prior to joining DLCD in October of 2009, he spent 10 years working to reclaim and remediate the Ross Island complex of islands in Portland, eventually arranging a donation to the city of Portland. Rue is the third generation of his family to own and operate a small farm in Silverton, where he currently resides with his wife. He has a Master of Forest Science and a Master of Business Administration from Yale University.

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Margaret Salazar Director, Oregon Housing and Community Services

Margaret Salazar is Director of Oregon Housing and Community Services, which is Oregon's Housing Finance Agency. OHCS provides financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for Oregonians of low and moderate incomes, and leads statewide programs to prevent and end homelessness and to build housing stability.

Prior to joining OHCS, Margaret served in various leadership roles over a 10-year career at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Margaret began her career as a foundation program officer and housing advocate working with community-based organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

A native Oregonian, Margaret grew up in Hood River on a family-owned cherry orchard. She spent her summers working in the orchard helping to bring in the harvest. She holds a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and a Master of Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley.



Michael H. Schill President, University of Oregon

Michael H. Schill is the 18th president of the University of Oregon and holds a tenured faculty appointment in the University of Oregon School of Law. He began his tenure on July 1, 2015. Schill previously served as the dean and Harry N. Wyatt Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School and the dean of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

A nationally recognized expert in property, real estate, and housing law and policy, Schill is the author or co-author of three books and more than 40 scholarly articles. In 2004, Schill founded the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy at New York University, one of the nation's leading research centers on housing and the built environment.

Schill graduated with an AB in public policy from Princeton University in 1980 and a JD from the Yale Law School in 1984.



Dr. Linda Schott President, Southern Oregon University

Linda Schott became President of SOU on August 1, 2016. Since then she has led the campus through the development of a new vision, mission and strategic plan that situates SOU as Oregon's University for the Future.

Schott is a member of the Oregon Council of Presidents and serves as the Oregon state representative to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. She serves on the board of Regional Solutions and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and has traveled around the state speaking to service organizations and editorial boards about the future of higher education.

Before moving to Oregon, Schott served as president of the University of Maine at Presque Isle for four years and held numerous administrative positions at universities in Texas, Michigan and Colorado. She earned her doctorate from Stanford University and taught for many years prior to moving into administration.

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Kristen Sheeran
Director, Oregon Carbon Policy Office
Climate Change Policy Advisor, Oregon Governor's Office

Kristen Sheeran is the Director of the Oregon Carbon Policy Office and the Energy and Climate Change Policy Advisor for Governor Kate Brown. She holds a PhD in Economics with expertise in energy and natural resources policy. She has previously served as Oregon Director of Climate Solutions, Vice President of Knowledge Systems at Ecotrust, and is the founder of the Economics for Equity and Environment Network. A professor of economics for seven years at St. Mary's College of Maryland, Sheeran has written and spoken extensively about climate change and clean energy.



Cameron Smith
Director, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services

Cameron Smith is the Director of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). DCBS is Oregon's primary consumer protection and business regulatory agency with a mission to protect and serve consumers and workers while supporting a positive business climate.

Previously, Smith served as the director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) where he built and led a strong team committed to advocacy for Oregon's four generations of veterans. Smith also previously served as senior policy advisor to Governors John Kitzhaber and Ted Kulongoski.

Before joining state service, Smith served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, completing three tours of duty in Iraq. He has a degree in history from Carleton College. Smith is originally from Boston but moved to Oregon as soon as he could. He now happily lives in Portland with his family where he continues to root for the Red Sox.



Jim Straub
Owner, Acorn Property Management

Jim Straub is a third-generation landlord and real estate investor in Oregon with more than 29 years personal experience investing in, building and managing residential real estate. He is also owner of Acorn Property Management, LLC, with offices in Portland and Springfield.

Since 2010, Jim has represented the Oregon Rental Housing Association as their Legislative Director. ORHA consists of 14 chapters across the state with more than 5,500 members. Jim brings a wealth of practical experience with a moderate voice to facilitate innovative ideas for modern/today's housing dilemmas/solutions.

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Christopher Tamarin Telecommunications Strategist, Business Oregon

Christopher Tamarin is the Telecommunications Strategist for the Oregon Business Development Department – Business Oregon, staffing the Oregon Broadband Office and assisting communities with broadband telecommunications infrastructure, applications and public policy. He has 17 years' experience in marketing voice and data telecommunications services and equipment used in small and large communities by multi-location companies, electric utilities, healthcare providers, schools and government agencies.

He has five years teaching experience at Eastern Oregon University and seventeen years in state government. He has a BS in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania, an MBA from the University of Nevada-Reno and an MS in Telecommunications from the University of Colorado-Boulder.



John VanLandingham Housing Policy Board for Lane County and City of Eugene

John VanLandingham earned his BA from the Virginia Military Institute and his JD from the University of Oregon School of Law. He has served as a Staff Attorney for the Lane County Legal Aid & Advocacy Center since 1978 (merged with Oregon Law Center in January 2017), with a focus on residential landlord/tenant law on behalf of tenants and affordable housing development at the local and state levels. John has been an active advocate in the Oregon legislature since 1991 on those two areas. He led the General (aka Apartment) Landlord/Tenant Coalition from 1991 to 2016 and the Manufactured Housing (Park) Landlord/Tenant Coalition from 1997 to the present. Both coalitions consist of tenant and landlord advocates and related folks and both produced negotiated compromise legislation in every long legislative session.

John also served 12 years on the Eugene Planning Commission and then 12 years on the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission.



Serena Stoudamire Wesley Director, Youth Development Division

Serena Stoudamire Wesley is the Director of the Youth Development Division. Previously, she was the Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the office of Governor Kate Brown, and held a position at the Chief Education Office. Prior to her state service, Serena's experience consisted of being an Early Learning Project Manager for the HUB project in Multnomah County and served as Director of Community and Family Programs for Self Enhancement Inc., and Community Relations Officer for Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Legacy's Children's Hospital in the Portland Metro Area.

Serena has more than 20 years of experience and a knack for objectively determining resources, procuring and allocating for success and sustainability and has had success in nonprofit leadership, community relations and government. Serena is currently on the Board of Trustees for Warner Pacific University. She has served as a member of the Portland Children's Levy allocation committee, and previously represented the Chief Education Office.

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Macey Wessels
President, Boshart Trucking, Inc.

Macey Wessels co-owns Boshart Trucking Inc. The company is an international Agricultural exporter. It, along with sister companies BOSSCO and PressCo, employ 52 people in the Albany and Salem areas. The three different companies align and work together providing straw to customers all over the world, as well as agricultural products locally.

Growing up in the family farming business, working in the field and on to the office, Macey graduated from Oregon State University in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Crop and Soil Sciences. Currently, Macey is the President of Boshart Trucking and manager of PressCo.

PressCo presses the straw that will be shipped overseas to be used as feed for cattle being raised in mainly Far East countries. Macey loves her local farming community and she is proud to be deeply rooted in the great world of Agriculture. Most importantly, Macey is a mother to her amazing 12-year-old daughter Addison.



Tenneal Wetherell
Superintendent at South Coast Education Service District (SC-ESD)

Tenneal served the last eight years as Superintendent with SC-ESD, and prior to that she held positions as the Director of Student Learning and Special Education Programs and was a classroom teacher. Tenneal has a master's degree in Special Education and both teaching and administrator licenses. Tenneal is currently finishing her PhD in Educational Leadership at Concordia University. She participates in several local and state-wide committees, is a member of the Regional Achievement Collaborative, STEM Steering Committee and the local Rotary club. At the state level, she is the president of Oregon Association of ESDs, board trustee for the PACE insurance program and participates in a variety of state working groups.

