



Legislative and Regulatory Issues 2022 Update/2023 Preview

**Oregonians for
Food & Shelter**

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Who are we?

OFS Members are:

- Individuals
- Associations (ag commodity groups, trade organizations)
- Businesses



Agriculture



Forestry



Urban



OFS Primary Issues

Protecting access to critical tools including:

- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Biotechnology



We engage at these levels:

- State and US legislature
- State and Federal Regulatory Agencies
- Oregon counties: ballot measures, etc.
- Grassroots – facilitating engagement

WHY do we need OFS?

Agriculture and forestry are Oregon's leading industries after high-tech manufacturing –

OFS represents well over 450,000 jobs in Oregon

- Agriculture
 - Over 9% of Oregon's economy; \$42 billion
 - More than 240 crops, many are #1 US crops
- Forestry and wood products
 - \$18 billion output; 3.8 billion board feet
 - #1 in the U.S. for softwood lumber and plywood, leader in engineered wood
- Golf
 - \$1.6 billion industry in Oregon



HOW A RAGTAG GROUP OF OREGON LOCALS TOOK ON THE BIGGEST CHEMICAL COMPANIES IN WORLD — AND WON

Internal documents from a chemical industry trade group detail an elaborate plan to defeat a local ordinance banning aerial spraying of pesticides.



Sharon Lerner

September 15 2018, 6:00 a.m.



Big Win for Anti-GMO Groups as Federal Judge Upholds Jackson County GMO Ban

By Mina Nass

ENVIRONMENT

Oregon bills call for restrictions on potentially harmful pesticides



Tracy Loew

Statesman Journal

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// VIEWPOINT TOPICS

Retail & Consumer Products
Consumer Product Safety

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2022 Short Legislative Session

➤ February - March, 2022

OFS Engaged on:

HB 4062: New pesticide license type - **passed**

HB 4077: Environmental Justice - **passed**

HB 4002: Ag overtime - **passed**

HB 4141: Petroleum diesel phase-out - **failed**

SB 1534: Carbon sequestration - **failed**

SB 1532: Organic Extension positions - **failed**

Coalition Bills:

SB 1501, 1502: Private Forest Accord - **passed**

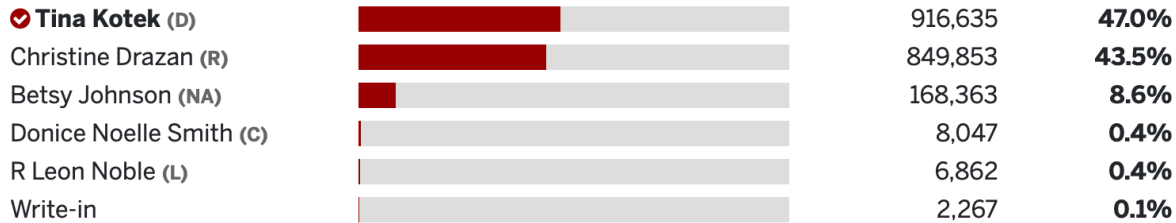
HB 4055: Forest products harvest tax - **passed**



Elections Update

Governor

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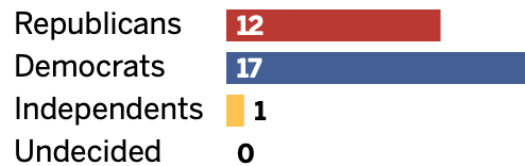


> 95% of est. votes counted

Legislature control

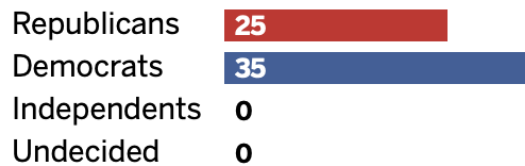
Oregon Senate

SUPERMAJORITY (18)



Oregon House

SUPERMAJORITY (36)



Elections Update cont'd

30 Senators total, Democrats control Senate 17-13

- New Senate President, Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego, Tualatin, West Linn)
- New Senate Majority Leader, Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton, SW Portland)
- Republicans yet to elect leader, likely to continue to be Tim Knopp (R-Redmond, Bend)

60 Representatives total, Democrats control House 34-26

- Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) will remain Speaker, started in early 2022
- Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene, Lane County) remains as House Majority Leader
- Republicans also yet to elect leader, current leader is Vikki Breese Iverson (R-Prineville)

22 Legislators new to the Assembly

- 21 new House members
- 4 new Senators, 3 are former House members, 1 is new

Looking ahead: 2023 Legislative Session

➤ January – June, 2023



Defensive:

- School IPM
- Glyphosate?
- Groundwater/nutrients?
- ????????????????

