



# Oregon Republican Party Updates

## Legislative Updates

### June 5, 2023

The ORP State Central Committee held its Spring meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Madras.

All 34 of the organized counties were represented either via zoom or in person. A special thanks to the staff at the Inn at Cross Keys Station. They were very willing to help out and printed up a few items we needed. The printer in their business center was not working and they offered to print for us.

Special thanks to Christina Buehler for the 3 classes she taught Friday afternoon on Robert's Rules of Order. If you would like to have Christina come to your county and teach your PCPs, you can email her at [buehlerrules@gmail.com](mailto:buehlerrules@gmail.com) for information.

Thank you to Margie Hughes, Jessica Davidson, Kevin Moss, Brandon Merritt, Adam Waite, Phillip Tomlin, Nicole Kalk and many others that assisted for the amazing job you all did with setting up the rooms, the checking in the delegates and guests, setting up all the AV equipment, zoom, etc. The ORP is blessed to have so many talented people that volunteer and step up when needed.

Because we were unable to hear the reports from Chairman Justin Hwang, Vice Chairwoman Angela Plowhead, National Committeeman Solomon Yue and National Committeewoman Tracy Honl, their reports will be sent out with the minutes.

Congratulations to our new Treasurer Brian Bishop and thank you to Michaela Hammerson for stepping forward to be ORP Treasurer as well.

If your county has upcoming events, please email your flyer to [JoRae.Perkins@Oregon.GOP](mailto:JoRae.Perkins@Oregon.GOP) by Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and I will email them out in one package. In addition, I will work with our Communications team to make sure they are on the ORP Website.

The ORP Platform Convention will be held October 19 to 21 in Pendleton. For the Platform Convention, each county will in addition to your regular Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Bonus Delegates and Bonus Alternate Delegates. In the near future, you will receive an email with the exact number of Bonus and Alternate Bonus Delegates for your respective counties. All Bonus and Alternate Bonus Delegates will be able to participate in the online pre-convention meetings as well as the Platform Convention in Pendleton. The Registration Fee has not been announced. In 2021, it was \$165 per person plus lodging. I expect it will be more this year due to inflation. Please start discussing with your PCPs about being a bonus/alternate bonus delegate. Line to the ORP Platform:

[https://oregon.gop/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ORP\\_2021\\_Platform\\_As\\_Amended\\_with\\_Cover\\_2021-10-02.pdf](https://oregon.gop/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ORP_2021_Platform_As_Amended_with_Cover_2021-10-02.pdf)

The ORP State Central Committee meeting will be Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21. This will be for the regular delegates and alternate delegation. Additional details soon.

# Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, June 1, 2023

## Bill to Partner on Increased Management of Federal Forests Lands to Protect Rural Communities from Wildfire Passes Both Chambers

SALEM – Yesterday [SB 872](#), which directs the State Forestry Department to collaborate with the respective Douglas & Coos Forest Protection Associations and the United States Forest Service, with a focus on protecting lands and rural communities within the wildland-urban interface from fire on federal lands through stewardship to decrease wildfire risk across Oregon through increased partnership with federal agencies, passed the Oregon House of Representatives with overwhelming bipartisan support & is headed to the Governor for her signature.

"I have been working on this legislation that will assist in addressing the critical issues related to wildfire on federal lands that threaten our rural communities for a number of years", said Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford). "On average, 80% of the acres burned in Oregon are on federal lands. Of the 20% acres burned on private, tribal and other lands, 15% are from wildfires coming off of federal lands. Of the 5% acres burned on managed private lands, they are kept to less than 100 acres. This and other data overwhelmingly support the active management used on private forest lands and the tools we can deploy within the federal forest land system to mitigate the fuels for fire, which will assist in protecting the health, life and safety of our rural communities and their residents while increasing timber production and growth of our rural economies."

Senator Brock Smith's SB 872 strengthens collaborative partnerships and directs Oregon Department of Forestry to work with federal agencies to increase forest thinning, reduce ladder fuels and other hazardous fuel loading, restore meadowlands within the forest system, increase biomass utilization and increase post fire disturbance recovery and restoration activities that will help mitigate future wildfires.