Tenneal has lived in North Bend since 2004 with her husband Geoff who is an elementary school principal in Coquille, and her two children Will and Sutton.



Dr. Jason Younker
Assistant Vice President and Advisor to the President on Sovereignty and Government to Government Relations, University of Oregon

Jason is a member of the Coquille Nation and was a tenured associate professor and chair of the department of sociology and anthropology at Rochester Institute of Technology. He served as RIT's liaison to the native nations of New York and southern Canada.

Dr. Younker earned his Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Oregon in 2003 and has served as the president of the Association of Indigenous Anthropologists. During his studies in Oregon, he was a leader in the Southwest Oregon Research Project at the Smithsonian Institution and in the subsequent Potlatches (traditional native gifting) that returned documents relating to their cultural heritage to the nine federally recognized tribes and the historic 54 bands and tribes that occupied the land that is now known as the state of Oregon.

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Mark Wiegardt
Owner, Whiskey Creek Oyster Hatchery

Mark Wiegardt is a fourth-generation oyster farmer and the owner of Whiskey Creek Shellfish Hatchery in Netarts Bay. Wiegardt is the supplier of over 90% of oyster seed in Oregon. In 2005 the oyster larvae started to die by the billions and by 2008 Wiegardt almost went out of business. The water was so corrosive that it was strong enough to kill the oyster larvae. Through his research, he understands the concern surrounding ocean acidification better than almost anyone. Although for now the oyster industry is back on its feet, it is temporary if the ocean's pH level is an indication of a larger issue. Whiskey Creek has learned to sustain healthy brown larvae in its vat water with a system that constantly buffers the water.

He and his work were featured in episodes of *Willapa Bay Oysters* in 2012 and 2013 as well as on the nationally seen PBS show *Nova* in 2015.



Dr. Marisa Zapata
Portland State University Associate Professor, Land-Use Planning
Director, Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative

Dr. Marisa Zapata is an Associate Professor of Land-Use Planning and Director of the Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative at Portland State University. She received her Ph.D. in Regional Planning from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, her M.U.P. in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and B.A. in Anthropology from Rice University. As an educator, scholar, and planner, Dr. Zapata is committed to achieving spatially based social justice by preparing planners to act in the face of the uncertain and inequitable futures we face. She believes how we use land reflects our social and cultural values. She is especially concerned about equitable planning for uncertain futures in highly diverse communities.

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David Brock Smith (R) Oregon State Representative – House District 1 Oregon Coastal Caucus Chair

Oregon State Representative David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) is a third generation Southwest Oregon resident of the area he now represents. A former Chair of the Curry County Board of Commissioners and the elected chair of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) District 4 are just two of the positions he has held in his extensive history in local government.

In the State Legislature, David serves on multiple House Committees, as well as two Joint Committees with the Oregon State Senate. During the 2019 regular session he served as Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction and was a member of the Joint Ways & Means Sub-Committee on Natural Resources, House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use and the House Committee on Natural Resources.

David is also on key State Legislative Task Forces and Commissions. Some of those are: Chair – Oregon Legislature’s Coastal Caucus, House Republican State Delegate – (PNWER), House Republican – Opioid Task Force, House Republican – Maritime Workforce Task Force, Chair – Oregon-China Sister State Relations Council’s Southern Oregon-China Connection, Global Warming Commission, and Co-Convener Task Force on Sudden Oak Death with State Representative Caddy McKeown (D-Coos Bay).



Betsy Johnson (D) Oregon State Senator – District 16 Oregon Coastal Caucus Vice Chair

Senator Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) is serving her fourth term in the Oregon Senate. In the 2019 Legislative Session, Senator Johnson served as the Co-Chair for two of her five committees - the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Legislative Audits. She is also a member of the Joint Committee on Legislative Policy and Research, Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction.

Senator Johnson previously served on numerous local, regional and national boards and commissions, including the Oregon Health Sciences University Foundation, Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, the Oregon Public Broadcasting Foundation, and the High Desert Museum. Senator Johnson currently serves on several regional boards and was recently elected a member of the Board of Visitors at the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College. She also serves as the President of the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation.



Caddy McKeown (D) Oregon State Representative – House District 9 Oregon Coastal Caucus Member

Caddy McKeown was born and raised in Coos Bay. She began her career in public service volunteering for her children’s school and went on to serve on the school board before being appointed as Port Commissioner at the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

In 2012, she was elected State Representative for House District 9, which spans from Yachats to Coos Bay. In her second legislative session in 2015, she was the Chair of the House Transportation Committee. In 2017 she became one of the Co-Chairs of the newly formed Joint Committee on Transportation. Under her leadership, the Committee passed a historic, statewide transportation package. She continues to Co-Chair the Joint Committee on Transportation this session and currently serves on the House Economic Development and Natural Resources Committees.

Outside of her committee assignments she serves on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, is a member of the Oregon Coastal Caucus, and is a co-convener of the Sudden Oak Death Taskforce. She has previously served on the Legislative Committee on Indian Services.

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Arnie Roblan (D)
Oregon State Senator – District 5
Oregon Coastal Caucus Member

Senator Arnie Roblan represents the scenic and rugged central Oregon coast comprising the 5th Senate District, which includes Coos Bay to Oceanside and parts of Polk and Yamhill counties. During the 2019 legislative session, Roblan served as Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Student Success. He also served on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government, the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Rules.

A long-time public servant, Senator Roblan brings with him 34 years as an educator – having worked as a math teacher and ultimately elevating to the role of principal at Marshfield High School – as well as four terms as a state representative, including two terms as Co-Speaker, and one term as a state senator.



David Gomberg (D)
Oregon State Representative – House District 10
Oregon Coastal Caucus Member

Serving his fourth term in the Oregon Legislature, David Gomberg represents House District 10 on the central coast, spanning from Tillamook to Yachats and inland to Sheridan. Representative Gomberg currently serves as the Co-Vice-Chair of the budget writing Ways and Means Committee, is Co-Chair for the Ways & Means Transportation & Economic Development Subcommittee and is a member of the Emergency Board. Gomberg has also been appointed to the Ocean Science Trust, the Governor’s Small Business Cabinet, Oregon Innovation Council, and the Governor’s Commission on Senior Services.

David is a graduate of Oregon State University where he earned a Bachelor’s in Political Science, served as student body president, and earned a Master’s in Political Science, Economics and History. He then earned his MBA at Willamette University. Gomberg is co-owner of Gomberg Kite Productions, an internationally recognized designer and manufacturer, and a business ideally suited to the Lincoln County economy as well as its natural surroundings.



Brad Witt (D)
Oregon State Representative – House District 31
Oregon Coastal Caucus Member

Representative Witt is currently serving his fourth term in the Oregon State Legislature, representing all of Columbia County and northern parts of Washington and Multnomah Counties. In the 2019 Session, Representative Witt served as Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and was a member on both the House Committee on Economic Development and the Joint Committee on Transportation.

Brad is committed to protecting Oregon as a beautiful place to live. Prior to entering the State Legislature, he served on the State Boards of Forestry, Watershed Enhancement Board and the Forest Resources Institute. His deep respect for nature also led to co-chairing the bi-state Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership. Brad believes in, and works for, sustainable use of our resources.

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Dallas Heard (R)
Oregon State Senator – District 1
Oregon Coastal Caucus Member

Senator Heard has the pleasure of representing Oregon Senate District 1. This southwestern district of the state includes our coastal communities from the California border up through just south of Coos Bay, extending east to the cities of Roseburg, Riddle, Glendale, Winston, Myrtle Creek and Canyonville.

