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Running for office? **Learn more about Ballotpedia's candidate profile**

Carl Wilson (Oregon)

Carl Wilson (Republican Party) was a member of the Oregon House of Representatives representing District 3. He resumed office on January 12, 2026. He left office on January 10, 2021.

Wilson (Republican Party) ran for re-election to the Oregon House of Representatives to represent District 3. He won in the general election on November 8, 2020.

Wilson served as state House minority leader for several months in 2020.[1]

In an article published on December 8, 2020, The Blue Mountain Eagle stated that Wilson announced he would not seek re-election to District 3.[2]

Wilson was a member of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners from 1998 to 2010.[3]

Carl Wilson
Republican Party
Oregon House of Representatives District 3
Assumed office: January 12, 2026
Predecessor: Kathy Wise
Biography
Born: 1955
Spouse: Terry Wilson
Search Yours of service: 1975 - 1993
Education
Professional: Central College of Agriculture
B.S.,Agriculture
Contact
Official website
Official Twitter
Campaign Facebook

Biography

Wilson's professional experience includes managing and owning the family run broadcast radio stations and working as a broadcaster and talk show host for four decades. He served in the United States Navy as a radioman from 1973 to 1975.[4]

Committee assignments

2020-2030

Wilson was assigned to the following committees:

- Joint Legislative Administration Committee
- Joint Legislative Policy and Research Committee
- Joint Transportation Committee
- Capitol Culture Committee, Co-Vice Chair

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, Wilson served on the following committees:

Oregon committee assignments, 2017 - [show]

- Education, Vice chair
- Transportation Policy
- Joint Marijuana Regulation, Vice chair

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, Wilson served on the following committees:

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Campaign themes

2014

Wilson's campaign website highlighted the following issues:[5]

Jobs

- Excerpt: "We've always suffered from Two Oregons," but the gap is more acute than ever before. Wilson said, "Our rural communities are struggling to survive and our urban centers are at risk of losing much vital, identity, and attractive terrain to our success. We must bring jobs and opportunity to rural Oregon."

Natural resources

- Excerpt: "Picture Kansas without wheat, Iowa without corn, and 39 OMC counties without timber. Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? But, that's our reality. We must continue to demand that our federal congressional delegation stand for all Oregon! We need the income that sustainable timber harvesting will produce ... it will make a huge difference."

Government

- Excerpt: "Government was established to secure our rights ... not to become our master. I will remember that with every vote I take."

Freedom

- Excerpt: "We are a nation of laws and the United States Constitution is under attack every day. Please join me in standing for our constitutional freedoms and rejecting the tendentious that is so pervasive these days."

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. We are notified by BillTrack50® and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the table above.

Bills Sponsored By - Carl Wilson

HB 4004/84 - Relating to absentee...
Prohibits election officials from processing, find determined ballots or tabulating votes cast by voters cited, except in case of medical emergency. Prohibits absentee of voters cited, prohibits ballot certification age of 20 or more days before election.
01/08/2026 - in committee upon adjournment.

HB 4013/65 - Relating to distillery retail outlet agr...
Establishes rates of compensation to be paid by Oregon Liquor Control Commission to distillery retail outlet agent for distilled liquor sold by agent. Sunsets rates January 1, 2024. Increases exemption limit for Tribes.

Elections

2020

See also: Oregon House of Representatives elections, 2020

Carl Wilson did not file to run for re-election.

2018

See also: Oregon House of Representatives elections, 2018

In addition to running as a Republican Party candidate, Wilson cross-filed to also run as an independent write-in candidate in 2018.[6]

General election for Oregon House of Representatives District 3

Incumbent Carl Wilson unopposed in the Oregon House of Representatives District 3 general election.[7][8]

Candidate	Votes	%
✓ Carl Wilson (R)	19,568	100.0%
Jerry Morgan (I) (write-in)	0	0.0%
Other/Write-in votes	76	
Total votes	19,644	100.0%

✓ Incumbent(s) or invited uncontested. This results from been uncontested. Source.
Source: Oregon Secretary of State, Election Results.
Incumbent Carl Wilson unopposed in the Oregon House of Representatives District 3 general election.[7][8]

Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Oregon House of Representatives District 3

Incumbent Carl Wilson unopposed in the Oregon House of Representatives District 3 Democratic primary.[9][10]

Candidate	Votes	%
✓ Carl Wilson	7,600	100.0%
Total votes	7,600	100.0%

✓ Incumbent(s) or invited uncontested. This results from been uncontested. Source.
Source: Oregon Secretary of State, Election Results.
Incumbent Carl Wilson unopposed in the Oregon House of Representatives District 3 Democratic primary.[9][10]