"We know what needs to be done to help mitigate wildfire on the federal forest landscape. This legislation will help move Oregon forward with the direction and strengthened partnerships for improvements across the federal forest landscape for our rural communities. I appreciate the support of this legislation and look forward to the work ahead that will benefit our rural communities and all of Oregon", Senator Brock Smith concluded.

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Senator David Brock Smith represents Senate District 1, which includes Curry, Coos and Douglas Counties. This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Senator David Brock Smith's office are available on the web at: [www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd)

Readers:

*Welcome to uncensored unedited bi-weekly clips from younger Oregonians for your consideration with other sources of information.*

*It is good to look at the establishment media in Oregon but read the articles as the headlines many times are complete propaganda. Remember MSM reporters write stories, but even more liberal Editors create the headlines to sell their phony wares. This past week saw some good articles with headlines that were completely fabricated. One headline claimed Oregon's education budget was blocked in the Senate when the bill has not even left the House. The article is right, the headline is wrong. Another headline claimed the Secretary of State determined ten legislators could not run for reelection. False. Sec of State said no such thing. Read articles carefully. The Sec of State is asking the Attorney General to save them.*

*Again, read past the headlines to see what is really being written word for word in an article. Further, recall the law is based on words written in the statute and constitution not public employee unions spending \$2.5 million on ballot measure advertising to buy a democracy. We are not quit yet a complete banana republic ...*

*The middle bi-weekly clips for your consideration this first week of [June 2023](#):*

## OREGON

The wheels are potentially in motion for the Democrats and bureaucratic machine to turn on Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) and make him the scapegoat for the walkout.

Democrats are choosing to put the full force of the government behind HB 2002, which will undermine the nuclear family and make experimental procedures on minors legal. HB 2002 would allow a child of any age to have an abortion without parental knowledge. It would also allow minors to have irreversible sex-change treatments without parents knowing. As [these senators said](#), "Democrats claim this is an expansion of Oregonians' 'rights,' but what it would really do is put young girls and women in harm's way. Whoever gets an underage girl pregnant needs to be in jail. Instead, these criminals would be able to coach young women and girls about how to get an abortion, destroying the life and the evidence of wrongdoing, and have protection under the law."

**Republicans and Independents do not want the government taking the place of parents. Democrats do. Republicans and Independents are willing to work on bipartisan bills and the state budget if the partisan issues are pushed to the side. Democrats in control are not willing to do this for the good of all Oregonians.**

As one senator [said](#), "Stopping the legislative process, due to a lack of quorum, is not "unconstitutional." It is a tool, used throughout history to prevent the tyranny of the majority and protect the rights of the minority. It ought to be obvious to everyone that without this tool minority voices, and those we represent, would be silenced."

Oregonians saw the machine swiftly [reject](#) Shemia Fagan over one month ago, and it could certainly happen again with the Senate President Rob Wagner. If it benefits the government bureaucracy to get him out of the way to perpetuate their power, the [special](#) interests pushing HB 2002 could make it happen. Wagner did not "play the game" effectively. As stated in a previous [newsletter](#), "Had [Wagner](#) and his cronies waited longer between floor sessions, the chances of a weak-kneed Republican breaking rank would've increased. Isn't it obvious?" The threat of a weak-kneed Republican breaking rank is possible as not all have hit the [10-days](#) of unexcused absences.

As Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend) [told](#) the Oregon Capital Chronicle: "If we do nothing on abortion this year, if 2002 doesn't pass, nothing changes as it relates to abortion access in Oregon for Oregonians... The idea that somehow there is an emergency over access is literally wrong and they know it, but they want to continue to use

talking points to convince people that somehow there's a critical emergency here."

Gov. Tina Kotek appears to have washed her hands of the matter and is [backing down](#) from negotiating with the 13 senators who are denying quorum. The special interests must be giving her a pass because she's a new governor. The Oregon Capital Chronicle [reports](#) that her focus is on the state budget saying, "I believe the situation is now back in the hands of legislative leadership to see if they can make any headway. I won't speculate on what happens next. I'm going to focus on the budget."