Born and raised in Roseburg, Senator Heard has had the honor of serving his community in the Oregon State Legislature since 2014. A small business owner in Douglas County since 2004, Senator Heard has worked hard to protect small business interests in our state. Before joining the Senate, he served on the House Business and Labor Committee, House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee and House Energy and Environment Committee. He currently serves on the Senate Education Committee, Senate Human Services Committee (Vice-Chair), Senate Housing Committee (Vice-Chair), Joint Committee of Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Human Services and the Full Joint Committee on Ways and Means.



Tiffany Mitchell (D)
Oregon State Representative – House District 32
Oregon Coastal Caucus Member

The newest member of the Oregon Coastal Caucus, Representative Tiffany Mitchell was elected to the Oregon State Legislature in 2018. She previously worked for nearly 10 years in various government service roles with the aim of helping others, beginning in the unemployment insurance unit for Utah's Department of Workforce Services in 2009. After moving to Oregon, Representative Mitchell worked for the Clatsop Circuit Court in Astoria, and later, the Oregon Department of Human Services' Child Welfare department, as well as the Self-Sufficiency department.

Each of these experiences instilled within Representative Mitchell a true love of helping people, which inspired her to run for office. Working to affect policies with the potential to directly impact working individuals and families in a positive way will always be her priority. Representative Mitchell is currently a member of the House Committee on Health Care and the House Committee on Human Services.

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2019 Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast

Three Rivers Casino
Resort

7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

Welcome

Introduction:

Doc Slyter, Chairman

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

Senator Arnie Roblan
(D-Coos Bay)
Senate LCIS Member

Invocation

Warren Brainard, Chief

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

8:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Coastal Caucus Welcome and Opening Remarks: Federal and State Collaboration on Shared Coastal Priorities

Panel A

Introduction:

Congressman Kurt Schrader currently serves as a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which oversees a wide portfolio of issues ranging from health care to the environment. He also serves on the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, the Subcommittee on Energy, and the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Bettina Hannigan,

Executive Director, Florence
Area Chamber of Commerce

Coastal Caucus (CC) Panel Members

Moderator:

The Honorable Kurt Schrader,
U.S. Representative
(D-OR 5th District)

- **Representative David Brock Smith** (R-Port Orford), CC Chair
- **Representative David Gomberg** (D-Central Coast)
- **Senator Dallas Heard** (R-Roseburg)
- **Senator Betsy Johnson** (D-Scappoose), CC Vice Chair
- **Representative Caddy McKeown** (D-Coos Bay)
- **Representative Tiffany Mitchell** (D-Astoria)
- **Senator Arnie Roblan** (D-Coos Bay)

How does our bipartisan, bicameral Legislative Coastal Caucus (CC) work together to meet the diverse interests of our rural and coastal Oregonians? An inside view of the CC members' discussion on a wide variety of issues impacting our region.

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Challenges and Opportunities in Water Infrastructure: The Foundation for Economic Development, Ecosystem Health, and Communities

Panel B

Introduction:

Oregon, and the Oregon Coast in particular, is often considered to have clean and relatively abundant water. However, population dynamics, climate change, and a lack of ongoing investments stress water quality, creating significant water scarcity in the summer and fall seasons and increasing the potential for water infrastructure failures and public health impacts. Oregon's local economies and communities are increasingly vulnerable to drought, floods, and fires. These realities place Oregonian's quality of life, natural resources, and economic future at risk.

Adam Denlinger,

General Manager,
Seal Rock Water District

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2019 Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit

Moderator:

Senator Betsy Johnson,
CC Vice Chair (D-Scappoose)

Panel Members

- **Senator Cliff Bentz** (R-Ontario)
- **Troy Bowers**, Executive Vice President, Murraysmith
- **Tom Byler**, Director, Oregon Water Resource Department
- **John Huffman**, State Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
- **Meta Loftsgaarden**, Executive Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- **Representative Jeff Reardon** (D-Portland)

This panel will outline why Oregon must tackle the challenges of our aging water infrastructure to ensure clean and abundant water for our people, our economy, and our environment into the future. Panelists will identify strategies other states have pursued to successfully increase water infrastructure investments.

Legislative Action Plan: set the stage for an Oregon-wide conversation about the state's approach to investing in a 21st century model for built and natural water infrastructure. By 2020, a formal group of water leaders will work with the legislature and the Governor to provide recommendations that will lead to development of a cohesive funding approach for sustained investment in water infrastructure.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Panel C

Introduction:

Tenneal Wetherell,
Superintendent, South Coast
Education Service District

Education Governance: Creating A Seamless Education Infrastructure that Meets the Diverse Learning Needs of Oregonians from Birth Through College and Career

On the heels of securing historic funding for reinvestment in Oregon's K-12 educational system, education leaders will discuss how to build collaborative infrastructure among the education community in the K-12 school system, higher education institutions, and businesses to increase the career readiness levels of high school students.

Moderator:

Senator Arnie Roblan
(D-Coos Bay)

Panel Members

- **Representative Teresa Alonso Leon** (D-Woodburn)
- **Ben Cannon**, Executive Director, Higher Education Coordinating Commission
- **Miriam Calderon**, Director, Early Learning System
- **Representative Christine Drazan** (R-Canby)
- **Colt Gill**, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Director Oregon Department of Education
- **Dr. Linda Schott**, President, Southern Oregon University
- **Senator Rob Wagner** (D-Tualatin)
- **Serena Stoudamire Wesley**, Director, Youth Development Council

Legislative Action Plan: provide a framework for decision makers to coordinate efforts that foster sustained partnerships between Oregon's education institutions that will move the dial on student success. Governance Board members will include members of Early Learning Council, K12 Board of Education, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Workforce Investment and Training Development Commission, and the Youth Development Commission at a minimum. Other members to be determined.

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2019 Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit

12:30 – 12:45 p.m.

Jesse Dolin, Destination Coordinator/Central Coast, Oregon Coast Visitors Association

15 Minute Break – Lunch Provided – Keynote to Follow

The Oregon Coast Presents: Yachats, Waldport, and Seal Rock

12:45 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Keynote Session
Introduction:

Joe Henry, Mayor, City of Florence

Moderator:

Representative Caddy McKeown (D-Coos Bay)

Federal and State Funding for a Multimodal Transportation System and Infrastructure

U.S. Congressman, Peter DeFazio (D -OR 4th District) Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Congressman DeFazio has been a leader on coastal and maritime issues and secured much needed funds for small coastal ports on the West Coast. He is well-regarded as an advocate for freight and passenger rail systems and working with his colleagues, U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, has also secured funding for improvements to Oregon airports, critical funding for the Coast Guard Program, and an Early Earthquake Warning System.

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Panel D

Introduction:

The Honorable Sheryl Bachart, Judge, Lincoln County Circuit Court

Moderator:

Representative Marty Wilde (D-Eugene)

Enhancing Judicial Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities for Building Accessible and Effective Justice

Our judicial system is integral to strong communities -- whether it is protecting individual rights at the federal or state level, helping victims of domestic violence seek protection, enforcing the rules by assisting local law enforcement in prosecuting elder abuse and complex crimes, or ensuring that government acts within its legal authority.

Panel Members

- **Ellen F. Rosenblum**, Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice
- **Michael Schill**, President, University of Oregon
- **The Honorable Martha Walters**, Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

Legislative Action Plan: The judicial system at all levels of government is in an unenviable position of making tough decisions about where to invest limited resources among competing interests of human welfare. This panel of legal experts will discuss the economic challenges and strategies for strengthening our judicial systems.