Republican primary election

Republican primary for Oregon House of Representatives District 3

Incumbent Carl Wilson defeated Tom Johnson in the Oregon House of Representatives District 3 general election.[7][8]

Candidate	Votes	%
✓ Carl Wilson	12,044	54.4%
Tom Johnson	10,110	45.6%
Total votes	22,154	100.0%

✓ Incumbent(s) or invited uncontested. This results from been uncontested. Source.
Source: Oregon Secretary of State, Election Results.
Tom Johnson was unopposed in the Oregon House of Representatives District 3 Democratic primary.[9][10]

Incumbent Carl Wilson was unopposed in the Oregon House of Representatives District 3 Republican primary.[9][10]

2014

See also: Oregon House of Representatives elections, 2014

Elections for the Oregon House of Representatives were held in 2014. A primary election took place on May 20, 2014. The general election was held on November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates wishing to run in this election was March 11, 2014. Tom Johnson was unopposed in the Democratic primary. Carl Wilson defeated Jack Swift in the Republican primary. Wilson defeated Ronald Sickles in the general election. Wilson ran as a Republican and also ran as a Libertarian candidate against Bernadette Gonzales-Hernandez in Pierce Parks candidate. Wilson defeated Johnson, Sellgren and Gonzales in the general election.[11][12][13]

Oregon House of Representatives District 3, General Election, 2014 (Unofficial)

PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Republican	✓Carl Wilson	64.1%	15,765
Democratic	Tom Johnson	26.3%	6,476
Libertarian	Mark J. Sellgren	6.5%	1,597
Constitution	Barbara Dunsky	2.7%	657
None	Miscellaneous	0.3%	76
Total Votes			**24,569**

Oregon House of Representatives District 3, Republican Primary, 2014 (Unofficial)

CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
✓Carl Wilson	93.6%	7,312
Jack Swift	13.6%	1,087
Ronald Sickles	2.8%	194
Total Votes		**8,743**

Campaign donors

Note: The Finance data here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or state this may represent only a portion of all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may also have spent money on behalf of candidates. Please see the Campaign finance section for more disclaimers. Contributions to political committees are not included in the totals. Contributions to ballot measures are can be found at the FEC website or. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.

Carl Wilson campaign contribution history

Year	Office	Amount
2018	Oregon House of Representatives District 3	$127,025
2014	Oregon House of Representatives District 3	$214,005
2012	Oregon House of Representatives District 3	$96,052
	Grand total raised	**$437,082**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2018

Oregon House of Representatives District 3 2018 election - Campaign Contributions
Top individual contributors to Carl Wilson's campaign in 2018

ALLEN, M. LEONARD & ANN	$1,500.00
FREDERICK, CHRISTOPHER	$1,000.00
SITTNER, CAROL	$500.00
FRANCETI, CAROLYN K	$250.00
PORTER, DONALD	$250.00
Total March 2018	**$127,025**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2016

Wilson ran in election to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2016. During that election cycle, Wilson raised a total of **$214,005**.

Oregon House of Representatives 2016 election - Campaign Contributions
Top individual contributors to Carl Wilson's campaign in 2016

Anheuser Busch	$6,500
Oregon Pine Retirees	$6,000
Reynolds American	$7,500
Oregon Association Of Realtors	$5,000
Koch Industries	$4,000
Total raised in 2016	**$214,005**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2014

Wilson ran election to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2014. During that election cycle, Wilson raised a total of **$96,052**.

Oregon House of Representatives 2014 election - Campaign Contributions

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Oregon

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may be based on a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia's scorecard section includes scorecards from a variety of established scorecards. Some states have a limited number of scorecards available or scorecards only produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to provide all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Oregon scorecards, email suggestions to editorial@ballotpedia.org.

Recent news

In 2020, the Oregon State Legislature was in session from February 3 to March 5. Special sessions were convened from June 24 to June 26 and on August 20.

- Humane Oregon Salvaged and Rescued ↗
  Legislators are scored on bills related to animal issues.
- National Federation of Independent Business ↗
  Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business issues.
- Stand for Children Oregon ↗
  Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to education.
- The American Conservative Union ↗
  Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.

Endorsements

2014

In 2014, Wilson's endorsements included the following:[15]

- Former State Senator Jason Atkinson
- Oregon Pine Retirees
- Oregon Farm Bureau
- Oregon Right to Life

Personal

Wilson and his wife, Melinda, have two adult children and five grandchildren. They reside in Grants Pass, Oregon.[16]

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- House Committees
- Oregon State Legislature
- Joint Committees
- Oregon state legislative districts

External links

- Profile from Open States ↗
- Official campaign website ↗
- Profile on Facebook ↗
- Biography from Project Vote Smart ↗

Footnotes

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