

27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
ANIMAL LAW CONFERENCE

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## Electing Representatives who Represent Animals

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# Politics at a law conference?

- Politics create the laws
- Politics changes the laws
- Politics can give you a case or take away a case
  - Private action for nuisance – HB 2888 (2015)
  - Validation of wolf delisting – HB 4040 (2016)





- Founded 2014 (Humane Oregon)
- Support Candidates
- 501(c)(4) with Political Action Committee
- Advocacy





# Our First Year



## 2014 ENDORSEMENTS (AND RESULTS)

### Oregon Governor

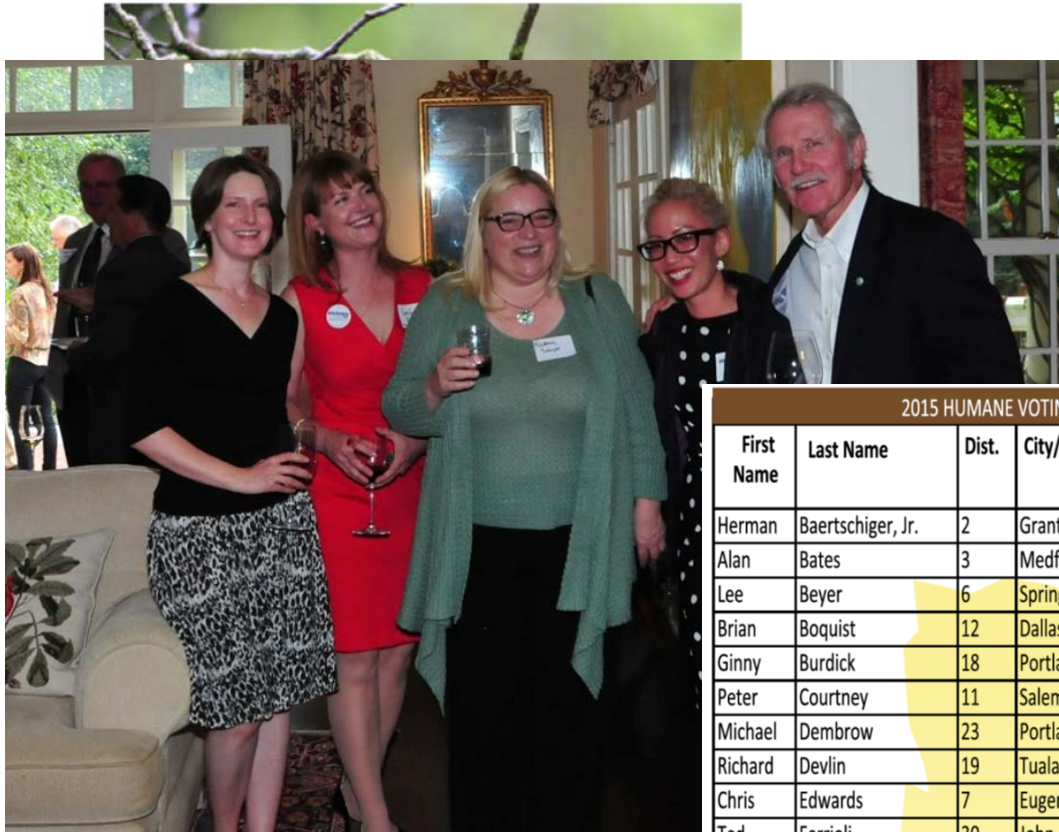
John Kitzhaber (Won)

### Oregon Senate

Senate District 08 - Sara Gelser (Won)  
Senate District 11 - Peter Courtney (Won)  
Senate District 15 - Bruce Starr (Lost)

### Oregon House

House District 10 - David Gomberg (Won)  
House District 25 - Chuck Lee (Lost)  
House District 34 - Ken Helm (Won)  
House District 38 - Ann Lininger (Won)  
House District 40 - Brent Barton (Won)  
House District 52 - Stephanie Nystrom (Lost)



