



REPRESENTATIVE GENE WHISNANT
78TH Oregon Legislative Assembly (Session 2015)

REP. WHISNANT'S BILLS (AS A CHIEF SPONSOR) THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED

- HB 2234 Provides coverage of medical assessments and services provided to abused and neglected children by community assessment centers like **Bend's Kids Center**.
- HB 2690 Exempts low income housing built by nonprofits like **Habitat for Humanity** from property taxation until built and occupied.
- HB 2892 Requires National League of Families "**POW/MIA flags**" to be displayed on all state buildings and county courthouses with existing flagpoles.
- HB 2955 Establishes an annual conference dedicated to "**civic literacy**."
- HB 2968 Requires work group to produce a report on how State School Fund (SSF) spends the money to **help students in poverty families**.
- HB 2973 **Affordable Baccalaureate Degree Act:** Requests public universities and community colleges to work toward providing four-year affordable BA degrees or pathways to BA degrees.
- HB 3100 Restructures framework for **public health activities** provided to Oregonians.
- HB 3499 Establishes new **English Language Learners (ELL)** program with new reporting.
- SB 515 **Oregon Transparency Website:** increases transparency and access to additional information such as the Oregon Product Investment Fund, the Beginning and Expanding Farmer Loan Program and other economic development programs. (See HB 2500/2009 Session)

REP. WHISNANT'S BILLS THAT DIED IN COMMITTEE

- HB 2373 Repeals ethanol mandate.
- HB 2852 Legislative Fiscal Office to prepare impact statement on legislative measures reported out of committee and that have financial impacts on small businesses.
- HB 2856 State agencies to report to Director of Oregon Department of Administrative Services when any budget position is vacant for six months.
- HB 2959 Recording Fee: Oregon Housing and Community Services is required to distribute funds from housing accounts with consideration to counties from which fees were collected.
- HB 2977 School districts and public charter schools will be required to implement statewide assessment system in civics and students to demonstrate level of proficiency in naturalization test required for United States citizenship.

- HB 3017 Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to conduct study on mental health courts.
- HB 3109 Information concerning sex offenders convicted of certain offenses be released on website maintained by Department of State Police.
- HB 3175 Establishes Task Force on Safety of Police Officers to study officer safety.
- SB 513 Expands crime of trafficking in persons to increase age limit of persons trafficked for purpose of engaging in commercial sex act and to include advertising for trafficking activities.
- SB 517 Authorizes half-price hunting license for uniformed service member residents of Oregon.
- SB 634 Eliminates sunset date of homestead property tax deferral program.
- SB 635 Oregon estate tax is not due unless value of Oregon taxable estate equals or exceeds \$5 million.
- SB 637 Increases ceiling amount of total assessed value of taxable personal property for purposes of exemption from property taxation.

SESSION CONTROVERSIAL BILLS (REP. WHISNANT OPPOSED)

- SB 454 Mandatory sick leave Voted NO
- SB 941 All private transferors of firearms to appear at gun dealer in person with both transferee and firearm and request criminal background check before transfer. Voted NO
- SB 324 Low Carbon Fuel Standard. Voted NO
- HB 2700 Expands “classes” in class lawsuits which harm small businesses. Voted NO
- HB 2960 Employers have to offer mandatory retirement savings plan Voted NO
- HB 2177 Motor Voter: Automatically registers voters using driver license data. Voted NO
- HB 3555 Not allowing Oregon taxpayers to receive their kicker tax rebate. Died in Committee
- HB 2151 Tax increase proposal to cap mortgage interest deductions at \$10,000 and enact a 50% cut to all itemized deductions, including home mortgage deductions for low- and middle-income families. Died in Committee
- HB 2386 Granting the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) the ability to issue cease-and-desist orders to employers without due process. Died in Committee

To review all 159 bills which Representative Whisnant “Sponsored or Chief Sponsored” link to Oregon Legislative Information System at <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1#>

I appreciate your support, prayers, input, and constructive criticism. It remains an honor to serve as a State Representative. I perform that honor to the best of my ability with the professional and dedicated support of Vicki Olson and Josie Whisnant.

*Sincerely,
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