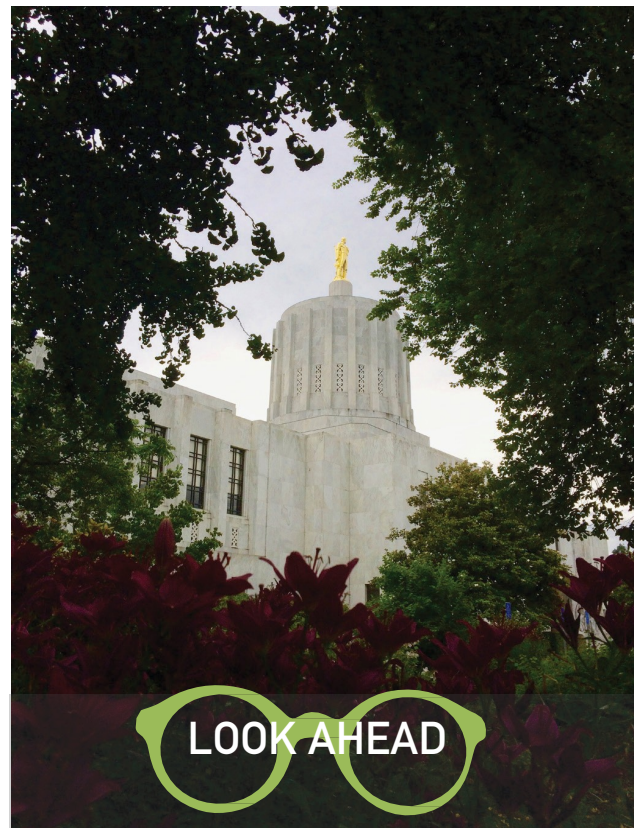
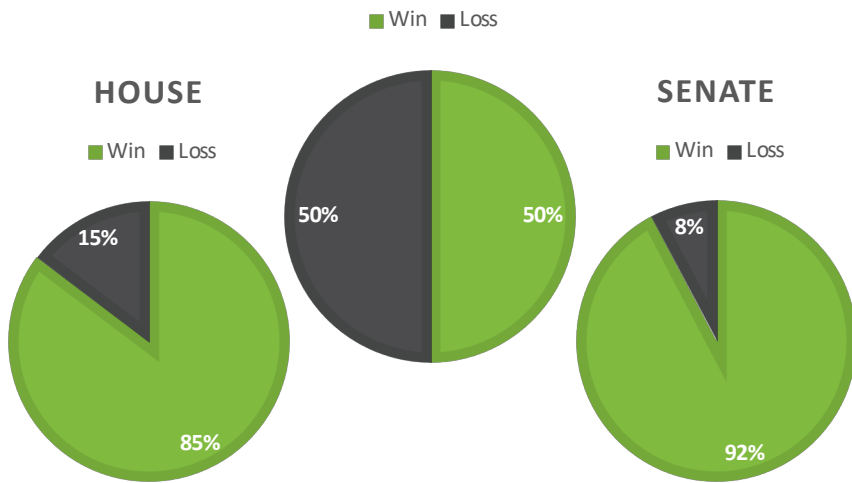


LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 34 members of the Oregon House that RPAC supported, 29 candidates won. In the Senate, 12 out of 13 members won. State-wide, we supported two candidates; Governor and Bureau of Labor and Industries Commissioner. Governor lost, but we won Labor Commissioner. Also, with our input, NAR supported all five of our congressional delegation. They all won.

STATE-WIDE CANDIDATES



LOOK AHEAD

2019 is the “Long Session” year for the Oregon Legislature. By design, the long-session provides an opportunity for lawmakers to deliberate changes to Oregon’s laws and policy objectives. Lawmakers must also pass a balanced budget, providing the operating costs for Governor Brown and her executive branch agencies to implement the policy adjustments made by the Legislative Assembly.

Housing supply is once again a high priority for many legislators. Any legislation that impacts private property rights, housing supply or financial incentives, tax credits and deductions to help make the dream of home ownership more attainable, you’ll find the Oregon Association of REALTORS® members and professional staff at the table advocating for the policy objectives adopted by our Board of Directors.

Please Join us in Salem on April 2 for our 2019 REALTOR® day at the Capitol. This is an incredibly important day that helps increase the likelihood that we meet our advocacy goals for the session. For more information about REALTOR® Day at the Capitol, [go HERE](#).

KEY REAL ESTATE RELATED LEGISLATION & RESULTS

	OAR Position	Result
First-Time Homebuyer Savings Account Program	Supported	Passed
Additional \$60 million in state investments in affordable housing	Supported	Passed
Principal Real Estate Broker Advanced Standards	Supported	Passed
Bonding for Affordable Housing Development	Supported	Passed
Protecting Home Owners from Easy Tax Increases	Supported	Failed

ISSUES MOBILIZATION

Issues Mobilization grants provide financial and campaign services assistance to any local board/association or member wishing to take action on a local policy issue. Once a grant application is approved by OAR's Executive Committee, OAR provides collaborative campaign services, such as management, media and polling with members of the local board.

In 2018, the Oregon Association of REALTORS® received \$1 million in matching funds from the National Association of REALTORS® to help protect Oregon homeowners from easy tax hikes, by eliminating the Mortgage Interest Deduction, Property Tax Deductibility and 1031 Exchanges with a simple majority vote.

OAR also utilized the Issues Mobilization grants to become the single largest contributor to Ballot Measure 102, which now allows for local governments to use bonding for affordable housing projects and leverage more private and federal investments in those projects.

In total, local REALTOR® boards applied for and received \$35,000 in OAR and NAR funding for various local issues campaigns; all designed to increase livability and quality-of-life standards in their communities.

Clatsop Association of REALTORS® received two Issues Mobilization grants of \$1,000 each to support school bonding measures in Astoria and Warrenton.

Mid-Columbia Association of REALTORS® received \$1,000 to support the North Wasco County school building bond measure.

Eugene Association of REALTORS® received a variety of grants; \$750 to support the City of Eugene parks levy, \$1,000 to oppose changes in the city budget and \$4,000 to support the Eugene School Board's capital improvement program. Eugene also leveraged \$1,250 in state issues mobilization funds in order to receive \$25,000 from NAR to fund their ongoing "Better Housing Together" advocacy campaign, an ongoing housing development campaign in partnership with the University of Oregon. [Learn more about how to get grant funds for your community.](#)



Jim Wilcox, MyREALTOR® Party Chairperson, giving the Issue Mobilization Contribution to Phil Brady, representative of the North Wasco County School District facilities plan campaign.

ISSUES ADVOCACY FUNDS

OAR invests \$30 from every REALTOR® member's dues to be used for issues advocacy. At current membership levels, this investment is roughly \$500,000 a year. These funds are utilized for various issue campaigns around the state.

Through an application process, local REALTOR® boards can utilize their local issues funds to apply for an OAR Issues Mobilization grant. The sum of the local and state investment in the issue campaign can then be matched one-to-one by NAR.

\$2,035,000

Total of Issues Mobilization Grants awarded by OAR and NAR for issue campaigns in Oregon.

\$1,025,000

Total value of grants awarded from NAR to OAR and Local REALTOR® boards.

\$10,000

Total value of grants awarded from OAR to local REALTOR® boards with no NAR match.

For more information about these results, email scleave@oregonrealtors.org.

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