First Name	Last Name	Dist.	City/Town	HB 2693	HB 2694	HB 2888	SB4	SB175	SB614	SB913	Humane Score
Herman	Baertschiger, Jr.	2	Grants Pass	👍	👍	👎	👎	👍	👍	👎	57%
Alan	Bates	3	Medford	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
Lee	Beyer	6	Springfield	👎	👍	👍	👎	👎	👎	👍	71%
Brian	Boquist	12	Dallas	👍	👎	👎	👎	👍	👍	👍	57%
Ginny	Burdick	18	Portland (SW)	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
Peter	Courtney	11	Salem (N)	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
Michael	Dembrow	23	Portland (E)	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
Richard	Devlin	19	Tualatin	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
Chris	Edwards	7	Eugene (N)	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
Ted	Ferrioli	30	John Day	👍	👎	👎	👎	👍	👍	👎	50%
Sara	Gelser	8	Corvallis	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
Fred	Girod	9	Stayton	👍	👎	👎	👎	👍	👍	👎	43%
Bill	Hansell	29	Athena	👍	👍	👎	👍	👍	👍	👎	71%
Mark	Hass	14	Beaverton	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%



# Humane Voters Oregon Today



**HUMANE  
VOTERS  
OREGON**

- Help Campaigns
  - Questionnaires
  - Endorsements
  - Contributions
  - Volunteer support
- Advocate
  - Written testimony/comments
  - Testimony at hearings
  - Lobbying
  - Organizing
- Inform/Educate
  - Voting Records
  - Alerts
  - Outreach
- State and local only (for now)





# Testifying (2017)





# Humane Lobby Day (2017)







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## 2018 Endorsements

### STATEWIDE OFFICE

(No Endorsements)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Result</u>
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### OREGON SENATE

(Find your district [here](#).)

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Result</u>
4	Eugene	Floyd Prozanski	Won
6	Springfield	Lee Beyer	Won
7	Eugene	James Manning	Won
8	Corvallis	Sara Gelser	Won
10	Salem	Deb Patterson	Lost
11	Salem	Peter Courtney	Won
15	Hillsboro	Chuck Riley	Won
17	Portland-NW	Eliz. Steiner-Hayward	Won
19	Tualatin	Rob Wagner	Won
24	Portland-E	Shemia Fagan	Won
30	The Dalles	Solea Kabakov	Lost

### OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Find your district [here](#).)

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Result</u>
7	Roseburg	Christy Inskip	Lost
8	Eugene	Paul Holvey	Won
10	Central Coast	David Gomberg	Won
11	Eugene	Marty Wilde	Won
12	Springfield	John Lively	Won
13	Eugene	Nancy Nathanson	Won
14	Eugene	Julie Fahey	Won
16	Corvallis	Dan Rayfield	Won
17	Lebanon	Renee Windsor-White	Lost
19	Salem	Michael Ellison	Lost
23	Independence	Danny Jaffer	Lost
24	McMinville	Ken Moore	Lost
28	Aloha	Jeff Barker	Won
30	Hillsboro	Janeen Sollman	Won
33	Portland-NW	Mitch Greenlick	Won
34	Beaverton	Ken Helm	Won
36	Portland-SW	Jennifer Williamson	Won
37	West Linn	Julie Parrish	Lost
38	Lake Oswego	Andrea Salinas	Won
41	Portland-SE	Karin Power	Won

### BALLOT MEASURES

(No relevant measures this election)

<u>Measure</u>	<u>Recommended Vote</u>	<u>Result</u>
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### LOCAL CANDIDATES

(None at this time for general election)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>	<u>Result</u>
Wash Cty Comm Chr	Ryan Deckert	Lost
Wash Cty Comm P. 2	Pam Treece	Won
Wash Cty Comm P. 4	Kimberly Culbertson	Lost



