



**Oregon State
Representative
Gary Leif
District 2**

**Serving Douglas
Jackson and
Josephine
Counties**



District 2 News

Redistricting Update 2021-04-20

State Capital Happenings

The current legislative session continues to be challenging and frustrating. We have so many important and urgent matters to review, but we continue to be hampered by the ongoing pandemic and leadership choices. Using the pandemic as a reason, leadership continues to deny public access to the legislative process. In addition, we are now suspended for a week due to additional COVID exposure of the Capital and Legislative Staffs. Committee meetings continue in an online fashion with limited options to testify, but the ability to move final bills to a floor vote is a real challenge.

We are engaged in an active conversation with leadership to try and prioritize the most critical bills. From my perspective the budget bills are the most important. Second, is the redistricting which is required by the Oregon constitution. We also have a lot of key housekeeping and department authorization pieces of action that must be completed before we end the session and open the new campaign season on September 1, 2021.

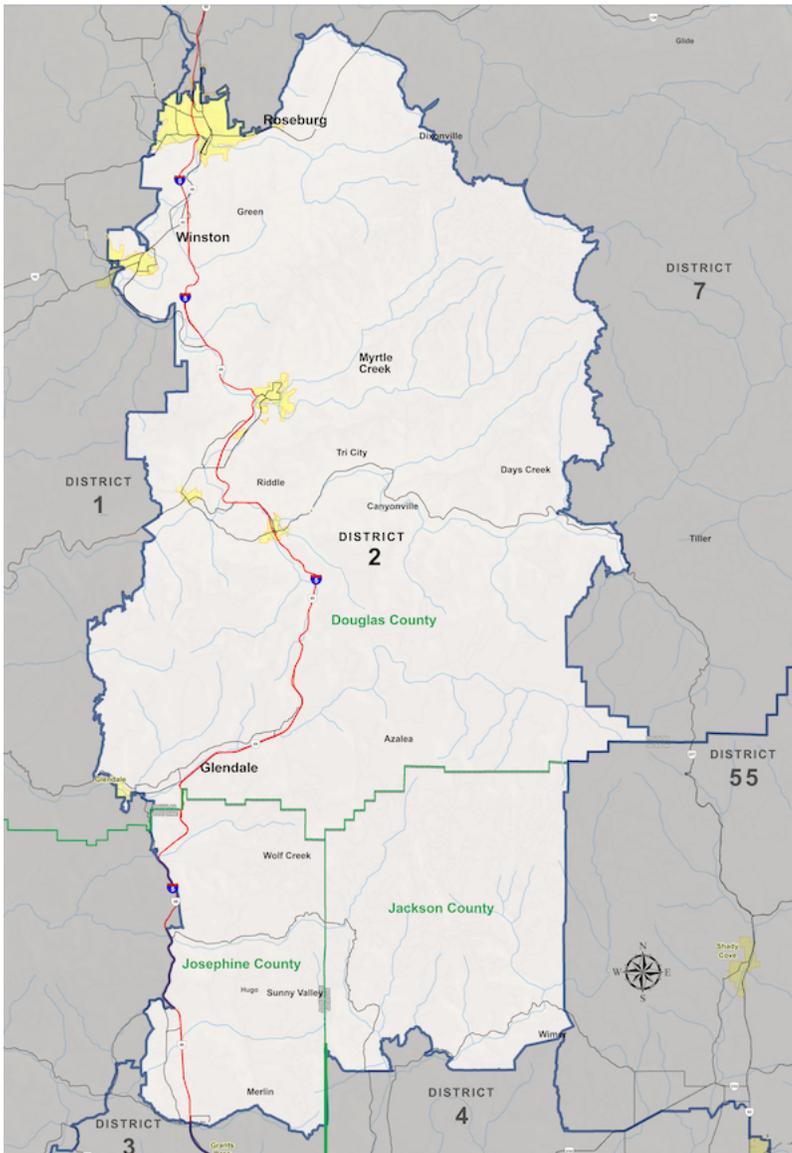
I know that many of the House District 2 constituents are being inundated with various political messages. There is a lot of conversation about some very controversial bills being considered in the House. I would simply like to remind everyone that we are way behind the traditional schedule. Committee work is continuing and our ability to take bills to the floor is severely restricted.

This is a really challenging time, and want to ask everyone to remain involved and active in the process. But, please know that there are no simple or quick resolutions to the unique nature of this session. Many of us are working across the aisle to try and move the most important legislation while trying to defer the more controversial pieces. As elected officials now is the time we must come together and find compromise solutions to core government operations such as budget allocations, school funding, and constitutionally required state changes.

Let me take a moment and provide some updates on one of those key requirements:

Redistricting Update and HD2 Clarification

Following each Census, the Legislature along with the Governor are required to redraw the district boundaries to reflect shifts in population, this is known as redistricting. I'm pleased to report that the early information shows that a bi-partisan committee will be formed to look at the new districts. Also, it appears that most of the change will occur in the large metropolitan areas. At this time I am not expecting much change to the more rural districts. We will not know until the process is finished, but I believe the changes to my district will be minimal.



With that being the case, I thought it was a good time to clarify the district boundaries for the greater Roseburg area. I get a lot of email questions from constituents wanting to know their district. Your district is determined by your primary or registered address. There are different district boundaries for the State House and Senate along with the Congressional and Senate districts.

For the Oregon House of Representatives, the greater Roseburg area is served at the intersection of three house districts. The core Roseburg area is served by Representative Brock Smith from House District 1 (HD1), and myself Representative Gary Leif House District 2 (HD2). Then HD2 follows down the I-5 Corridor almost touching Grants Pass. HD2 actually represent a small portion of three different Counties. Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties are all in within HD2 parameters....

2021 Committee Assignments

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