



Senator  
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## Senator Anderson for the Coast

### It was not a walkout, it is a protest for common sense

Thank you for all the notes in regards to what happened last week in Salem. I know the media did not do a good job portraying what actually happened, so I understand the confusion. This was supposed to be a Legislative Session around recovery for the State of Oregon. Talk about not following Leadership's direction and going off the rails. I was receiving my vaccine, which was the cause for my absence, this past week's protest was to support frustrated Oregonians who have not been heard or recognized. I personally participated in all my committee meetings, spent hours on the phone and had numerous meetings with constituents.

Unfortunately, my colleagues across the aisle have scheduled themselves not to show up for work since session began, only holding one floor session a week and refusing to call out the Governors lack of leadership around school openings and vaccine distribution.

I take my responsibility to represent the coast very seriously, including the students who are not able to protest because the Capitol is closed, along with their classrooms.

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Do you think kids need to be back in school full time in person?

Yes

Select

No

Select

[Senate Republicans lay out education reform agenda - read more](#)

# Redistricting update in Oregon

Once a decade, Oregon redraws the political maps and boundaries. This process fundamentally changes the way Oregonians participate in their democracy. The public's involvement is critical.

The two Senate Republican members of the Senate Committee on Redistricting, Vice-Chair Tim Knopp (Bend) and Senator Bill Hansell (Athena), are releasing information on how the public can participate in this important process.

The Senate Committee will hold 10 virtual public hearings for which members of the public can sign up to testify. To stay up to date with the process, visit [oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting](http://oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting).

If they are not able to access the internet, please call: Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst, at 503-986-1674, or Michael Lantz, Counsel, at 503-986-1736 for further instructions.

The hearings are grouped by Congressional District, but testimony may include input on House and Senate legislative districts as well. The following meetings are the two opportunities for Senator Knopp and Hansell's constituents to testify. Residents of the coast will have priority to testify at the hearings below.

## Congressional District (CD) Hearing Dates and Times

**CD 4 (Coos, Douglas and Lane Counties)**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

**CD 5 (Lincoln and Tillamook Counties)**  
**Thursday, March 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

For constituents interested, please be as specific as you can be in your testimony. The following legal requirements for redistricting may be helpful for constituents formulating testimony.

As practicable as possible, legal requirements for districts include:

- be contiguous
- utilize existing geographic or political boundaries
- be of equal population
- not divide communities of common interest
- be connected by transportation links

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## How to testify on a bill in a committee 'remotely'

The building is closed, however they play all the committee hearings on a big screen in the building? We all scratch our heads too. There are bills moving quickly now through committees and many have nothing to do with helping our state recover from the pandemic and wildfires we had this past year. They are very partisan in nature and many will further erode the divide between our political

parties.

You can always submit written testimony, as most of the committee hearings happen during the day when hopefully you are working. If you do submit written testimony on a particular bill please CC my office, so we can ensure that it gets in the written record for that bill.

If you want to testify on a bill, find out all the information right [HERE](#).

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## New Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking in Lincoln City.



The rain stopped and the fun began with the groundbreaking ceremony.



Talking with people on the coast and discussing issues like housing are very important opportunities.

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## Travel Oregon Grant Awards for communities on the coast

Originally announced as a \$250,000 opportunity, Travel Oregon received more than \$4 million in requests through 135 applications. In response to this high demand, the agency reviewed internal program dollars and reallocated resources to increase the award amount \$913,000, which allowed 34 projects to be awarded across the state.

For our coastal communities the following grants were awarded:

- **Tillamook Coast Visitors Association** (\$10,000) to install two kayak launchers at water access points in Nehalem and purchase an additional beach wheelchair for the Netarts/Oceanside area.
- **City of Florence** (\$44,161) for additional seating areas, trash receptacles and bike racks in Florence's Old Town and along the Port of Siuslaw's Boardwalk.
- **Port of Bandon** (\$20,000) for creation of an outdoor seating area along Bandon's historic waterfront

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