

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Natural Resources Director

July 2019-Current

- Led Senator Wyden’s energy and natural resources portfolio, as a senior member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee;
- Managed an active legislative and communications team to deliver policy wins;
- Worked with Senate and House leadership and committee staff to develop and advance caucus-wide priorities;
- Successfully communicated the Senator’s policy positions and collaborated with constituents, stakeholders, federal and state agencies, members of Congress, advocacy groups, and business leaders on policy decisions;
- Assisted the Senator in drafting and advancing wide-ranging policy initiatives, including the largest river conservation proposal in Oregon history (the *River Democracy Act*), and reforms to federal recreation permitting (the *Recreation Not Red Tape Act*);
- Ensured the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill included several of Senator Wyden’s natural resources policy initiatives, including the Senator’s expansion of the Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program, three additional years of Secure Rural Schools funding, and \$5 billion for a new DOE electric grid resiliency program;
- Successfully brokered bipartisan deals on multiple policy initiatives;
- Worked directly with the Senator to develop legislative policy agendas and strategies;
- Coordinated the Senator’s in-state natural resources policy agenda, including meeting with local elected officials, constituents, and interested parties on natural resources and energy related policy matters.

Advisor for Energy, Natural Resources, and Agriculture

October 2018 – July 2019

- Managed Senator Wyden’s Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee portfolio;
- Developed policy with the Senator and drafted legislation, talking points, remarks, letters, memos, and materials for Senator Wyden;
- Collaborated with other executive staff to prioritize and execute the Senator’s agenda;
- Directed the Energy and Natural Resources team, which included legislative fellows and administration detailees;
- Led in crafting, drafting, introduction, and advancement of legislation regarding public lands, conservation, wildfire risk reduction, climate change, agriculture, forestry, workforce development, federal funding, and energy;
- Staffed Senator Wyden at Energy and Natural Resources Committee policy hearings and business meetings;
- Supported, negotiated, and contributed to passage of several key pieces of legislation, including the Hemp Farming Act, the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act, and the Oregon Wildlands Act.

Legislative Assistant

June 2017 – October 2018

- Successfully implemented the Senator’s policy issues relating to energy, natural resources, Tribal government, agriculture, fisheries, recreation, environment, climate change, forestry, and public lands;
- Assisted in the development of policy and draft legislation;
- Directed junior legislative staff and fellows on the Senator’s policy stances;
- Staff the Senator at meetings, hearings, events, town meetings, business visits, and phone calls.

Legislative Aide

October 2014 – June 2017

- Assisted the policy lead for Senator Wyden’s Energy and Natural Resources Committee portfolio;
- Drafted policy briefs, talking points, decision memos, and remarks for review by the policy lead;
- Drove the Senator during his 2016 reelection.

Staff Assistant

October 2013 – September 2014

- Professionally handled phone conversations and effectively communicated the Senator’s position on issues;
- Managed the front desk by informing the Senator and legislative staff of appointment arrivals;
- Collaborated with the legislative and administrative staff to prioritize each staff members requests.

Education

The Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.
Master of Arts, Public Policy and Government

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University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

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