

2010 ELECTION REPORT

OHCA Political Action Committee (OHCA PAC)

House Split, Senate Democrats Hold a Slim Majority

The Republican tide that swept the nation narrowly skipped the Oregon Legislative Assembly, leaving the Senate in control of the Democrats but returning the House to a 30-30 split. Unlike the exceptionally high 84% turnout rate just two years ago, 70% of registered voters cast a vote on November 2, 2010.

With an 18 point margin, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D) marched to victory in his battle against Jim Huffman (R). Wyden received strong support from the American Health Care Association PAC (AHCA PAC) in his bid for a third term to the U.S. Senate.

Despite several serious challenges, incumbents prevailed in all five of Oregon's congressional races. In the 1st district, Democrat David Wu bested Republican Rob Cornilles in a hotly contested race; in the 2nd district, Republican Greg Walden sailed to victory over Democrat Joyce Segers; in the 3rd district, Democrat Earl Blumenauer won handily over Republican Delia Lopez; in the 4th district, Democrat Peter DeFazio prevailed over Republican Art Robinson after a closer-than-expected battle; and in the 5th district, Democrat Kurt Schrader solidly retained his seat against Republican Scott Bruun.

OHCA PAC played an active role at the state level in the 2010 campaign cycle, contributing to the campaigns of candi-



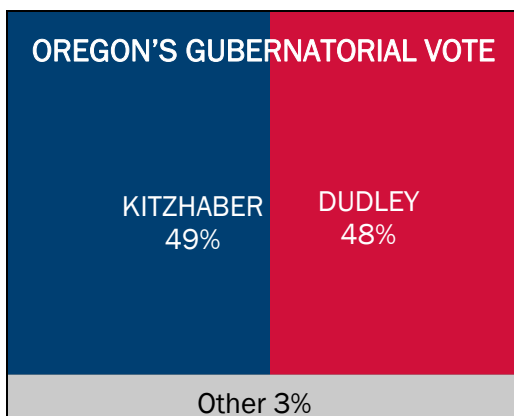
Congressman Kurt Schrader visits with residents of The Springs at Clackamas Woods during an event thanking Schrader for his support of extending increased federal Medicaid funds.

dates running for Governor, state Senate, and state House of Representatives. Setting a record for contributions, OHCA PAC recorded \$738,896.37 in total expenditures through November 2. In addition to direct monetary contributions to candidates, OHCA also supported candidates by organizing events at OHCA member facilities and giving candidates the opportunity to personally observe the quality services being provided in OHCA communities. From formal facility tours to casual coffee hours, candidates visited with residents and family members, met staff, and learned first-hand about Oregon's model long term care system.

Leading up to Election Day, political pollsters had Oregon's race for Governor pegged at a statistical dead heat. In the end, the pollsters were right. Too close to call until two days later, former Governor John Kitzhaber (D) barely nosed out political newcomer

Chris Dudley (R) by roughly 20,000 votes. Despite a significant fundraising edge throughout most of the race, Dudley came up short as the final votes came in from Democrat-dominated Multnomah and Lane Counties which gave Kitzhaber the final 49–48% edge.

Of Oregon's 90 state legislators, 75 were up for election this year, including all 60 members of the House and 15 members of the Senate. While Democrats held a super-majority of both chambers going into the 2010 election, House Democrats found themselves down 6 seats the morning after Election Day, and Senate Democrats lost 2 seats to retain a 16-14 majority. The 6-seat gain by Republicans in the House puts them on equal footing with Democrats, where both sides now control 30 seats in the 60 seat chamber. A detailed analysis of what is at stake in the 2011 session and what may be in store after the changes in leadership is available on the inside pages of this report. ■