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Panel E

Introduction:

Kaety Jacobson, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Systemic Housing Challenges or Underproduction? Connecting Infrastructure to Affordable Housing

The current housing crisis affects all Oregonians, including rural and coastal communities, where developing affordable housing has grown more complex. The lack of available housing, high rents, and increasing home prices have left too many Oregonians without a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. On the coast, the demand for transient housing for tourists coupled with slow economic growth has made developing affordable housing even more complex. This past session, the legislature passed sweeping legislation to address the crisis, but will it be effective enough for Oregonians struggling now?

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Moderator:

Representative David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford),
CC Chair

Measures up for discussion:

- SB 262 (Tax exemption for multiple-unit housing)
- SB 608 (Rent stabilization)
- HB 2001 (Middle housing in lands zoned for single-family dwellings)
- HB 2003 (Regional housing needs study)
- HB 2916 (Transitional housing)
- HB 4079 (Affordable housing pilot program)

Panel Members

- **Margaret Salazar**, Director, Oregon Housing and Community Services
- **Cameron Smith**, Director, Department of Consumer and Business Services
- **Jim Straub**, Legislative Director, Oregon Rental Housing Association
- **Jim Rue**, Director, Department of Land Conservation and Development
- **John VanLandingham**, Housing Policy Board for Lane County and City of Eugene
- **Marisa A. Zapata**, Professor of Land-Use Planning, Portland State University

The panel will explore the intersection between Oregon's land use policies, practices, and Goal 10 comprehensive planning. Panelists will also discuss SB 608 (2019) which sets limits on annual rent increases and modifies eviction procedures for tenants, HB 2001 (2019) which mandates that cities with a population of 10,000 or more allow for middle housing development, HB 2003 (2019) which directs the state economist to study regional housing needs, and HB 4079 (2016) which established a pilot program to help cities build affordable housing units on lands outside their urban growth boundaries (UGBs) without going through the normal UGB expansion process.

Legislative Action Plan: this session will conclude with panelists identifying collaborative solutions to Oregon's housing challenges.

4:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Panel F

Introduction:

Patti Ferry,
Executive Director, Newport
Chamber of Commerce

Moderators:

Representative David Gombert (D-Central Coast),
CC Member

Jim Bernau, Founder,
Willamette Valley Vineyards

Makers from the "Territory of Oregon":

The Economic Impact of the Wine Industry on Oregon's Economy

Panel Members

- **Terry Brandborg**, Owner, Brandborg Vineyard and Winery
- **Representative Paul Holvey** (D-Eugene)
- **Justin King**, King Estate Winery
- **Steve Marks**, Executive Director, Oregon Liquor Control Commission
- **Mike McNally**, President, Willamette Valley Wineries Association and Owner, Fairsing Vineyard
- **Representative Ron Noble** (R-McMinnville)

The 2019 Legislative Session saw major discussions around wine labeling, packaging, geographic designations, and appellations of origin. Panel members will discuss four dominant themes: **Community Relations** - How does your winery demonstrate it is a good neighbor (ex: charitable events, philanthropy, etc.) to the surrounding community in which you are located (Oregon Coast Beer Wine Seafood Festival); **Wine Tourism** - Discuss how your winery attracts tourists from outside the local community; **Economic Development** - What are the current and future challenges confronting the wine industry in Oregon and potential solutions; and **Job Creation** - How are you an agent of economic development for your community and the State of Oregon?

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Evening Reception

Florence Event Center

Taste of Oregon

Spend an evening with Summit attendees at the Florence Event Center for a taste of the best seafood and local flavors from the Oregon Coast, along with tastings from renowned wineries, breweries, and distilleries.

OCCES Taste of Oregon

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2019 Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.

Florence Event Center (FEC)

Introduction/
Moderator:

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City of Florence Welcome and Breakfast

United States Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
(D – Oregon 1st District) – Video Welcome

United States Senator Jeff Merkley
(D – Oregon) – Video Welcome

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Panel A (FEC)

Introduction:

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Moderator:

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Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS): Perspectives on How to Work Effectively with Oregon's Tribal Governments

Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes and their sovereign governments constitute an important and unique role in our rural and coastal economies. Tribes have been actively engaged in economic development, safe affordable housing, and water infrastructure efforts to improve their natural and cultural resources. Tribes also advocate for the importance of family and a sense of cultural belonging to encourage student success. Oregon's Tribal Governments will discuss traditional approaches to climate initiatives and recent legislation for partnership-based support.

Panel Members

- **Chris Mercier,** Vice Chair, Tribal Council Member at The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- **Brenda Meade,** Chairperson, Coquille Indian Tribe
- **Delores Pigsley,** Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- **Doc Slyter,** Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
- **Senator Arnie Roblan** (D-Coos Bay), Senate LCIS Member

Legislative Action Plan: panel will discuss steps necessary to facilitate tribal consultation on infrastructure projects addressing natural resources, education, transportation, and the environment for the benefit of posterity.

8:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Panel B (FEC)

Introduction:

Ashley Espinoza,
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Moderator:

Senator Betsy Johnson
(D-Scappoose), CC Vice Chair

Effective Workforce Development Strategies: Collaboration Between the State and Oregon's Higher Education Institutions

Oregon's universities and community colleges assist thousands of students in the early stages of achieving a brighter future for themselves and their communities. These institutions are critical in providing higher education opportunities to students in rural areas who may lack the means to attend the state's larger schools. It is imperative that Technical and Regional Universities and Community Colleges receive proper funding to provide low-cost tuition for our future teachers, business owners, and other professions working to continue bettering our wonderful state.

Panel Members

- **Dr. Rex Fuller,** President, Western Oregon University
- **Dr. Margaret Hamilton,** President, Lane Community College
- **Val Hoyle,** Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and Industries
- **Tom Insko,** President, Eastern Oregon University
- **Dr. Nagi Naganathan,** President, Oregon Institute of Technology

Legislative Action Plan: the panelists will discuss their vision for collaborative workforce development strategies, including how to provide affordable access to higher education opportunities and close the educational attainment gap among Oregonians.

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10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Panel C (FEC)

Introduction:

Carrie Lewis, President, Chief Executive Officer, Oregon Coast Aquarium

Moderator:

Representative Karin Power
(D-Milwaukie)

Great Feats of Engineering: Managing and Mitigating the Risks in Water Infrastructure – Case Studies

Water is vital to our health, quality of life, and economic security on the coast and across the state. There is a perception that all of Oregon's water is clean, available, and abundant, and yet some communities are already struggling to meet their water needs during dry years. In addition, increasing flood frequency leaves communities vulnerable with outdated levees and tide gates. We are entering an era when the availability of water, protecting communities from flooding, and planning for drought are the new normal.

