



Mr. Jeff Merkley

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

State: OR

Service: 2009–2025 (including current term)

Most recent Congress: 119

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Biography

A Senator from Oregon. Born in Myrtle Creek, Ore. , October 24, 1956. B. A. , Stanford University, 1979. M. P. A. , Princeton University, 1982. Government analyst. Nonprofit executive. Oregon State representative, 1999-2008. Speaker of the Oregon State House of Representative, 2007-2008. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 2008. Re-elected in 2014, and again in 2020 for the term ending January 3, 2027.

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Africa and Global Health Policy Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Appropriations Committee – Standing **Member**
- Budget Committee – Standing **Ranking**
- Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ranking**
- Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee – Standing **Member**
- East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Environment and Public Works Committee – Standing **Member**
- Foreign Relations Committee – Standing **Member**
- Rules and Administration Committee – Standing **Member**
- State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Ranking**
- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**
- Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee – Subcommittee **Member**

Legislative Activity (2009–2025)

Bills sponsored: 618

Bills cosponsored: 4244

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4017	A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to ban certain Government officials from trading event contracts, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Updated Mar 5, 2026
119 S 3930	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on the acquisition of single-family residences by hedge fund taxpayers, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Feb 26, 2026
119 S 3820	Soil CARE Act of 2026	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Updated Feb 10, 2026
119 S 3812	WORK to Save Lives Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Feb 10, 2026
119 S 3735	Prohibit Partisan Park Passes Act	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Updated Jan 29, 2026

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 S 4085	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent hospitals or skilled nursing facilities that are owned by certain firms from participating in the Medicare program.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Mar 12, 2026
119 S 4083	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain modifications in relation to the taxation of income required to fund basic living expenses, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Mar 12, 2026
119 S 4056	A bill to establish the Proprietary Education Interagency Oversight Committee and to facilitate the disclosure and reporting of information regarding complaints and investigations related to proprietary institutions of higher education eligible to receive Federal education assistance.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text: CR S1011- Updated Mar 11, 2026
119 S 1552	Living Donor Protection Act of 2025	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 352. Updated Mar 11, 2026
119 S 4039	A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reverse the reductions in Federal loan availability for graduate and professional students enacted under Public Law 119-21.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Updated Mar 10, 2026