This statement puts the responsibility ball squarely back in the legislature and in the hands of Senate Pres. Wagner and Sen. Majority Leader Katie Lieber (D-Beaverton). For a hot minute there, it seemed like the media was [unsettled](#) about Wagner. And the new \$325 daily fines [launched](#) at the 13 senators is coming off as a last-ditch effort to appease their special interests, to show that they are "doing something." However, the \$325 daily fine will add up quickly. This fine is more than how much these senators make per day, which is an average of \$250 plus per diem (which is different for everyone as these senators have varying great lengths to drive to Salem from their homes) as reported [here](#), "Each day, senators are paid the equivalent of \$253 a day during the session in salary and per diems to cover travel costs."

Meanwhile, Republicans and Independents [hosted](#) an oversight committee that seeks to hold government and its bureaucratic machine accountable. This is an exciting thing to see happening because despite being in the minority, these legislators want to keep the legislature moving good ideas along and investigate government corruption. This committee is a way for legislators to hold space for Oregonians to share public testimony, even if it's not necessarily in their favor; a key component of the First Amendment. "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."—Beatrice Hall, The Friends of Voltaire, 1906

These legislators have even created a tipline for Oregonians to share their experiences with government corruption. More info [here](#).

## **COVID-19**

KGW [reports](#): The national public health emergency for COVID-19 ended on [May 11](#), 2023. Without the public health emergency, federal relief money has ended. The Statesman Journal [reports](#): "County budgets are feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but in a different way than in past years. As the millions of dollars in federal relief money dries up, budgets for Marion and Polk Counties are being adjusted to align with the new funding reality."

How [secretive units](#) tackling Covid disinformation 'strayed towards censorship'... The Counter-Disinformation Unit is accused of mission creep by ordering removal of posts that go against government opinions (subscription required)

[Interview](#) of Immunologist Akiko Iwasaki, a Yale professor and long-Covid expert. Curious about what would define a "long covid expert" because there are people still struggling with the condition and seemingly finding no relief. In a recent in person experience, a flight attendant shared how they can no longer attend corporate flying events as going above 45,000 feet impacts their heart due to long covid. This individual will likely be "grounded" as a result. A popular Youtuber is [struggling](#) with long covid as well. Providing these real examples of the condition is not meant to endorse the above linked interview, but more surrounding who is being interviewed.

Wastewater tests in NY shows COVID cases [could](#) be increasing.

[Texts show](#) teachers union working close with CDC director to keep schools closed.

## **NATIONAL**

A [story](#) of bravery!

The debt ceiling drama [ended well](#) for the energy sector.

ran, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Oman, in [coordination](#) with China, will form a [joint navy](#) to protect security in the Persian Gulf.

Glamour magazine [featuring](#) pregnant woman who claims to be transgender sparks outrage.

[PODCAST](#) (just over 20 minutes long): Kay S. Hymowitz joins Brian Anderson to discuss how gender-identity ideology is influencing vulnerable young people and attempting to overturn all that we know about child development.

Surveys [reveal](#) that most Americans who support teaching critical race theory in schools don't understand its principles.

## **WORLD**

### **Ukraine**

NATO weapons used in [attack](#) on Russia.

US takes 'countermeasures' [against](#) Russia's violations of nuclear treaty.

Zelensky says Ukraine ready to [launch](#) counteroffensive.

[Twenty injured](#) after Russian strike on Dnipro

AP [reports](#): "China's Ukraine envoy called on other governments [Friday](#) to "stop sending weapons to the battlefield" and appealed for peace talks at a time when Washington and its European allies are ramping up supplies of missiles and tanks to Ukrainian forces trying to recapture Russian-occupied territory."

Why are people [leaving](#) Russia, who are they, and where are they going?

### **Afghanistan**

No major headlines about ongoing unjust and cruel treatment of women and girls in Afghanistan.

Fox News [reports](#): GOP seeks new Taliban sanctions for human rights abuses nearly two years after Afghanistan withdrawal.

Pakistan outlines process for [barter trade](#) with Afghanistan, Iran, Russia

[Decorated](#) Australian war vet unlawfully killed prisoners in Afghanistan, judge says.

Qatar's prime minister [met with](#) Taliban leaders.

Afghanistan-Iran [complete](#) first trial run of Khaf-Herat Railway. A [horrific](#) railroad crash in India has left hundreds injured or dead.