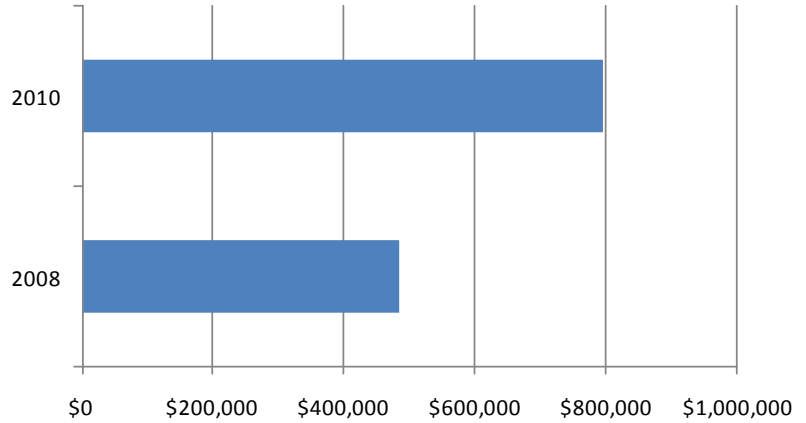


2010 OHCA PAC Contributions

OHCA PAC depends entirely on the generous support of OHCA members. In addition to monthly contributions, OHCA PAC also received generous contributions from many members throughout the 2010 election cycle. OHCA PAC works to help make the voices of OHCA members heard and encourages members to become involved in the political process.

In 2008, OHCA PAC raised slightly over \$485,000 in contributions from OHCA members. In 2010, OHCA members significantly increased their support for OHCA PAC by contributing over \$797,000.

Extensive state and federal law governs PAC contributions and expenditures. All transactions must be documented and submitted to the Oregon Secretary of State's office. All of OHCA PAC's contributions and expenditures are public record and are available from the Secretary of State's office or online at <http://egov.sos.state.or.us>.



Thank you, OHCA Members!

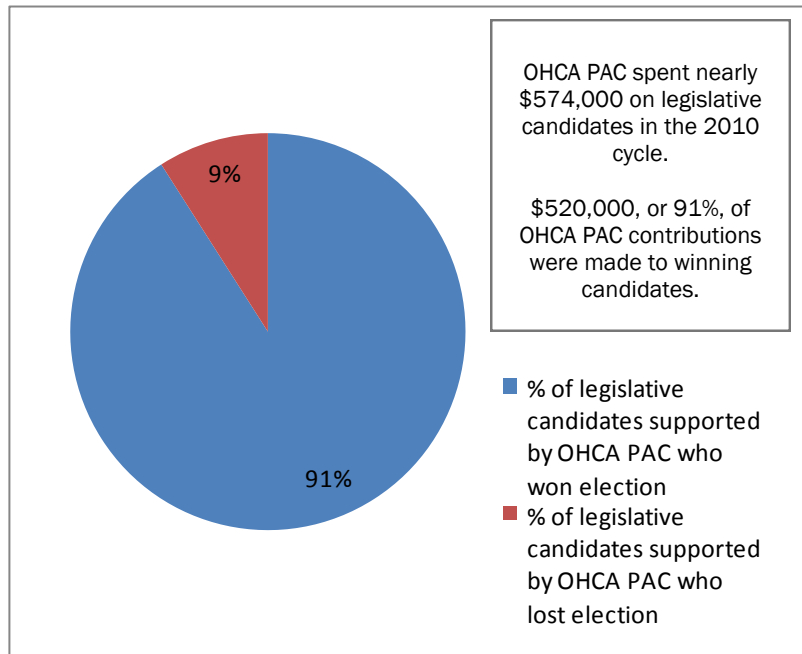
2010 OHCA PAC Direct Expenditures

The purpose of OHCA PAC is to provide financial contributions to the election campaigns of candidates running for office in Oregon, promote public policy that enhances Oregon's long term care system, and advocate on behalf of OHCA members in the public policy process.

OHCA PAC, is committed to contributing to candidates who support the policies and programs that we know are necessary to maintain and enhance Oregon's quality long term care delivery system.

