

# INDEPENDENT PARTY OF OREGON

2009 OREGON LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



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## 2009 Mission & Goals

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For the past two decades, our major political parties have continued to drift apart, thanks to increasingly bitter and divisive election campaigns that tend to reward sloganeering and attack ads rather than reasoned policy debate. The end result is an electorate that is divided by social issues and deeply skeptical of the ability of the two major parties to solve the biggest issues of the day.

Poll after poll shows that a majority of the American public does not feel well represented by the two party system, but ours is a system that yields only painfully to change.

It is into this context that the Independent Party of Oregon was born.

The party's approach is very different from most third party movements, which tend to involve candidates in big national elections and whose impact, if any, tends to strengthen the chances of the candidate who is least similar to the third party nominee.

Our preference is to work collaboratively with legislators within the two party system to bring some gravity back to the public-interest center. We aim to shake up the stale, partisan divisions that characterize the debate in Salem and Washington D.C.

The common theme among our candidates and the legislators we support is their support for legislation to increase citizen participation in government and reduce special interest control over our political process. We encourage those who demonstrate a willingness to work in a bi-partisan fashion, and those who place an emphasis on public-interest policy rather than on issues that divide us from one another.

In the 2009 session we pursued a narrow legislative agenda as a prelude to our longer-term goal of keeping government working for the people of Oregon.

Who's with us?



Sal Peralta  
Independent Party Secretary

## 2009 Legislative Overview

During the 2009 legislative session, the Independent Party of Oregon worked to build a strong bi-partisan coalition to advance and protect the interests of non-affiliated candidates, minor political parties, and voters; promote government transparency and accountability; and ensure that the instruments of our democracy -- the ballot, the initiative and referendum, and the legislative process itself remain accessible to ordinary citizens.

The party focused its attention on six pieces of legislation during the session, helping to pass five. We also worked with limited success to moderate or defeat legislation that was intended to restrict access to the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet and to reduce the ability of Oregonians to use the Oregon system of Initiative, Referendum, and Recall.

Most notably, the Independent Party played a central role in passing a form of fusion voting legislation that will allow candidates to list the names of up to three party nominations on the general election ballot, and helping to repeal a 2005 law that made it more difficult for non-affiliated candidates to run for public office.



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## 2009 Priorities & Assessment

### Legislative Priorities

**HB 2414** allows candidates to list the nominations of up to 3 political parties on the general election ballot. The provisions of this bill were inserted into SB 326 at the end of the legislative session after HB 2414 was gut-and-stuffed by some legislators to reverse the meaning of a "yes" or "no" vote on public referenda (a move that was opposed by the Independent Party".

✓ **PASSED** \*(see sb326)

**SB 326** repeals a 2005 law that made it more difficult for non-affiliated candidates to run for public office in Oregon. The original provisions of HB 2414 were inserted into this bill.

✓ **PASSED**

**HB 2386** directs Secretary of State to adopt an online voter registration system

✓ **PASSED**

**HB 2500** makes the state budget more transparent to citizens of Oregon by creating a single web-based clearinghouse for all budget information. Kim Thatcher, Jefferson Smith, and Ben Cannon were the champions of this bill.

✓ **PASSED**

**HB 2004** allows Oregon taxpayers to donate \$3 to the political party of their choice by checking a box on their state income tax forms.

✓ **PASSED**

**HB 2588** would have allowed Oregon to join twelve other states in the national popular vote compact. This compact would guarantee that the Presidency would be won by the candidate who receives the most votes in all 50 states.

✗ **FAILED**

### Scoring the House

House Leadership in both political parties was supportive of most of our legislative agenda, and Democratic leadership played an important role in amending SB 326 to allow our fusion voting bill to move forward.

Notable House members include: Vicki Berger, Scott Bruun, Peter Buckley, and Arnie Roblan, who were joined by 27 other House members in scoring a perfect 100 percent on our legislative scorecard. Meanwhile, 7 members of the Oregon House (4 Democrats, 3 Republicans) scored a 60 percent or worse, led by Jim Weidner (R- McMinnville), who voted for our legislation 20 percent of the time, and Nick Kahl (D-Portland), who used the floor of the House to attack fusion voting and the nominating process for minor political parties.

House members scoring below 80 percent were given a 10 percent bonus, if they helped move priority legislation forward.

### Scoring the Senate

Senate leadership in both political parties was highly supportive of repealing a 2005 law that effectively doubled the number of signatures needed for a non-affiliated candidate to run for public office. The Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee attempted to kill our fusion voting bill, despite receiving a letter signed by a majority of his colleagues asking that the bill be sent to the floor. The Rules Committee also did not hold a work session on a bill that would have allowed Oregon to join twelve other states in signing the national popular vote compact. This compact would guarantee that the Presidency would be won by the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states.

Senators who deserve special recognition for their work include Frank Morse, Bill Morrissette, Rod Monroe, and Brian Boquist.

Senators who voted against SB 326e were given a 5 point penalty. Senators who blocked our legislation from being heard in committee were penalized 10 points.