*Couple of comments and observations.*

*Citizen Legislature. Contrary to public employee union statements after spending \$2.5 million to create Ballot Measure 113, legislators are not full time. Legislators get a stipend at best. Legislators do not make minimum wage. Legislators are not employees. This legislator is not in PERS either. Legislators are elected to represent 30 Senate and 60 House Districts. Oregon is a democratic republican form of government. And Democrats do not have twenty votes in the Senate to serve as dictators. Yes, elections have consequences, and the Democrats do not have the votes to end Oregon's constitution.*

*Legislative Session. Other than delayed Senate Floor sessions the legislature goes on toward final passage of bills. Five committees are handing the remaining bills. Two revenue committees, two rules committees, and the budget committee. I serve on two revenue committees. And we have been meeting this past week and will continue to meet next week. Bi-partisan work continues despite MSM and public employee executive branch union propaganda. Worst case, budget bills and other bipartisan bills will be passed on [June 25, 2023](#). Best case, a little sooner. If the Session ends without these bills then it will be the [Democrat Senate President Rob Wagner](#) who decides against passing essential bills. Recall Tina Kotek closed the Oregon House and left two days early in 2020 to kill bills she personally did not like ... now Tina Kotek is Governor so are we taking bets?*

*Citizen Involvement. Your emails, complaints, reports and pressure matters. Why do you think Shemia Fagan resigned? Why are Democrat bureaucrats under investigations? You got involved. Keep up the pressure. Here is a link to a new [‘How To’ booklet](#) on citizen action somebody prepared this past week. [Good link](#).*

*We realize many of you have participated in the epic complaint process, and many of you have been stymied by agency bureaucrats and lawyers. Remember, the job of the establishment bureaucrat is to protect the establishment. The Democrat establishment. Four decades of Democrat establishment. Many of these bureaucrat's paychecks come directly from the very people you want held accountable under the constitution. Some compare it to a mob protection racket. None-the-less, it is working. Do not give up. It helps. And thank you from all of us!*

*Government serves government not the People. De oppresso liber.*

*Be prepared. Be safe. Be neighborly. Be active.*

*Sincerely,*

*Brian Boquist*

*Oregon State Senator*

*[Oregon Legislator link](#)*

*[OLIS link](#)*

P.S. Have said little of the widening White Oligarch War in Ukraine promoted by the DC Chicken hawks like [Lindsay Graham](#) along with Biden, Blinken and nod. Ukraine says they are on [radio silence](#) as they prepare to conquer Russia with US UK in the lead. The silence of peace would be better before they start WWII. AP News is working hard to explain away black-market smuggled weapons ending up in Mexico instead of Ukraine. [AP fact check](#) ... ya right! The same [AP News that helped Nazis](#) last time in Ukraine. And others seem positive U.S. weapons are really on our boarder ... [the cartel weapons](#).

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I realize the live stream was on June 1<sup>st</sup>. However, I received the notification as I was preparing to leave for central Oregon. The links are important.






# JOINT COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY

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## Meetings

6/1/2023 - [Live Stream on Twitter](#)

-  [06.01.2023 Agenda.pdf](#)
-  [2023-4-20 Letter to Presiding Officers.pdf](#)
-  [Rules for Joint Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability.pdf](#)
- [HB 4067 \(2016\) - Relating to employee whistleblowers](#)



## Committee Members

### Senate

- Senator Tim Knopp, Co-Chair
- Senator Brian Boquist, Member
- Senator Dick Anderson, Member
- Senate Democrat Member
- Senate Democrat Member
- Senate Democrat Member

### House

- Representative Vikki Breese Iverson, Co-Chair
- Representative Greg Smith
- Representative E. Werner Reschke
- House Democrat Member
- House Democrat Member
- House Democrat Member

## Committee Staff

- Reagan Knopp (SD 27) and Russ Walker (HD 59)

From Senator Kim Thatcher:

For link to PDF click [here](#).

## Why we're denying quorum in Oregon's Senate

By Daniel Bonham & Kim Thatcher

We are two of the 13 Oregon state senators denying quorum, thereby preventing the legislative chamber from holding votes on legislation.

