

## Oregon

Voters in Oregon will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 60 seats are up in the House and 15 out of 30 seats are up in the Senate. Democrats currently have a trifecta in the state and are expected to maintain control of the legislature.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Governor Kate Brown](#)

Governor Kate Brown served for 17 years in the Legislature before winning the Secretary of State race in 2009. She ascended to the Governor's Mansion in 2015 after former Governor John Kitzhaber (D) resigned.

Governor Brown's campaign is focusing on her achievements over the past two years. She touts her leadership of shepherding the minimum wage and paid sick leave bills. She highlights the transportation package and the first-ever dedicated funding source for public transit and bicycle infrastructure.

A part of the governor's re-election platform is to give small businesses more access to capital and mentorship programs. She believes Oregon can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and grow the economy by shifting to clean energy technologies.

She has stated that she wants to focus on increasing our high school graduation rates. She recently launched the Future Ready Oregon program, a skill and job training initiative for students and adults.

She is campaigning to protect healthcare access and pre-existing condition coverage. She supports full access and choice of services for women's reproductive healthcare without restrictive policy contracts or co-pays.

***Trivia:** Governor Brown is the nation's first openly bisexual head of state.*