## 2009 Oregon House A-List

CANDIDATE	SB 326	HB 2414A	HB 2386	HB 2004	HB 2500	NOTES	SCORE	Grade
Arnie Roblan-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Scott Bruun-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Ben Cannon-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Tobias Read-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Vicki Berger-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Peter Buckley-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Jules Bailey - D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Jeff Barker-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Phil Barnhart-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Brent Barton-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Brian Clem-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Michael Dembrow-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Larry Galizio - D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
David Edwards-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Sal Esquivel-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Chris Garrett-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Sara Gelser-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Mitch Greenlick-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Chris Harker-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Chip Shields - D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Dave Hunt-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Bill Kennemer-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Wayne Krieger-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Nancy Nathanson-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Chuck Riley-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Greg Smith-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Jefferson Smith-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Judy Stiegler-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Carolyn Tomei-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Brad Witt-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Betty Komp-D	Y	Y		Y	Y		100	A

### PUBLIC INTEREST LEADERS



VICKI BERGER



SCOTT BRUUN



PETER BUCKLEY



ARNIE ROBLAN

## 2009 Oregon House

CANDIDATE	SB 326	HB 2414A	HB 2386	HB 2004	HB 2500	NOTES	SCORE	GRADE
Mary Nolan-D	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Cliff Bentz-R	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
E. Terry Beyer-D	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Deborah Boone-D	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Bill Garrard-R	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Paul Holvey-D	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Tina Kotek-D	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Greg Matthews-D	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Sherrie Sprenger-R	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Kevin Cameron-R	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		80	B
Bob Jenson-R	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		80	B
Tim Freeman-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Ron Maurer-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Andy Olson-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Dennis Richardson-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Jim Thompson-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Matt Wingard-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
John E Huffman-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Kim Thatcher-R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	10	70	C
Bruce L Hanna-R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	10	70	C
George Gilman-R	N	Y	Y	N	Y		60	D
Jean Cowan-D	N	N	Y	Y	Y		60	D
Nick Kahl-D	N	N	Y	Y	Y		60	D
Mike Schaufler-D	N	N	Y	Y	Y		60	D
Suzanne VanOrman-D	N	N	Y	Y	Y		60	D
Vic Gilliam-R	N	Y	N	Y	Y		60	D
Jim Weidner-R	N	N	N	N	Y		20	F

### HONORABLE MENTION



**Ben Cannon**

Rep. Cannon was a co-sponsor on the original HB 2414

and demonstrated a willingness to take on some of the state's most powerful lobbies in pursuit of the public interest.



**Jeff Smith**

Rep. Smith showed great willingness to reach across party

lines to work on bills that increase transparency and disclosure and was a consistent supporter of public-interest policy.



**Greg Smith**

Rep. Smith showed political courage in taking

a strong bi-partisan approach toward negotiations on the state budget. He scored a perfect 100 on Independent Party legislation.



**Kim Thatcher**

Rep. Thatcher was a strong proponent of

initiative rights. She worked in a bi-partisan fashion for transparency and disclosure in government and was a strong advocate for minor parties.

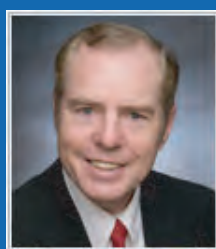
## 2009 Oregon Senate

Senator	SB 326a	SB326e	HB 2386	HB 2004	HB 2500	Notes	Score	Grade
Alan C Bates-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Bill Morrisette-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Brian Boquist-R	Y	Y		Y	Y		100	A
Chip Shields-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Chris Edwards-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Chris Telfer-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
David Nelson-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Diane Rosenbaum-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Doug Whitsett-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Floyd Prozanski-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Frank Morse-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Ginny Burdick-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Jackie Dingfelder-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Jackie Winters-R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Joanne Verger-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Mark Hass-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Peter Courtney-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Rick Metsger-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Rod Monroe-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100	A
Bruce Starr-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Fred Girod-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Jason Atkinson-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Jeff Kruse-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Larry George-R	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		80	B
Richard Devlin-D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-20	80	B
Betsy Johnson-D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	-5	75	C
Laurie Monnes Anderson-D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	-5	75	C
Martha Schrader-D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	-5	75	C
Suzanne Bonamici-D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	-5	75	C
Ted Ferrioli-R	Y	Y	N	N	Y	10	70	C

### PUBLIC INTEREST LEADERS



BRIAN BOQUIST



ROD MONROE



BILL MORRISSETTE



FRANK MORSE

## 2009 Contribution Form

YES! I would like to support the Independent Party of Oregon by contributing financially to the success of the party and its candidates.

\_\_\_ I have enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ I would like my bank card or credit card charged for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

PLEASE NOTE: An Oregon Tax Credit of up to \$50 per person (\$100 per couple) is allowed for contributions to political parties.

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Address\_\_\_\_\_

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Independent Party of Oregon

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Portland, OR 97219

Please bill my personal credit card:  Visa  Mastercard  AMEX

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_