Our motivation is simple: We are protesting the lawlessness and corruption of the Democrats who have controlled our state for decades. This is the only tool we have left to stand up and defend Oregonians.

We are regularly attacked by the majority Democrats for “threatening democracy” by denying quorum. The opposite is true.



Without the first walkout in Oregon's history in 1897, we may not have the initiative and referendum process we do [today](#) — one of the most direct and democratic aspects of our state Constitution. At the time, legislators denied quorum, refusing to come back until a constitutional amendment to create Oregon's initiative and referendum process was put forward to the people. Walkouts are revolutionary; they give minority parties a voice, and without the first walkout, these unions would not have had the chance to file a ballot initiative to begin with.

In response to our protests, Democrats and labor unions pushed Measure 113, which changed the Oregon Constitution so that senators with 10 or more “unexcused” absences are ineligible to run for reelection. Absence designations are made by the arbitrary whim of the Senate president, a Democrat. There is no due process or accountability.

Measure 113 was passed last November to scare us away from denying quorum, but it has backfired. We work for Oregonians, not the government. And we will continue to go to the state Capitol to focus on the work that matters most, rather than engaging in the partisan issues that divide us.

Our decision to deny quorum now is the result of two immoral bills pushed by Democrats.

The first, House Bill 2002, would allow a child of any age to be able to have an abortion without parental knowledge. It would also allow minors to have irreversible sex-change treatments and procedures without their parent's knowledge. The second, House Bill 2395, would create government-sanctioned secrecy between parents and their children, thereby driving a wedge between the family unit by removing parental consent for children to have substance abuse treatment and mental health services, when parents should be informed of all medical and health services their children need.

Oregon is already an “abortion tourism” state that grants access to the tragic procedure through all nine months of pregnancy at the expense of the taxpayers. But House Bill 2002 would go a step further and change Oregon's current abortion laws to remove any requirement for healthcare providers to notify parents if a minor has an abortion.

Democrats claim this is an expansion of Oregonians' "rights," but what it would really do is open up young girls and women to additional harm. Whoever gets an underage girl pregnant needs to be in jail. Instead, these criminals would be able to coach young women and girls about how to get an abortion, destroying the evidence of wrongdoing.

Democrats in power are willing to put the full force of government behind this controversial concept, prioritizing their special interests over the well-being of Oregon families.

They want to make Oregon a "transgender tourism" state, too. House Bill 2002 would give protections to doctors who perform sex-change surgeries in other states, in violation of their state laws, and allows them to "seek refuge" here so they will not lose their medical license, even though they may have lost it in another state. Oregonians and insurance companies will be paying for this.

This legislation is another assault on parental rights. It removes parental consent for children to have substance abuse treatment and mental health services, when parents should be informed of all medical and health services their children need. The state is not a parent or guardian and is incapable of replacing the love and consideration of one.

Republicans are standing up for Oregon families by denying quorum and halting the legislative process temporarily. We are on strike against Democrats' radical efforts to move the state further Left.

Oregon seems to be written off in the nation's collective consciousness as an unbalanced state, but Oregonians are still Americans, and the government has no place stepping in between parents and children in any American family. And we are doing something about it.

*Daniel Bonham and Kim Thatcher are state senators for Oregon and serve as deputy Republican leaders. Thatcher was the 2020 GOP nominee for Secretary of State.*

More from Senator Thatcher on page 11

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for supporting the Senate Republicans in our fight for freedom and liberty. And thank you for supporting the Constitution and Rule of Law. Unfortunately, the Democrats continue to spread propaganda with flyers being sent to homes, an abundance of help from their mainstream media, and their own corruption at its very core to support their destructive agenda. They've even resorted to old newspaper articles from years ago and inferring they are very recent.

As they become more desperate, they are elevating their attacks on the Republican senators who have risked everything in order to stand up to the Democrat tyranny. But people are beginning to see through their lies.