# More fundraisers







## 2019 HUMANE VOTING RECORD OREGON STATE SENATE

First Name	Last Name	Dist.	City/Town	HB2500	HB2829	HB2834	HB3035	SB580	SB638	SB723	SB1019	Other	Score
Herman	Baertschiger, Jr.	2	Grants Pass										50%
Cliff	Bentz	30	Ontario										72%
Lee	Beyer	6	Springfield										94%
Denyc	Boles*	10	Salem							*			96%
Brian	Boquist	12	Dallas										50%
Ginny	Burdick	18	Portland (SW)										91%
Peter	Courtney	11	Salem (N)										89%

DESCRIPTION OF BILLS
HB2500 Allows person obtaining treatment for abused animal to recover cost from abuser.
HB2829 Establishes wildlife conservation fund in Department of Fish and Wildlife.
HB2834 Requires state plan to preserve corridors and provide highway crossings for wildlife.
HB3035 Increases penalties for poaching of wildlife.
SB0580 Prohibits the use of cyanide devices ("M44s") to kill wildlife.
SB0638 Requires dogs and cats used in research to be available for adoption after research.
SB0723 Would have banned coyote-killing contests. (Passed in Senate; no vote in House.)
SB1019 Requires eggs produced or sold in Oregon to come from cage-free hens beginning 2024.

Other	Actions and positions not reflected in floor votes (e.g., committee votes, bill sponsorship, positions behind the scenes). Contact us for more information.	
KEY		
Symbol	Meaning	Points
	Humane vote	1.0
	Co-sponsor of priority legislation	0.7
	Not humane vote	0.0
	Did not vote (absent or excused)	0.5

\*Sen. Winters passed away during session and was replaced by Rep. Boles. Sen. Boles' record reflects votes in House and Senate. White squares indicate could not vote and not included in rating.

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# Voting Records (2019)





## State legislative scorecards in Oregon

Ballotpedia defines scorecards as records produced by newspapers, interest groups, think tanks, partisan groups, 501(c)(3)s, and 501(c)(4)s that provide relative rankings and cover all state or federal lawmakers. Some scorecards are created with a focus on specific issues, while others are broad in scope.

Because scorecards can be specific to particular issues or general to a state's legislative term, each report should be considered on its own merits. The entities that publish these reports may use different methodologies and definitions for the terms used.

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*See also: State legislative scorecards*



State legislative  
scorecards

Legislative  
scorecards by state

- Humane Oregon House and Senate

*Legislators are scored on bills related to animal issues.*





## A woman with glasses and a blue patterned shirt is smiling while holding a small brown dog in a white wire mesh carrier. She is being filmed by several professional video cameras. In the background, a man with a long white beard and a baseball cap is holding a white pet carrier. The scene appears to be outdoors, possibly near an airplane, as a portion of a white aircraft with red stripes is visible. The image is framed by a yellow border.





# Education and Outreach





# A few of the issues

- Companion Animals
  - Dogs in cars
  - Declawing/debarking
  - Adopt Don't Shop
- Wildlife
  - Poaching Penalties
  - Corridors and crossings
  - Coyote-killing contests
- Farm Animals
  - Egg-laying hens
  - Mega dairies





# Electing candidates?

- Oregon has 60 Representatives and 30 Senators
- Incumbents very rarely challenged in their own primaries
- Most districts almost certain to elect candidate from one party or the other
- Very few truly contested elections (5-10)
  - Total contributions in those races several hundred thousand dollars per candidates – tough to influence
- Contributions and endorsements build relationships and raise awareness
  - Contributing through PAC clearly connects the money to animal welfare
- Campaign money travels; helps animal friendly legislators gain influence





# Conclusions

- Politics is a critical part of improving conditions for animals
  - Makes the laws the lawyers enforce
  - Can create or undo legal wins
- Sometimes a dirty game but we need to play
- Still more about building relationships and helping allies gain influence than “electing” the right people
- Just getting started





Thank You!

