

2019 Oregon Legislative Assembly

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Oregon's 2019 Legislative Terrain

- November 2018 Election
- Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB)
 - Operating Budget
 - Capital Construction Budget
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- Resources



November 2018 Election

- Governor Kate Brown won election to be first, full four-year term easily, securing over 50% the vote against Representative Knute Buehler (R-Bend)
- **Democrats** secured supermajorities in both legislative chambers
- **Democrats** flipped one Senate seat for a 18-12 majority and flipped three House seats for a 38-22 majority



November 2018 Election

Senate

- **Democrat** Jeff Golden defeated **Republican** Jessica Gomez for the seat left open by Alan DeBoer in Senate District 3 in southern Oregon

House

- **Democrat** Anna Williams defeated **Republican** Rep. Jeffrey Helfrich in House District 52
- **Democrat** Rachel Prusak defeated **Republican** Rep. Julie Parrish in House District 37
- **Democrat** Courtney Nelson defeated **Republican** Rep. Richard Vial in House District

November 2018 Election

- The House Higher Education Committee was eliminated; university policy bills will now run through the Senate and House Education Committees
- [Senator Rob Wagner](#) will chair the Senate Education Committee and [Representative Margaret Doherty](#) will chair the House Education Committee
- The Joint Committee on Ways & Means will have *three* co-chairs: [Representative Dan Rayfield](#) will be the House Co-Chair and the Senate will have two—[Senator Betsy Johnson](#) and [Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward](#)
- Approximately 25% of the 2019 Legislative Assembly are first-time legislators
- While the [Democrats](#) have supermajorities, quorum rules states that at least 20 Senators and 40 Representatives must be on the floor to conduct business

Governor's Recommended Budget

	2017-2019 LAB	2019-2021 Base GRB	Base Budget Change from 2017-2019 LAB	2019-2021 GRB with Additional Funds	Additional Funds Package from 2017-2019 LAB
Community College Support Fund (CCSF)	\$573.9 M GF	\$543.0 M GF	-5.4%	\$646.7M GF	12.7%
Public University Support Fund (PUSF)	\$736.9M GF	\$736.9M GF	0%	\$856.9M GF	16.3%
Oregon Opportunity Grant	\$145.9M	\$152.0M	4.2%	\$273.5M GF	87.5%
Oregon Promise	\$40.0M GF	\$19.9M GF	-50.2%	\$40.0M GF	0%
Sports Action Lottery	\$8.24M	\$0	\$14.1M	\$14.1M	67.8%

Governor's Recommended Budget

Institution	Project	XI-Q	XI-F	Total
All	Capital Improvement and Renewal	\$65M		\$65M
EOU	Residence Hall		\$14M	\$14M
EOU	Inlow Hall Grand Staircase	\$3M		\$3M
PSU	12 th & Market Residence Hall		\$60.5M	\$60.5M
PSU	Land Acquisition for University Center Building		\$15M	\$15M
UO	ShakeAlert Seismic Station	\$12M		\$12M
WOU	Valstesz Dining and Auxiliary Services Renovation		\$3.5M	\$3.5M
TOTAL		\$80M	\$93M	\$173M

Governor's Recommended Budget

- In addition to the \$173M in bonds for university projects in the 2019 Oregon Legislative Assembly, the Governor recommends reserving \$225M in the state's debt capacity for public universities for the 2020 legislative session after the Higher Education Coordinating Commission completes its study and ten-year capital plan

Gravitational Objects for 2019

- Carbon
- Housing
 - PERS
- Student Success
- Revenue/Budget
 - Employment



Resources

- Legislative Advisory Council (LAC)

 - Bill Management; Budget Advocacy; Twice-Weekly Meetings

- Oregon Council of Presidents (OCOP)

- Technical and Regional LAC Representatives (TRU)

- TRU Joint Government Affairs Representation

 - Tonkon Torp: Drew Hagedorn, Rocky Dallum, Katy McDowell

- WOU Public Affairs

 - Ryan Hagemann, Vice President & General Counsel

 - David McDonald, Associate Vice President for Public Affairs and Strategic Initiatives

 - Owen Johnson, Legislative Intern