Panel Members

- **John T. Andrew, MPP, P.E.**, Assistant Deputy Director, California Department of Water Resources
- **J.R. Cook**, Director, Northeast Oregon Water Association
- **Jim Desmond**, State Director, The Nature Conservancy in Oregon
- **Tim Gross**, Public Works Director and City Engineer, City of Newport; Convener, Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership
- **Craig Horrell**, Manager, Central Oregon Irrigation District; Vice-Chair, Deschutes Basin Board of Control; Board Member, Oregon Water Resources Congress
- **Mark Kujala**, Clatsop County Board of Commissioners

Legislative Action Plan: the panel will discuss case studies to illustrate the challenges and opportunities for Oregonians regarding water and identify strategies other states have pursued to successfully increase water infrastructure investments.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Panel D (FEC)

Introduction:

David Yamamoto, Vice-Chair, Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

Moderator:

Chris Harder, Executive Director, Business Oregon

Statewide Approaches to Innovation: Why Investing in Shared Prosperity Matters for All Oregonians

Panel Members

- **Representative Tina Kotek** (D-N/NE Portland), Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives
- **Mark McMullen**, Oregon State Economist
- **Tobias Read** (D), Oregon State Treasurer

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2019 Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Keynote Session

Introduction:

Timm Slater, Executive Director, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Moderator:

Senator Betsy Johnson
(D-Scappoose), CC Vice Chair

State and Federal Collaboration: Building Consensus Among Environmentalists and Natural Resource Businesses for Rural Oregon

United States Senator Ron Wyden (D – Oregon)

Senator Ron Wyden has made a career of seeking consensus among environmentalists and natural resource businesses. He has been a strong supporter of collaborative land management in rural Oregon and continues to advocate for win-win legislation to better protect and utilize Oregon's natural resources.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Panel E (FEC)

Introduction:

Randy Grove, General Manager, Central Lincoln Public Utility District

Moderator:

Representative David Gombert (D-Central Coast)

Coastal Infrastructure Investments: Seismic Emergency Preparedness for Water Infrastructure Systems

The Oregon coast faces a variety of economic and physical challenges in crafting adaptation strategies for seismic emergencies. Infrastructure projects in our region must consider how to protect coastal properties from hazard damage.

At the state level, Business Oregon provides vital support for coastal start-ups and critical facilities while the Department of Consumer and Business Services ensures that our structures are built to the highest standard. Ongoing federal efforts to unlock Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund dollars could lead to transformative investment in our ports.

Panel Members

- **Dr. Scott Ashford**, Dean, College of Engineering, Oregon State University
- **Kevin J. Brice**, P.E., PMP, Deputy District Engineer, Portland District, US Army Corps of Engineers
- **Chris Cummings**, Executive Director, Infrastructure Finance Authority, Business Oregon
- **Brendan Finn**, Transportation Policy Advisor, Jobs and Economy Advisor, and Interim Regional Solutions Director, Office of Oregon Governor Kate Brown
- **Andrew Phelps**, Director, Oregon Office of Emergency Management

Legislative Action Plan: the panelists will discuss coordinated efforts across all levels of government to ensure the long-term success of coastal communities as they prepare for resilient responses to seismic emergencies.

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2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Panel F (FEC)

Introduction:

Melissa Cribbins, Chair,
Coos County

Moderator:

**Representative Caddy
McKeown** (D-Coos Bay)

Hindsight is 20\20: Changing the Climate of the Carbon Reduction Conversation (Industry Perspectives)

The Oregon Legislature recently considered carbon pricing policy to combat the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. HB 2020 would have established a Climate Policy Office and created the Climate Action Program, a market-based cap and trade policy, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions levels in Oregon. While the bill was supported by a wide coalition that included Nike, Uber, and many others, opponents from farming, manufacturing, dairy farming, the transportation sector, and small-business owners worried about unintended costs, especially on our smaller and lower income communities.

Panel Members

- **Chad Allen**, Tillamook Dairy Producer, ODFA Board Chair
- **Laura Anderson**, Owner, Local Ocean Seafood
- **Emma Cox**, North American Sustainability, McDonalds Corporation
- **Nancy Hamilton**, Director, Oregon Business for Climate
- **Bill Kerr**, President, United Steelworkers Local 1097, GP Wauna Mill, Pulp & Paperworks Resource Council Member
- **Sandra McDonough**, President and CEO, Oregon Business and Industry
- **Macey Wessels**, President, Boshart Trucking
- **Mark Wiegardt**, Owner, Whiskey Creek Oyster Hatchery

Legislative Action Plan: This panel discussion will take place in a spirit of collaboration and with an eye toward moving a diverse group of voices and perspectives forward together. Panelists will discuss the potential to promote development of the next generation of clean and energy efficient technologies and how investments of revenue could be structured to create more resilient infrastructure for all Oregonians.

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Panel G (FEC)

Introduction:

Rich Vial, Deputy Secretary of
State, State of Oregon

Moderator:

Maureen McGee,
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Hindsight is 20\20: Changing the Climate of the Carbon Reduction Conversation (Policymaker Perspectives)

Panel Members

- **Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr.** (R-Grants Pass)
- **Representative Shelly Boshart Davis** (R-Albany)
- **Senator Michael Dembrow** (D-Portland)
- **Representative Ken Helm** (D-Washington County)
- **Representative Karin Power** (D-Milwaukie)
- **Senator Arnie Roblan** (D-Coos Bay)
- **Kristen Sheeran**, PhD, Energy and Climate Change Policy Advisor,
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- **Representative David Brock Smith** (R-Port Orford), CC Chair

Legislative Action Plan: The panel will discuss the costs of action and inaction associated with Oregon's proposed cap on carbon emissions. Panelists will also discuss possible policies to mitigate the cost impacts of implementing cap-and-trade or other carbon reduction policies, as well as the potential economic benefits for coastal and rural communities.

Broadband Sessions Agenda, Thursday, August 22

Thursday August 22 - Concurrent Session: Broadband Infrastructure

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Meeting Room
Florence Event
Center (FEC)

Introduction/
Moderator:

Representative Pam Marsh,
(D-Southern Jackson County)

Broadband Infrastructure on the Coast - Do Rural Communities have access to the service they need?

Access to communication and specifically to broadband is increasingly important for coastal communities. Not only do businesses need broadband access to be successful, so do schools, healthcare entities, and many others in our communities. Two panels will discuss the state of broadband access in Oregon and what we can do as a state to increase access for communities.

Panel members

- **Keri Askew Bailey**, Regional VP, State Government Affairs, Charter Communications
- **Joe Franell**, Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Oregon Telecom; Chair, Oregon Broadband Advisory Council
- **John Huffman**, State Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
- **Chris Tamarin**, Telecommunications Strategist, Business Oregon
- **Jim McCauley**, Legislative Director, League of Oregon Cities
- **Scott McMullen**, Chairman, Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee

Discussion: Panelists will focus on the current state of broadband on the coast, opportunities to expand broadband deployment and current challenges with federal funding and with deploying broadband in rural areas.

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Room
Florence Event
Center (FEC)

Introduction/
Moderator:

Keri Askew Bailey, Regional
VP, State Government Affairs,
Charter Communications

The Rural Telecom Investment Act and Other Solutions

Panel members

- **Gordon Cook**, Director, Network Performance, Verizon Wireless
- **Steve Corbato**, Executive Director, Link Oregon
- **Representative Pam Marsh** (D-Southern Jackson County)
- **Sam Pastrick**, Outreach Manager, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board
- **Senator Arnie Roblan** (D-Coos Bay)

Discussion: Panelist will focus on the Rural Telecom Investment Act, its potential to increase access to broadband for rural communities, and other solutions Oregon can consider to ensure these areas can access this important service.