In the 2010 election cycle, 91% of OHCA PAC expenditures were made to winning candidates. Similarly, 91% of all candidates supported by OHCA PAC won their bid for election.

In addition to legislative candidate expenditures, OHCA PAC contributed \$165,000 to gubernatorial candidates.





State Senator Jackie Winters(R-Salem) discusses the realities of Oregon's state budget with residents during her visit to Regency Woodland in Salem.

Oregon's 2011 Legislature: Who's In Charge?

Legislatures across the nation found themselves turned upside down after November 2. Prior to Election Day, Democrats held majorities in both chambers in 27 states – including Oregon – Republicans were in control in 14 states, and eight states operated under split control. Following this 2010 election, things look very different. Republicans now control legislatures in 25 states, Democrats in 17, and split control exists in seven state legislatures.

The Oregon Senate is now clearly, although barely, under Democrat control. After losing incumbent Sen. Martha Schrader (D) and the seat left vacated by retiring Sen. Rick Metsger (D), the Senate Democrats are left with 16 of their previous 18 seats. Senate Republicans will introduce two new members to their caucus, Alan Olsen (R) who will replace Schrader and Chuck Thomsen (R) who will replace Metsger. Retention of the majority means that Sen. Peter Courtney will continue to serve as President of the Senate. The reduction in the number of seats, however, prompted Sen. Richard Devlin to resign his position as Senate Majority Leader in order to pursue work on the budget committee. Most signs are indicating Courtney plans to appoint Devlin to lead the powerful Senate Ways & Means Committee. Other committee appointments will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

The House, on the other hand, will likely take longer to sort itself out, under the new 30-30 split. The six seat swing meant the loss of Democrat incumbents Nick Kahl, Judy Stiegler, and Suzanne VanOrman and Re-

publican pick-ups of three “open” seats left vacated by retiring Democrats. Republicans added Katie Eyre Brewer in Hillsboro, Shawn Lindsay in Washington County, Matt Wand in Gresham/East Multnomah County, Patrick Sheehan in North Clackamas, Mark Johnson in Hood River, and Jason Conger in Bend. Republicans also held onto the seat vacated by Scott Bruun, who left to run for Congress, with Julie Parrish’s win.

House Democrats and Republicans are in the midst of forming leadership teams that will position each of their caucuses for success in the coming 2011 session. The final vote for Speaker of the House (requires 31 votes) will take place on January 10 when the Legislative Assembly formally meets to convene the 2011 session. The chambers will meet from January 10-12 to appoint leaders and organize committees and then adjourn until the official start to session on February 1. With the passage of Measure 71 (establishing annual legislative sessions), the legislature is now limited to a session lasting not more than 160 days in odd-numbered years.

OREGON SENATE

16 DEMOCRATS

14 REPUBLICANS

OREGON HOUSE

30 DEMOCRATS

30 REPUBLICANS

CANDIDATES VISIT OHCA MEMBERS

Below: Sen. Jackie Winters speaks with a staff member at Regency Woodlands in Salem.



Above: Rep. Kevin Cameron speaks with residents at Redwood Heights in Salem.



Above: Sen. Richard Devlin attends a town hall meeting with residents at Tanner Spring in West Linn.



Above: Sen. Martha Schrader meets with community members and staff at Rackleff Place in Canby.

THANK YOU!

Thank You OHCA Members Who Hosted a Legislator or Candidate:

Avamere Riverpark of Eugene
Miramont Pointe (Clackamas)
Regency Woodland (Salem)
Avamere at Waterford (Medford)
Rackleff Place (Canby)
Redwood Heights (Salem)
Heron Pointe Assisted Living Community (Monmouth)
Orchard Heights Senior Community (West Salem)

Tanner Spring Assisted Living (West Linn)
Arbor Place Senior Community (Medford)
Cornell Estates (Hillsboro)
Town Center Village (Portland)
Alpine Springs Assisted Living Community (Eugene)
The Springs at Clackamas Woods
The Springs at Tanasbourne