With your help, we can do it! In an earlier communication with you, I mentioned that we all need to get the truth out to as many people as we can. We no longer have the luxury of expecting "somebody else" to do it for us. I mentioned that you can **talk to the people you know**. You can **use social media** with whatever voice you have. You can **share information** with your circle of influence. **Keep it up!**

**Now, I will focus on you, as a citizen, filing citizen complaints against corruption.**

**File a misconduct complaint against any or all of the following:**

- Senate President Rob Wagner
- Marion County Precedence for State Capitol
- District Attorney (if your DA is letting criminals)
- Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum
- Oregon State Bar Chief Justice Meagan Flynn

**Here is an easy [citizen's guide](#) on how to do that!** *(It has sample letters that you may want to re-word to make them your own).*

These are steps that need to be taken on a massive scale in order to help stop Oregon's downward spiral. These are steps that have probably never been taken before by Oregon citizens but we're at a point in history when citizens have two choices: get involved or watch the state go to ruins. Silence or "waiting for somebody else" to do it is no longer an option.

Representative E. Werner Reschke said it best: ["E. Werner Reschke us on Twitter: 'It's kinda sad. I think Senate President Wagner, with his no compromise, no bi-partisanship stance, has broken the Senate. His resignation may be the only chance remaining of passing budgets before a sine die.' / Twitter"](#)

If you agree with Representative Reschke, you have every right to ask for [President Wagner's](#) resignation.

With your help we can get Oregon back on track to preserve liberty, restore law and order, and stop the insanity and divisiveness. Unfortunately, the Democrats are promoting a "nation divided cannot stand" as they tear down the whole country,

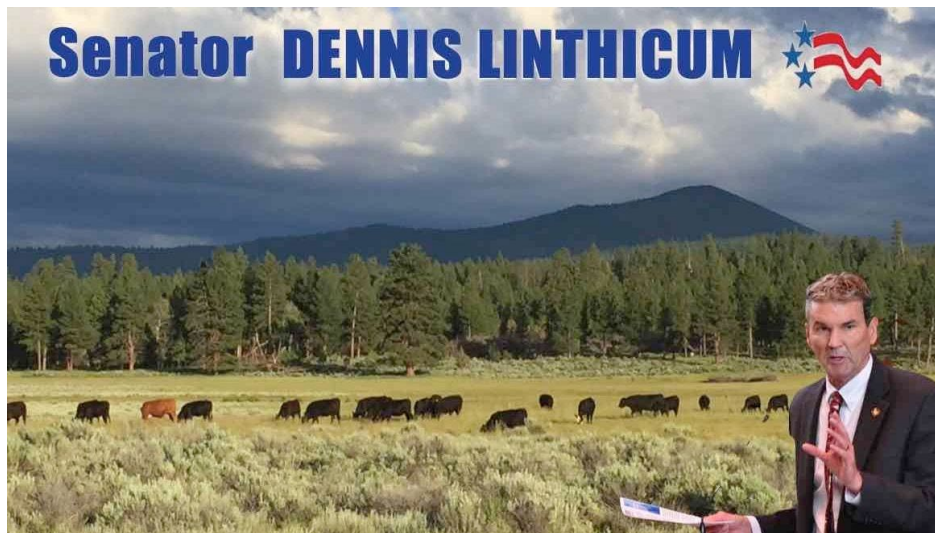
Your actions in support of freedom and liberty matters. [Contact list of legislators.](#)

Best, *Kim Thatcher*

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### Irreversible Harm

In a recent poll, Rasmussen discovered that only 30% of likely U.S. voters trust the political news that they receive. This is a seven-point decrease from July of 2021. A full 52% of likely U.S. voters now say they do not trust news media. This is up from 43% when a similar poll was conducted in 2021.

Strikingly, a majority of likely U.S. voters, 59%, say they agree with the questioning sentiment, "The media being 'truly the enemy of the people?'" Another interesting result is 66% of Republicans believe media coverage of politics favors Democrats and 60% of Democrats agree.

Broken down by income, voters earning between \$30,000-\$50,000 a year are more likely to say that they don't "trust the political news that they are getting." Voters earning more than \$200,000 are least likely to agree that the media is the "enemy of the people."

The elites, people at the top tiers of wealth, or those capable of gaming the system, don't have any complaints because money talks. While the hard-working taxpayer who doesn't like the fact that their taxes are being squandered gets continually upbraided by the media. These are the same hard-working Moms and Dads who will be targeted with increased scrutiny by the IRS or the DOJ for actually caring about what their kids are taught in school.