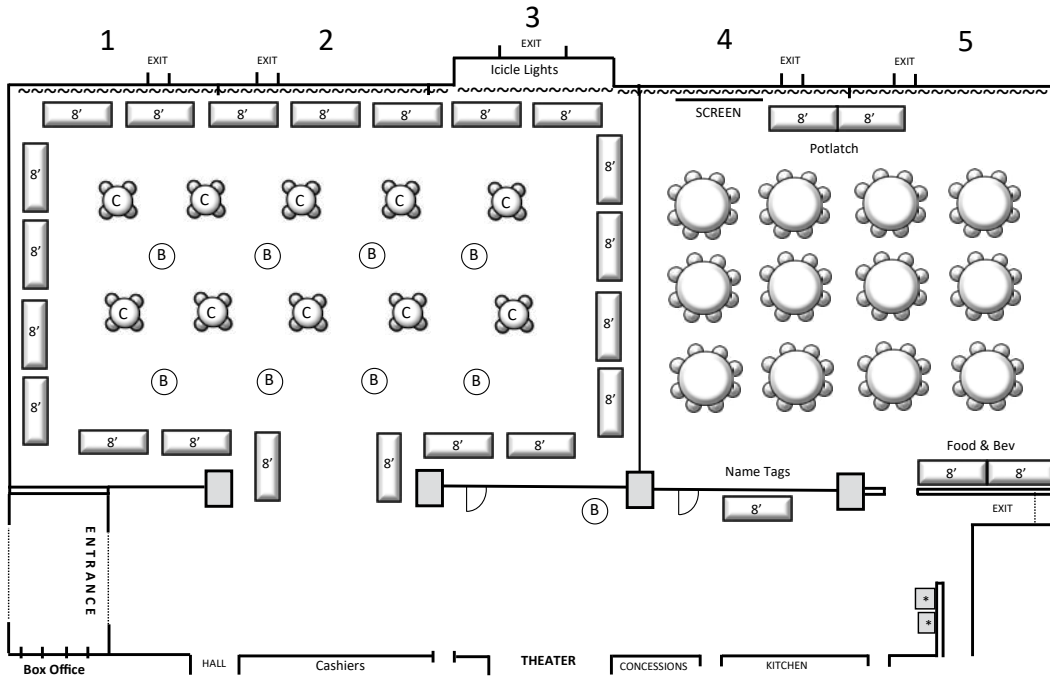
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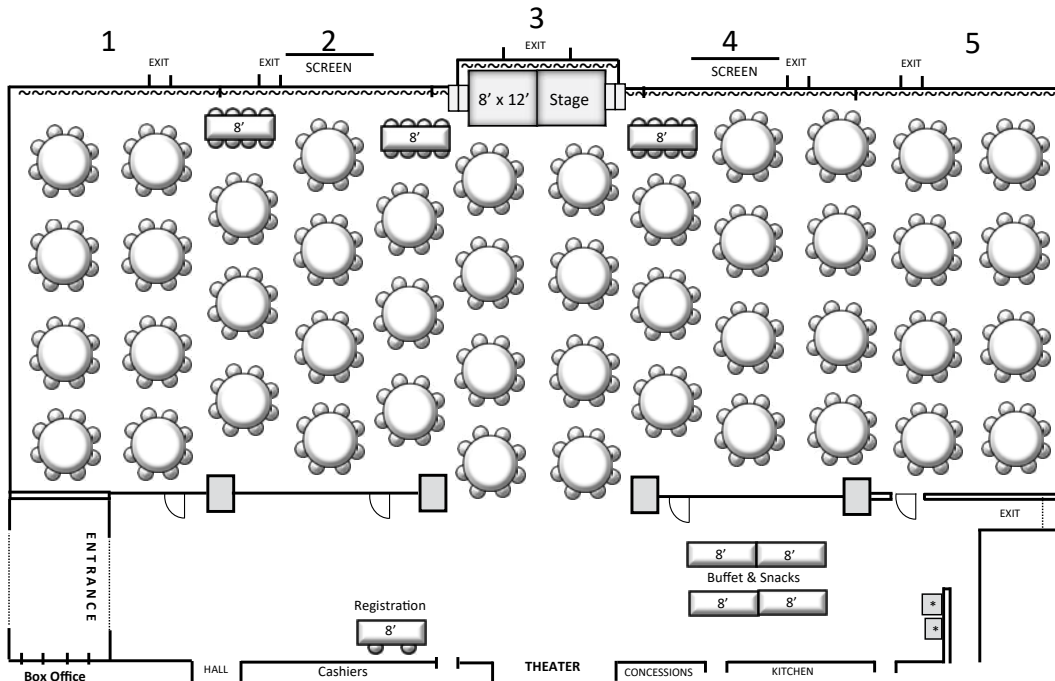
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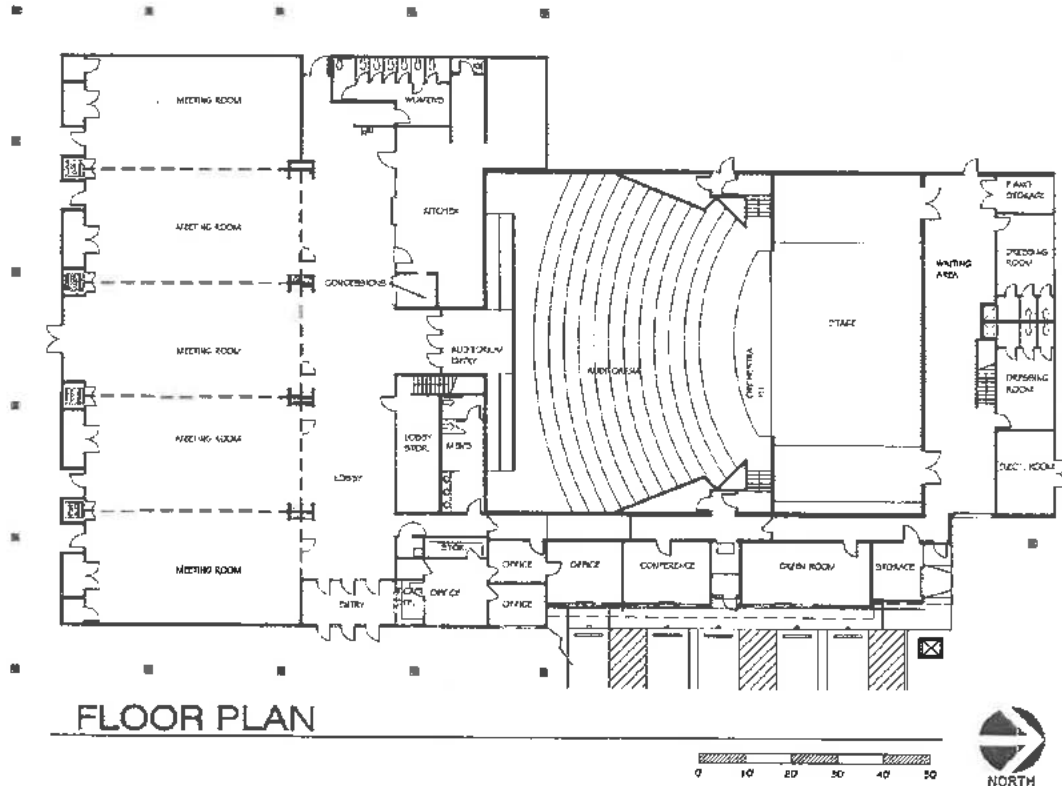
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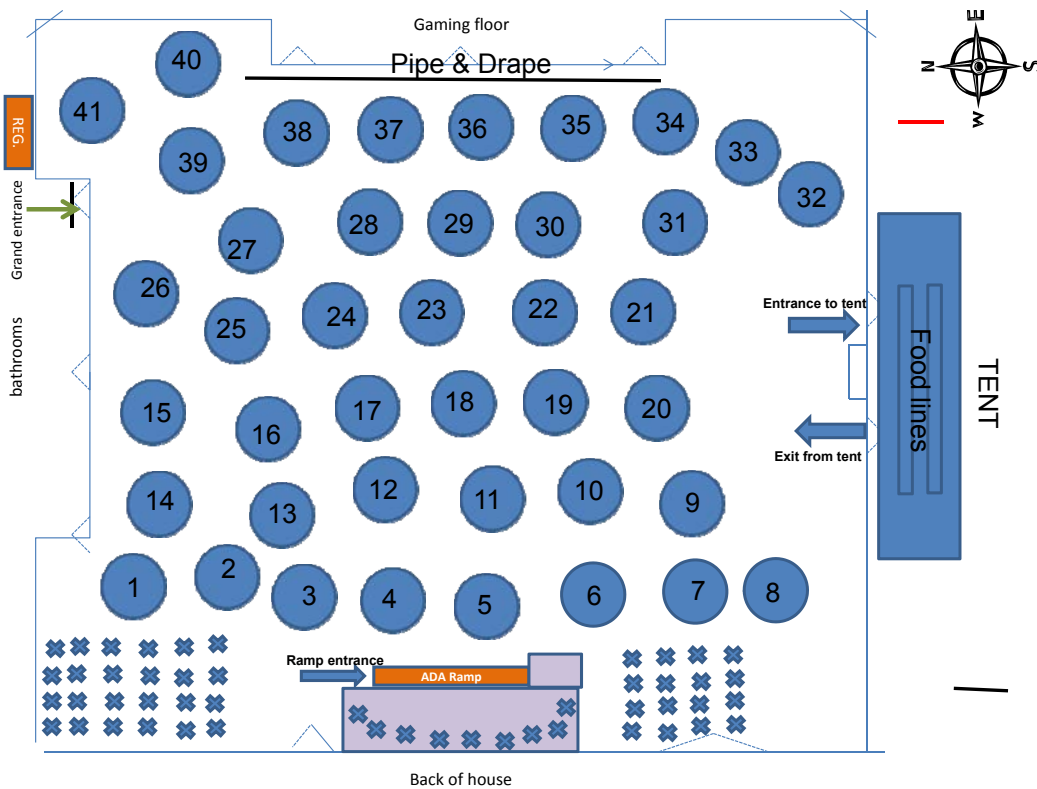
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Panel A

