

Deborah Boone, State Representative, House District 32 Democrat 2011

Deborah was appointed to fill an unexpired term for State Representative of House District 32 in August 2004. She subsequently won four re-election campaigns.

Deborah has served on several legislative committees since her first term including the Joint Committee on Ways & Means & sub-committees on Human Services (vice-chair) and Public Safety; Emergency Board; Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness (co-chair); House Committee on Emergency Preparedness & Ocean Policy (chair); House Committee on Transportation; House Committee on Veterans Services; House Committee on Human Services (vice-chair); House Committee on Environment & Water; House Committee on Veterans Services & Emergency Preparedness. Currently she is Co-vice chair of the House Energy, Environment & Water Committee and member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. In addition to legislative committees she serves the legislature on Children's Trust Fund of Oregon; Pacific NW Economic Region (PNWER - 5 western state & 5 Canadian provinces); Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force (PFLTTF – 5 western states); Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG – ocean energy developers and policymakers); Joint Ocean Commission Initiative (a national Commission of state and local elected officials representing coastal communities around the USA); Healthy Streams Partnership (past); Governor's Rural Policy Advisory Council (past); Oregon Ocean Resources Management Task Force (past).

Deborah counts among her achievements procuring funding for sea floor mapping to provide urgently needed tsunami models, research for fisheries and near-shore habitat, updated navigational charts and for the potential siting of marine reserves and ocean energy projects; House Resolution 3 which requires a statewide resilience/disaster and emergency preparedness plan; helping citizens who operate family-owned natural resource-based businesses with an inheritance tax reduction so they can keep their businesses & homes instead of selling off property to pay taxes; procuring funding for a study of potential impacts & constraints of ocean energy development as Oregon enters one of the fastest growing energy sector; funding to allow Oregon State Police to provide 24/7 coverage on state highways and forensic services to local & state law enforcement; support for education from early childhood to higher education; small business assistance; consumer protections; services for seniors & veterans; and improving forest practices to address federal and state regulations pertaining to the environment and species protections; access to more affordable prevention-oriented health care; and assistance to rural communities.