This same distrust is playing out in responses to local slanted news and media coverage for Oregon's Independent and Republican Senators. Most Oregonians appear to prefer facing

face the future with a sincere assessment instead of getting only sugar-coated, rainbow cartoons drawn on the pavement around the chalk-outline of our culture.

Support for Independent and Republican Senators and their principled stand against the unconstitutional, illegal and uncompromising actions of the Democrat party is over-whelming. There appears to be momentum away from the typical, “go along to get along” mentality. Hard-working people, minorities, business-owners, nearly everyone, but the well-connected and elite classes, are fed up with the “business as usual” model for government expansion.

As I said in my op-ed with LifeSiteNews, based on my own inbox, the Senators’ “denial of quorum” effort has met with awe-inspiring support (20:1). And, meaningfully, there has been little traction with the repeated media sloganeering about Measure 113 and Senators, “violating the constitution” or, “not doing their jobs.”

Measure 113 was an attempt to solidify the ungainly abuse of power that is already present in Oregon’s long-standing, Democrat-party power structure. It was tenaciously calculated by union backed players to allow the Senate President to throw Republicans out of office if they refused to submit to the tyranny of the majority. It is being capriciously applied because no statutory implementation language exists.

Senate President, Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) is unscrupulously abusing this as a form of revenge and political retribution. He granted excused absences to Republican and Independent Senators only to turn-around, in a seemingly retaliatory rage, and rescind those excused absences without any justification.



This brutal coup-like implementation is exactly what big government proponents want to throw out those fiscal conservatives along with their prudish ideas about smaller government, more educational and healthcare freedom and more responsibility in pursuing choices through personal, historic, or religious traditions of faith and family values.

In a recent Portland Dissent article by Pamela Fitzsimmons, An Honorable Suicide, Fitzsimmons notes:

“The real power grab are the games Democrats have been playing for the last decade. In 2019, Democrats passed HB 2015 to give driver’s licenses to illegal immigrants only five years after Oregon voters rejected such a measure. And, of course, HB 2015 carried an emergency clause so voters could not refer it to the ballot.

“Wagner, Lieber and other Democratic leaders gladly disrespect the will of the voters when it suits their purposes.

“Another fascinating twist is how the Democratic Party has made a fetish of minorities by creating new identity groups and then offering to push their interests. Now in the context of the Senate Republican walkout, “minority” is a dirty word.

“Measure 113 was written by progressives and designed to crush the Republican minority.”

Yet, most social media pundits and news reporters continue to take the easy road. They don’t have time to read the bills and so they dutifully quote Democrat talking points. The media themselves are caught in our current language battles where healthcare produces harm and preventing harm has become hateful.

36 **SECTION 9.** ORS 109.650 is amended to read:  
37 109.650. (1) If a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, pharmacist or  
38 naturopathic physician provides reproductive health care information or services to a minor  
39 as described in ORS 109.640 (2), the physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner,  
40 pharmacist or naturopathic physician may not disclose to the minor’s parent or legal  
41 guardian information regarding the information and services provided unless:  
42 (a) The minor has authorized the disclosure in writing;