Coastal Caucus Welcome and Opening Remarks: How this Bicameral and Bipartisan Group Advocates for Shared Coastal Priorities

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Challenges and Opportunities in Water Infrastructure: The Foundation for Economic Development, Ecosystem Health, and Communities

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Education Governance: Creating A Seamless Education Infrastructure that Meets the Diverse Learning Needs of Oregonians from Birth Through College and Career

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Lunch Keynote Session

Federal and State Funding for a Multimodal Transportation System and Infrastructure

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Panel D

Enhancing Judicial Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities for Building Accessible and Effective Justice

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Panel E

Systemic Housing Challenges or Underproduction? Connecting Infrastructure to Affordable Housing

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Panel F

**Makers from the "Territory of Oregon":
The Economic Impact of the Wine Industry
on Oregon's Economy**

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Strategies: Collaboration between State
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Great Feats of Engineering: Managing
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Statewide Approaches to Innovation: Why Investing in Shared Prosperity Matters for All Oregonians

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Broadband Infrastructure on the Coast - Do Rural Communities have access to the service they need?

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The Rural Telecom Investment Act and
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Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education

An Oregon Innovation

Nearly 15 years ago, Oregon's health educators, clinicians, and health policy makers created a shared vision to address the state's nursing workforce shortages and inadequate rural access to baccalaureate education. These leaders launched the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE), an innovative approach to nursing education that ensures a high standard of patient care and better skilled nurses for Oregon's aging and increasingly diverse population. OCNE transformed nursing education in Oregon. The consortium improved access to baccalaureate education, particularly in rural areas, and increased faculty opportunities for collaboration across campuses.

Since its creation, OCNE has become a nationally recognized model for its excellence in coupling clinical skills with a competency-based curriculum. OCNE has dramatically expanded Oregon's nursing program capacity and enrollment. Originally consisting of only OHSU's nursing campuses (Ashland, Portland, La Grande, Monmouth and Klamath Falls) and several community college nursing programs, OCNE has responded to the growing state health care education needs by adding an OHSU online degree and programs in 11 out of the 17 Oregon Community Colleges. OCNE is committed to partnering with other community colleges throughout Oregon to expand access to nursing education.

Number of graduates

Since the first Oregon students graduated from the OCNE program in 2008, this partnership has made it possible for Oregon's public health care university to award 2,345 students Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. 96 percent of these graduates pass their credentialing exam (NCLEX-RN) on their first attempt. As of the Fall of 2016, 764 students are currently enrolled in OHSU's School of Nursing BSN programs.

How it works

As part of the consortium, each partner school retains full responsibility and accountability for its baccalaureate nursing program. OCNE coordinates with each member college to develop a curriculum and its academic and service policies, which requires the same campus review and approval process as any other academic program at that school.

Through inter-institutional agreements, each partner school implements the shared curriculum and policies, and works within OCNE for evaluation and any needed modifications. Students have many options of how to complete their four year program, one of which is that they can to start and finish a four-year Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing at their local community college, taking their final courses online.

National model

Nationally, OCNE has inspired nursing faculty around the country to engage in nursing education innovation that aligns with emerging health care needs and health care system changes. More than 30 states and five nations have modeled programs based on OCNE's partnerships and curriculum. For example, OCNE programs have been adopted in Massachusetts, Texas, New York, and rural North Carolina. State and regional consortia have been developed in California and Hawaii. New Mexico, Wyoming, Minnesota and Maine all continue to consult the OCNE model for their state's nursing programs.

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Member Institutions

- Blue Mountain Community College
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- Lane Community College
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- OHSU Ashland
- OHSU Klamath Falls
- OHSU La Grande
- OHSU Monmouth
- OHSU Portland
- OHSU RNBS Online
- Portland Community College
- Rogue Community College
- Southwestern Oregon Community College
- Treasure Valley Community College
- Umpqua Community College

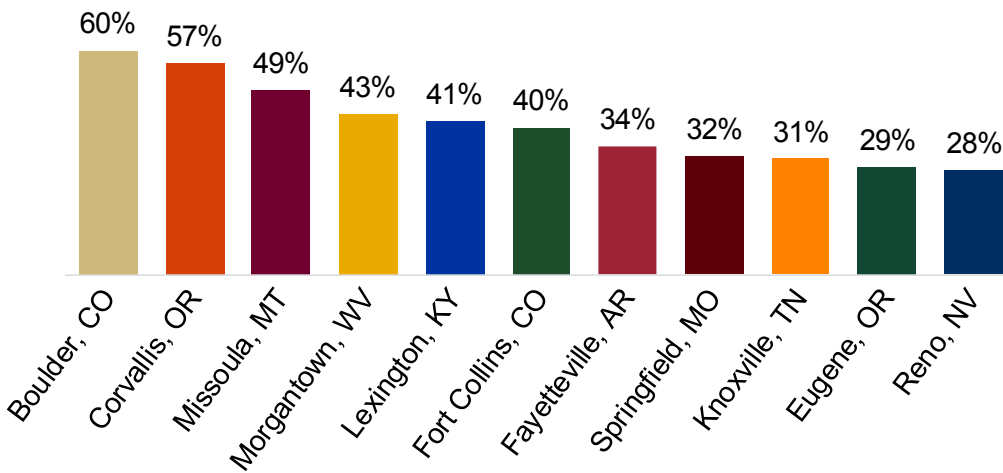
LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

June 2019

Graph of the Month: Happy graduation day! Where to next? I looked at midsize metro areas with public universities to see how many young college grads stick around. Compared with other “college town” metros, Eugene isn’t high on the list, although differences in local industry mix and population dynamics are at play too.