Proactive:

- Funding for OSU's IR-4 Program
- PARC Farmworker Outreach Program
- Support for OSU Statewides

Ongoing Regulatory Issues

ODA

- Crossbow petition
- Soil amendment labeling
- Handling of drift complaints and chronic complainers
- Pesticide registration fee increase
- Pesticide Stewardship Partnership

OR DEQ

- Pesticide General Permit
- Groundwater/nutrient strategy
- Amicus brief
- Recycling Program Rulemaking

ODF

- E-notification for aerial applications – SB 1602

US EPA

- Revocation of food tolerances for chlorpyrifos
- Comments on registration reviews, petitions
 - Treated seed exemption; organophosphate ban



Other Issues

- **Lincoln County aerial spray ban**
 - Case closed this year!
- **Measure IP-3**
 - Would ban killing of animals before natural life (hunting, fishing, pest control, some breeding practices all criminal acts)
- **OSHA rulemakings**
 - COVID-19, wildfire smoke, heat protections
- **People not Politicians**
 - Independent redistricting

Grassroots Support

Lane Families for Farms and Forests

Tillamook Working Lands and Waters Cooperative

Clatsop Working Watersheds Cooperative

Partnership for Lincoln Lands and Waters



Start one, we'll help!

Why?

***Local
Ballot
Initiatives***

Lincoln County

- Aerial Pesticide Ban

Lane County

- Aerial Herbicide Ban
- GE Crop Ban
- Community Rights Initiative
- Watershed Bill of Rights

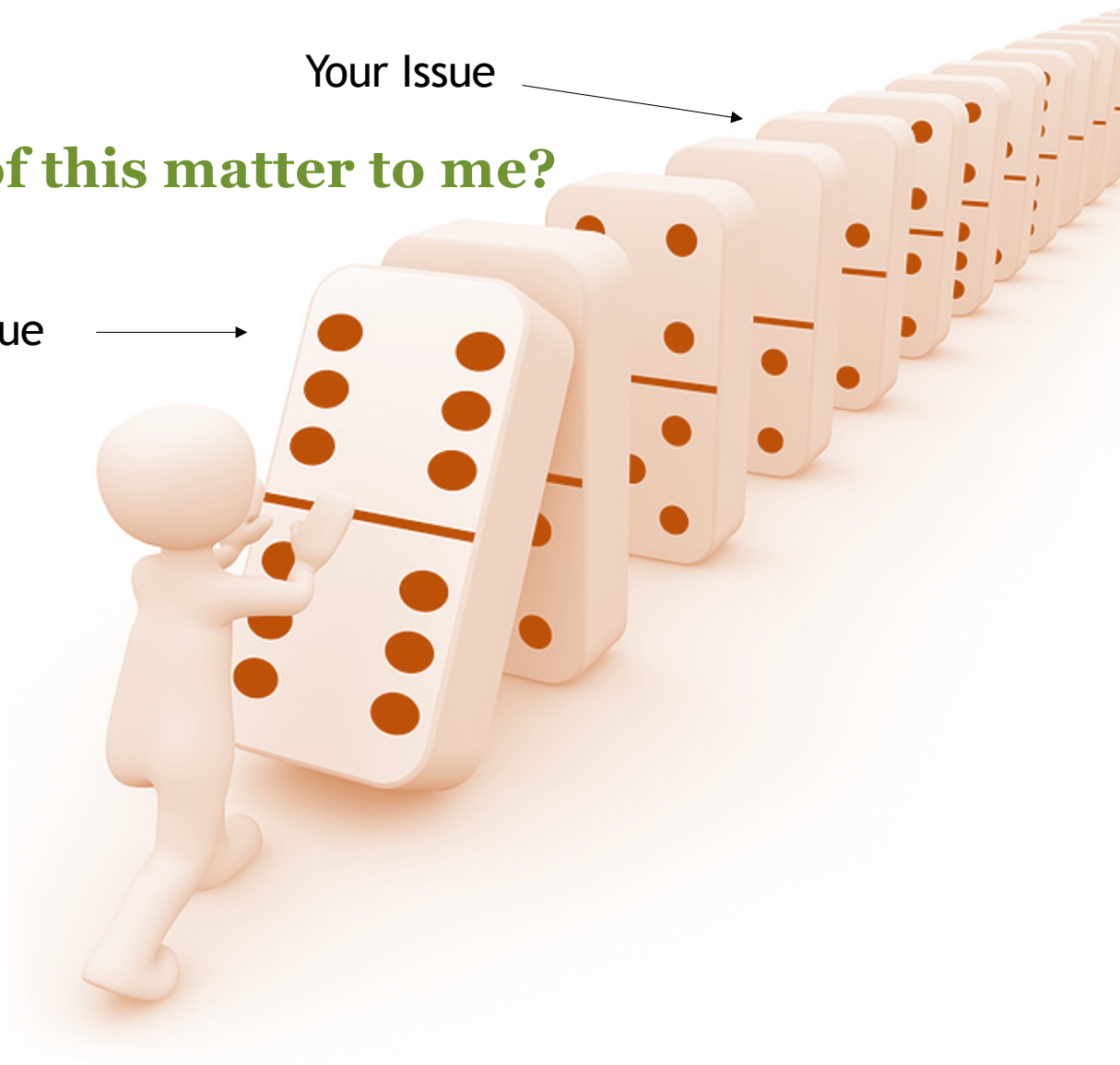
Other Counties of Concern



Why does ANY of this matter to me?

Not Your Issue

Your Issue



What can you do?

Track the legislative session:

- Subscribe to newsletters (OFS – weekly)
- Follow OFS social media

Educate legislators and regulators – and the public! - about your issues –

- **Relationships are key!**

Testify at the legislature

- Tell your story – **we can help!**

JOIN and Support OFS

VOTE

Engage





SAVE THE DATE!

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