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## Oregon Legislature Passes Congressional and Legislative Maps

SALEM, OR – Today, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 881, which creates six new congressional districts, and Senate Bill 882, which creates Oregon’s new state legislative districts. Following the bills’ passage, the Legislature closed the 2021 Special Session to address redistricting.

This is the third time since 1911 that the Legislature has succeeded in passing electoral maps.

"These maps are fair, representative, meet the highest of legal standards and incorporate feedback we heard from Oregonians across the state," said [Representative Andrea Salinas](#) (D-Lake Oswego), co-chair of the House Committee on Redistricting. "We followed the Census data to protect the constitutional requirement of one person, one vote."

"I appreciate the work of my colleagues in the Legislature to get where we are today," said [Senator Kathleen Taylor](#) (D-Portland). "Each district in these bills was carefully designed to ensure compliance with Oregon’s redistricting standards and ensure that communities across Oregon will have strong and accurate representation in the Oregon Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives."

Oregon received a sixth Congressional District following 10.6% growth from 2010 to 2020, above the U.S. average of 7.4%. This is the first time in 40 years the state has gained a seat. Oregon ranks 11th nationally in population growth rate over the last decade.

"Despite the delay in Census data, a drastically shortened deadline, and an ongoing global pandemic, we delivered on an inclusive and accessible process with 22 hearings and almost 2,000 pieces of testimony from Oregonians who made their voices heard," said House Majority Leader [Barbara Smith Warner](#) (D-Portland).

"The Senate and House committees accomplished a tremendous task in the face of incredible and overlapping challenges," said Senate Majority Leader [Rob Wagner](#) (D-Lake Oswego). "Additionally, over the past year Oregonians have consistently shown up to share their perspectives and shape these fair and representative maps. I extend my sincere gratitude and I was thrilled to vote ‘yes’ on Senate Bills 881 and 882."

Senate Bills 881 and 882 now head to the Governor’s desk for her signature.

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