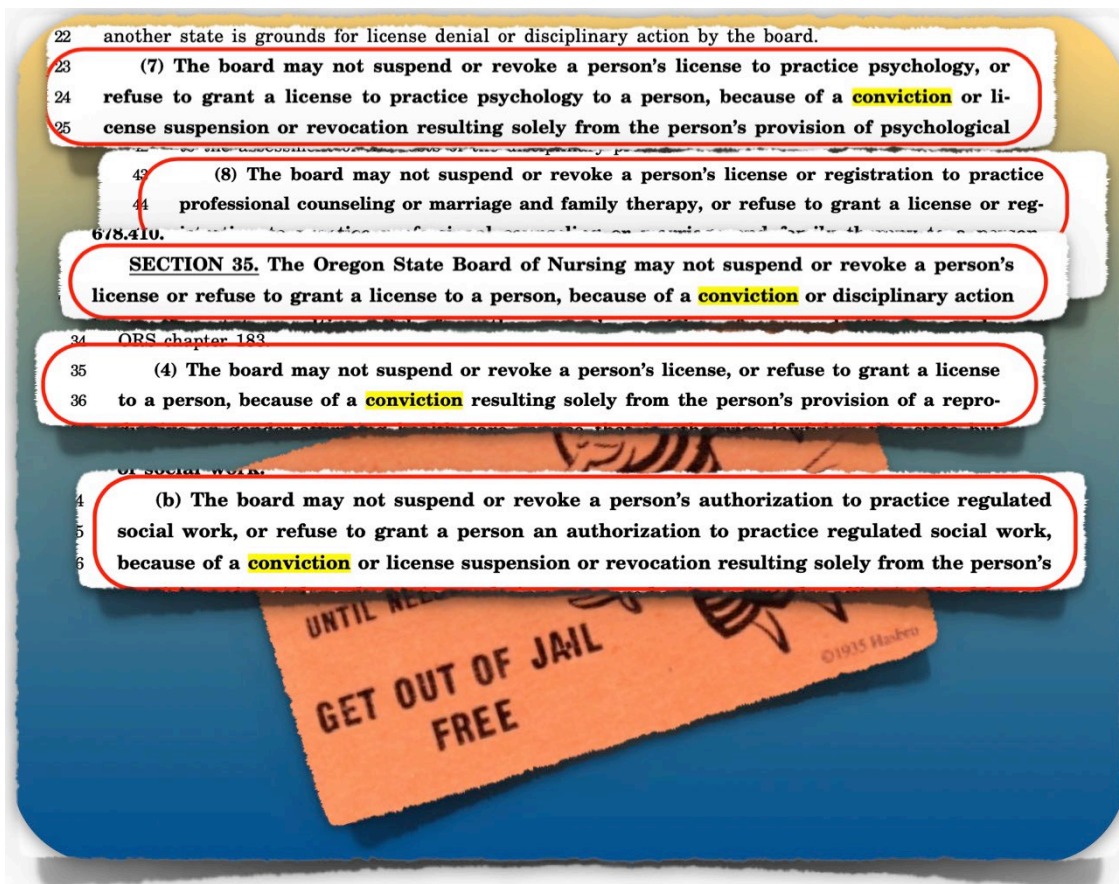
The destructionists have weaponized our language in a keenly Orwellian way.



Have you read any justification for HB 2002? *May not disclose* language which keeps information hidden from parents or legal guardians? There are nearly 2 million parents in Oregon and all of them will be denied important, life-altering information regarding their minor children. Why?

Additionally, why would all healthcare provider boards in Oregon be required to allow convicted criminals universal licensure in Oregon?

HB 2002 carefully declares that *board[s] may not suspend or revoke a person's license to practice or refuse to grant a license to practice to a person, because of a conviction or license suspension or revocation,* if that criminal conviction happened while performing gender-affirming or reproductive care in another jurisdiction.



This universal get-out-of-jail free card applies to the following practice boards:

- Psychology
- Regulated social work
- Professional counseling



- Marriage counseling
- Family therapy
- Reproductive health care services
- Gender-affirming health care services
- Naturopathic medicine
- Nurses
- Pharmacists

These same professionals are prohibited by law from engaging in counseling or ~~conversion~~ therapy if the recipient is under 18 years of age. The outlawed de-transitioning therapies were designed to limit gender-dysphoria or gender-confusion through the resolution of intrapersonal or interpersonal conflict, changing perceptions, attitudes, behaviors, and relationships which support or enrich family life and marriage.

The Democrat majority has craftily constructed a one-way tunnel to sterility for the typical, minor-aged child whom you innocently send to a government school. With HB 2002, the state has started down a legal adventure we can ill afford.

This lifetime regimen of drugs, medical interventions, and irreversible medical harm is an affront to the principles of sound medicine. The entire HB 2002 charade needlessly destroys the most precious relationships within a family unit, without any legal justification or warrant.

Therefore, I will continue to stand against these unconstitutional, unlawful and uncompromising attempts to seize power from parents, businesses and individuals while simultaneously raiding their pocketbooks to fund a deeply rooted monopoly of healthcare providers.

**Stand with me to defend families, parents and their children!  
Your support is vital for Oregon's future!**

**Join Me Today!**

If we don't stand for rural Oregon Values and common-sense... No one will!