



Marion County
GOP

NEWSLETTER FOR THE MARION COUNTY GOP JANUARY 2025

Historical Inauguration!

Marion County Republicans, including Chair Mike Slagle and Vice Chair Jessica Davidson, braved frigid 17-degree temperatures in Washington, D.C., to witness President Trump's second inauguration. Although the event moved indoors due to the cold, the group described the atmosphere as "exciting and upbeat." Trump's speech emphasized unity, border security, education reform, and tackling homelessness and addiction. Local leaders are optimistic about collaborating to address challenges in Marion County and Oregon. (salemreporter.com)



MISSION STATEMENT

To empower the next generation of Republican leaders in Marion County by providing opportunities for young conservatives to access leadership training, mentorship, and resources. Through education and support, we aim to inspire and equip young leaders to shape the future of our party and our nation."

Oregon Senate Bill 867

Proposes several changes to the Oregon Department of Education's authority, notably modifying standards to determine if a public school is involved in religious activity. Critics argue that this could prevent school choice funds from being used at religious schools, potentially violating the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, which prohibits government interference with religion. They also reference Article I, section 5 of the Oregon Constitution, which states, "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any religious or theological institution." A public hearing for SB 867 is scheduled for January 27, 2025, at 8:00 AM in HR B.

OREGON BILLS: SB 124 & HB 2301

These proposals aim to reduce the state's estate tax and alleviate the tax burden on inherited estates, potentially benefiting many Oregon families. The Taxpayers Association of Oregon supports these measures, emphasizing the importance of estate tax reform. [Oregon Catalyst](http://OregonCatalyst)
All Bill Alerts: <https://oregoncitizenslobby.org/action-alerts/>

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Greater Idaho is in the News!

As Oregon's legislative session begins, lawmakers are encountering billboards urging them to "Free Eastern Oregon" by adjusting the state border to incorporate conservative eastern counties into Idaho. This initiative is led by the Greater Idaho Movement, which argues that eastern Oregon aligns more closely with Idaho's values. The campaign features five different messages across Salem and the I-5 corridor, emphasizing themes of self-determination and the sentiment that eastern Oregonians' voices are not being heard. Matt McCaw, the movement's Executive Director, stated, "For four years, voters in eastern Oregon have been passing our measures telling their elected leaders they want them to pursue moving the border. The people have spoken and the Idaho Legislature has already passed a memorial supporting border talks. It's time for Oregon's Legislature to stop holding eastern Oregonians captive and let us go." Two bills have been introduced in the Oregon Legislature: Senate Joint Memorial 7 (SJM7), inviting Idaho to begin border discussions, and a forthcoming House bill to assess the feasibility of relocating the state line. The movement believes that adjusting the border would better align residents with state governance and reduce political tensions. To date, 13 counties have approved measures supporting this proposal.

[Greater Idaho](#)



Western Liberty Network Conference

Join us for the 15th Annual WLN Leadership and Activist Training Conference on Saturday, February 1st, in Portland, Oregon! Featuring expert speakers, 20 breakout sessions, and tracks like getting elected, governing effectively, and solving local issues, this event is packed with actionable tools to make an impact in 2025. Plus, enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a free mixer the evening before! There is a lot to do, and this is the PRIME SEASON to hone your skills for immediate impact, continue to build "farm teams" that lay foundations for future success, and squarely address problems where you live.

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<https://wlnexedir.wixsite.com/wstlbtnet>

How to get involved in Legislation

As the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session begins, citizens are encouraged to actively participate in the legislative process. Engagement opportunities include testifying on bills, contacting elected officials, and staying informed about legislative developments. The Oregon Legislative Assembly, comprising the House of Representatives and the Senate, is responsible for creating state laws and policies. The House consists of 60 representatives serving two-year terms, while the Senate has 30 senators serving four-year terms. Both chambers currently hold Democratic supermajorities. Active public involvement is essential in shaping Oregon's future.

Parents' Rights vs. PAT

In November 2023, the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT) conducted a strike from November 1 to 26, leading to nearly a month of school closures affecting over 44,000 students and their families. In response, a group of Portland Public Schools parents, represented by attorneys Patrick Hughes and Daniel Suhr, filed a lawsuit seeking over \$100 million in damages from PAT and the Oregon Education Association (OEA). The lawsuit alleges that PAT violated Oregon law by striking over non-mandatory bargaining subjects, causing significant disruptions to students' education and parents' lives. The plaintiffs aim to hold the unions accountable and prevent future unlawful strikes.

<https://parentsrightsineducation.com/blog/news/parents-rights-in-education-secures-plaintiffs-for-suit-against-portland-teachers-union/>

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ORP ELECTIONS!

The Oregon Republican Party is witnessing a significant leadership contest, with seven candidates vying for the position of state party chair. This competitive race underscores a pivotal moment for the party as it seeks to define its direction and strategy for the future. The candidates bring diverse perspectives and plans, reflecting the dynamic nature of the party's internal politics. This election's outcome is anticipated to substantially impact the party's trajectory in Oregon. [Let your MCGOP Delegates who they should vote for!](#)



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