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## Legislature Approves Redistricting Measures

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Oregon Legislature approved two measures to redraw the boundaries of Oregon’s congressional and legislative districts. Those bills are Senate Bill 881 and 882, respectively.

Once a decade, states must redraw electoral lines to account for population changes based on U.S. Census data. In Oregon, the population grew by 10.6% since the 2010 Census count.

“Oregon’s 45<sup>th</sup> special session has ended,” said Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem). “The Legislature fulfilled its constitutional duty. We listened to Oregonians and passed new maps that are fair and accurate. It was a bumpy road from start to finish but I think history will show we did a good job.”

The Senate and House Committees on Redistricting held 22 public hearings over the past year, received over 1,300 pieces of written testimony, and heard virtually from 520 Oregonians. The maps responded to Oregonians’ feedback while strictly abiding by Oregon’s legal requirements to ensure fair representation in the United States Congress and the Oregon State Legislature.

Senator Kathleen Taylor (D-Portland) was appointed by President Courtney to chair the Senate Committee on Redistricting. “There is no question that this was challenging, and the challenge was well worth it,” she said. “We learned about Oregonians’ lives, their communities and their greatest needs. These maps are informed by that information and Oregonians will be well-served by these maps.”

Senate Bill 881 passed the Oregon Senate with an 18-6 vote and the Oregon House with a 33-16 vote. Senate Bill 882 passed the Senate on Monday, September 20 with an 18-11 vote and today in the House with a 31-18 vote. After the passage of these bills, the Legislature approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 31 which adjourned the First Special Session of 2021, sine die.

The two bills now move to the Governor's desk.

Maps of the approved legislative and congressional districts can be found at [www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting).

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