



Oregon – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The eleventh edition of the Oregon CPAC Scorecard analyzes 12 consequential bills in the House, and 13 in the Senate. What emerges is a portrait of a state locked in ideological warfare: progressive lawmakers working relentlessly to expand government control, tax-and-spend largesse, and cultural radicalism, while a determined conservative minority fights to hold the line for taxpayers, parental rights, and constitutional freedoms.

In the **Oregon Senate**, Republicans posted an average of **64%**, proving themselves a stalwart force against leftist overreach, even as Democrats averaged a dismal **2%**, revealing near-total unity in their pursuit of big-government statism. The overall Senate average of **30%** highlights just how deeply the chamber is weighed down by progressive priorities.

In the **Oregon House of Representatives**, the pattern held: Republicans averaged **61%**, upholding conservative ideals in a challenging environment. Meanwhile, House Democrats bottomed out at a shocking **1%**, underscoring their near-complete rejection of limited government and individual liberty. The overall House average was **25%**, cementing Oregon's legislature as one of the most ideologically polarized in the nation.

Throughout the session, Oregon Democrats rammed through bills that socialize healthcare components, lavish subsidies on favored industries, advance radical climate ideology, and embed DEI priorities across state systems. Republican legislators, though often outnumbered, fought back against these intrusions, seeking to safeguard fiscal responsibility, protect family autonomy, and maintain a free enterprise system that isn't beholden to government favoritism.

Key Takeaways

Democrats Double Down on Expanding Government Control and Radicalism

Oregon's Democrats didn't merely maintain their progressive course this session—they accelerated it. From **SB 1532**, which directs schools to craft specialized plans for illegal immigrants and LGBT+ students (embedding identity politics in education), to **SB 1585**, which uses SNAP to pay for “hot foods,” they continue transforming Oregon into a welfare-first state that normalizes dependency. They advanced **HB 4083**, forcing state divestment from thermal coal under the banner of climate orthodoxy, and **HB 4098**, which creates a taxpayer-backed child care fund for targeted industries. Nearly every Democrat fell in line, showing how little Oregon cares for their taxpayers.

Republicans are the Last Line of Defense Against Oregon's Leftist Machine

Against these odds, Oregon's Republican lawmakers held firm. Averaging **63.8% in the Senate** and **60.9% in the House**, they attempted to protect the principles of free enterprise, parental rights, and constitutionally-protected liberties. They opposed bills like **SB 1578**, which inserted the state deeper into healthcare by creating a new interpreter bureaucracy, and **HB 4154**, which poured money into the microchip industry at taxpayer expense. Republican legislators consistently resisted efforts to transform Oregon into a laboratory of left-wing experimentation.

Taxpayer Handouts Disguised as “Economic Development”

Oregon passed a stunning array of bills that directed public dollars to selective sectors, undermining free-market principles. **HB 4111** exempted all farm machinery from taxes, skewing the playing field; **HB 4154** established a fund explicitly to subsidize the microchip sector; and **SB 1537** set up a revolving loan fund to underwrite local housing projects. This session made it clear: Oregon's political establishment is eager to pick winners and losers with taxpayer money.

Parental Rights, Fiscal Discipline, and Constitutional Freedoms Under Siege

Perhaps most troubling were bills like **SB 1583**, which stops local school districts from removing explicit books by cloaking them in anti-discrimination language, and **HB 4080**, which laid the groundwork for preferential offshore wind investments. Together, these measures show a legislature more concerned with enshrining progressive orthodoxy than defending families' rights to shape their communities or protecting taxpayers from unnecessary risk. Conservatives stood nearly alone in resisting this tidal wave.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

SB 1532 – Creating Special Education Plans for Illegal Immigrants

This bill directs the Department of Education to develop a special plan to educate students who are illegal immigrants or members of the LGBT+ population. CPAC opposes measures that incentivize illegal immigration and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 4, 2024 by a vote of 22-8, and the House passed it on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 46-11. The bill later became law.

SB 1537 – Hefty Housing Omnibus Bill

This bill, which is part of a larger package of housing measures, performs a myriad of functions designed to deepen government intervention in housing markets. For example, the bill establishes a new revolving loan fund to help municipalities and towns provide more housing. CPAC believes taxpayers should not be placed on the hook to provide housing for others and opposed this bill. The Senate passed it on February 29, 2024 by a vote of 21-7, and the House passed it on March 4, 2024 by a vote of 50-6. The bill later became law.

SB 1578 – Socializing Another Part of the Healthcare System

This bill attempts to create a state-based healthcare interpreter management system, adding another layer of government involvement in healthcare. CPAC believes the government should stop inserting itself into the healthcare system and opposed this bill. The Senate passed it on March 7, 2024 by a vote of 16-12, and the House passed it on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 34-21. The bill later became law.

HB 4083 – Working Climate Change Fanaticism into the State's Investment Strategy

This bill directs the State Treasurer to divest state funds from companies that deal in thermal coal. CPAC opposes the integration of leftist climate radicalism into state decision-making and investment processes and opposed this bill. The Senate passed it on March 5, 2024 by a vote of 16-13, and the House passed it on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 34-21. The bill later became law.

Trends and Observations

A Progressive Majority Utterly United in Their Agenda

The near-zero averages of Oregon's Democrats reveal a caucus entirely bought in to expanding state power, redistributing wealth, and embedding DEI and climate radicalism into every aspect of governance. Unlike some states where moderate Democrats occasionally resist, Oregon's Democrats have adopted a no-compromise posture, greenlighting a suite of bills that grow government reach into family life, business, and local schools.

Republican Resilience Is the Only Thing Keeping Oregon from Becoming California North

With averages above 60%, Oregon Republicans demonstrated consistent alignment with the principles of fiscal prudence, personal liberty, and restrained government. Their steadfast opposition to bills like **HB 4098** and **SB 1595**—which respectively dumped taxpayer money into private childcare arrangements and made it harder for creditors to collect debts—highlights their role as Oregon's last institutional guardrail against complete progressive dominance.

Cronyism and Corporatism Are Thriving Under the Banner of "Economic Development"

The sheer volume of sector-specific tax breaks and state-directed investment schemes underscores a troubling bipartisan comfort with using public dollars to pick winners and losers. From farm equipment exemptions to microchip subsidies, these measures betray free-market principles. This should serve as a wake-up call to conservative voters to press even Republican lawmakers on maintaining economic neutrality.

Parental Rights and Local Control Continue to Erode

Bills like **SB 1583** signal a growing trend where progressive lawmakers leverage civil rights language to force explicit or radical materials into schools under the guise of preventing "discrimination." Meanwhile, mandates around offshore wind, electric vehicles, and climate policy showcase an elite class determined to socially engineer Oregon's future, regardless of family or local preferences.

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Brian Boquist - 92%

Dennis Linthicum - 92%

Art Robinson - 92%

Conservative Excellence - House

Dwayne Yunker - 92%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Daniel Bonham - 85%

Conservative Achievement - House

Jami Cate - 83%

Christine Goodwin - 83%

E. Werner Reschke - 83%