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Share of 25-34 year olds with a Bachelor's or higher



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013-2017 Estimates

Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

May 2018 to May 2019

Health Care and Social Assistance:
 +1,000 (+3.8%)

Leisure and Hospitality: +500
 (+2.8%)

Retail Trade: +700 (+3.4)

Information: -200 (-11.5%)

All Industries: +3,200 (+2.0%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates](#)

News and Articles

Quality Info: [Good Signs for Startups, but a Long Way to Go](#) by Henry Fields

Quality Info: [Oregon Industry Employment Responses to the Business Cycle](#) by Brian Rooney

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis: [Eugene-Springfield Economic and Housing Outlook](#)

Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [4.4%](#)
 (seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous year: [+0.0 %pts](#)

Number of jobs advertised online in May: [5,780](#)

Change in online job ads from last year: [-7.0%](#)

Estimate of minimum wage jobs (\$10.75 per hour before July 1, 2019): [11,977 \(6.8% of total\)](#)

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **Expansion:** Kaiser Permanente will expand in Eugene.
- **New Firm:** Portland's Little Axe Records opened a store in Springfield.
- **Closure:** Shelton Turnbull, a Eugene print shop, closed.

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FORESTRY & WOOD PRODUCTS IN OREGON

Oregon's wood products industry is a traded sector, with close to 75 percent of all products made here sold outside the state. This state dominates U.S. production of softwood lumber and plywood. Now, it is also a leader in engineered wood and home to the first mill in the United States to manufacture structurally certified cross-laminated timber (CLT). Oregon forest landowners practice sustainable forestry and comply with the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Lumber	5.5 billion board feet 16% of total U.S. production (No. 1 in U.S.)
Plywood	2.5 billion square feet 28% of total U.S. production (No. 1 in U.S.)

40 MILLION TREES PLANTED IN 2017

FORESTLAND OWNERSHIP (acres)

Federal	17.8 million
Large private	6.6 million
Small private	3.6 million
State and other public	1.1 million
Tribal	484,000
TOTAL	29.7 million

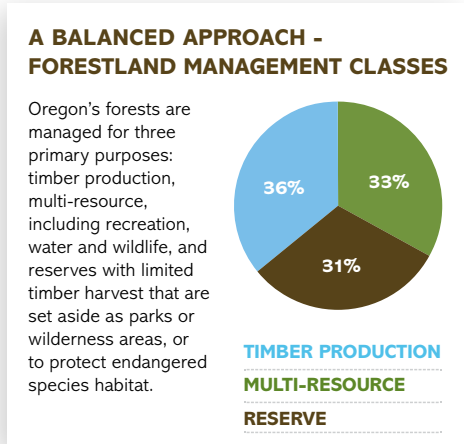
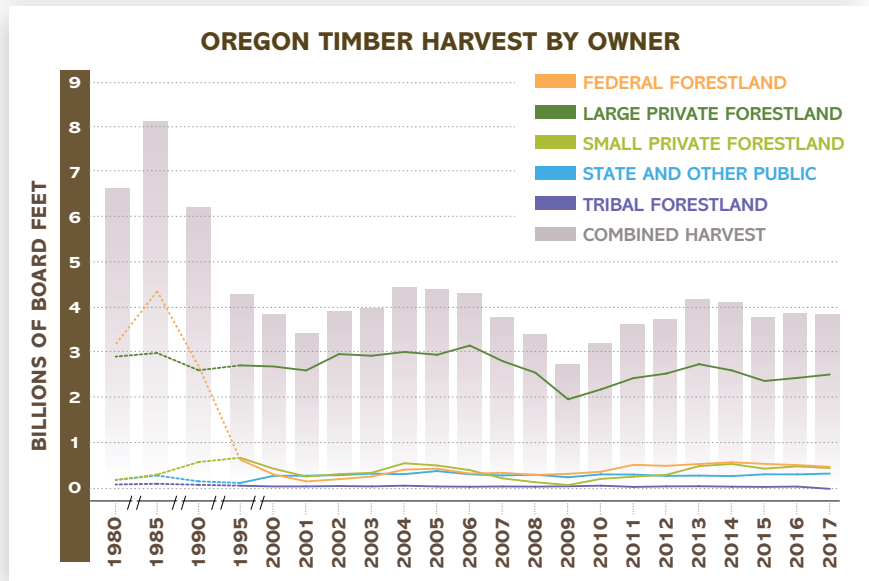
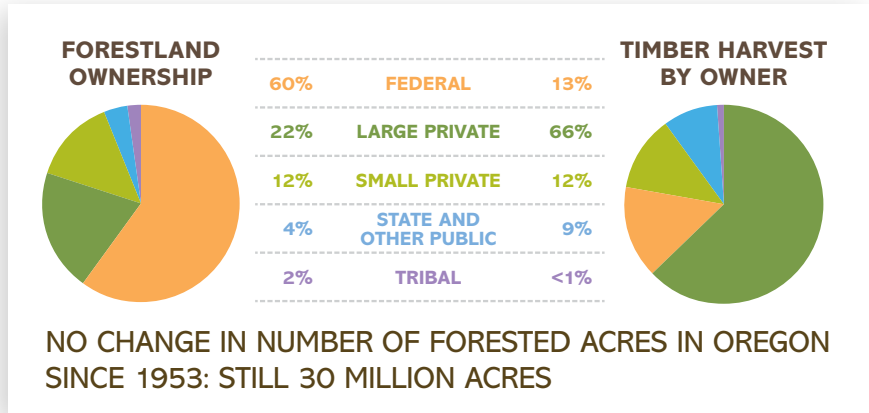
Nearly half of Oregon's 63 million acres are forestland.

FOREST SECTOR JOBS (2017)

Forest management	6,952
Forestry support	13,239
Primary forest products	19,888
Secondary forest products	12,197
Distribution, transportation	8,775
TOTAL	61,051
Annual payroll	\$3.3 billion

PRIMARY WOOD PROCESSING

Sawmills	90
Plywood/veneer plants	26
Pulp and board plants	19
Engineered wood plants	18
Other	35
TOTAL FACILITIES	188



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HOMELESSNESS RESEARCH & ACTION COLLABORATIVE

The Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative (HRAC) at Portland State University addresses the challenges of homelessness in Portland and beyond through solutions-oriented research and evidence-based science focused on the conditions that lead to and perpetuate homelessness.

The Collaborative's goal is to help reduce homelessness and its negative impacts on individuals, families and communities. The HRAC brings together the expertise and skills of each of the university's colleges and schools. Its members collaborate with people experiencing homelessness, advocates, service providers, city and county policymakers and other stakeholders.

GOALS

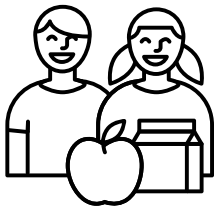
- Establish a university research center driven by community voices and community-based research.
- Conduct the critical real-world research to advance practice, policy and innovations related to homelessness.
- Identify solutions that address the effects of racism in perpetuating homelessness.
- Understand how to support people experiencing homelessness while crafting long-term solutions.
- Provide decision makers and leaders with programmatic and policy recommendations.
- Educate community members about causes of and potential solutions to homelessness.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

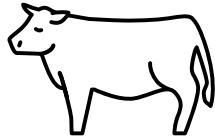
- Determine strategies to reduce homelessness at PSU.
- Identify knowledge gaps about homelessness and develop solutions to change conversations.
- Develop innovative approaches to support people experiencing homelessness.
- Document the health impacts and associated costs of homelessness.
- Evaluate how state and local policies can reduce and prevent homelessness.



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