



## Gordon H. Smith

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** OR

**Service:** 1997–2009

**Most recent Congress:** 110

### Biography

(Cousin of Thomas Udall and Mark Udall), a Senator from Oregon. Born in Pendleton, Oregon, May 25, 1952. Relocated with his family to Bethesda, Maryland, where he attended the public schools. Served a two year church mission in New Zealand. Graduated from Brigham Young University 1976. Received law degree from Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles 1979. Admitted to the New Mexico bar 1979, Arizona bar 1980. Law clerk, New Mexico supreme court 1979-1980. Practiced law in Arizona. President of Smith Frozen Foods. Member, Oregon State senate 1992-1997, president 1995-1997. Unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in January 6, 1996, special election for the remainder of the term ending January 7, 1999, left vacant by the resignation of Robert W. Packwood. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1996, becoming the first individual to run for a state's two United States Senate seats in one calendar year. Reelected in 2002, and served from January 3, 1997, to January 3, 2009. Chair, Special Committee on Aging (One Hundred Ninth Congress). Was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 2008.

### Legislative Activity (1997–2009)

**Bills sponsored:** 264

**Bills cosponsored:** 1089

### Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
110 S 3015	A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon, as the "Dr. Bernard Daly Post Office Building".	Became Public Law No: 110-352. Updated Oct 7, 2008
110 S 3554	Affordable Coverage for Small Employers Act of 2008	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. Updated Sep 24, 2008
110 S 3194	Oregon Surplus Federal Land Act of 2008	Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. Updated Sep 23, 2008
110 SRES 601	A resolution designating October 19 through October 25, 2008, as "National Save for Retirement Week".	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR Updated Sep 18, 2008
110 SRES 643	A resolution calling for greater dialogue between the Dalai Lama and the Government of China regarding rights for the people of Tibet, and for other purposes.	Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text Updated Sep 17, 2008

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
110 S 1738	PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008	Became Public Law No: 110-401. Updated Oct 13, 2008
110 S 3598	Drug Trafficking Vessel Interdiction Act of 2008	Became Public Law No: 110-407. Updated Oct 13, 2008
110 S 3325	Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2008	Became Public Law No: 110-403. Updated Oct 13, 2008
110 S 2162	Veterans' Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008	Became Public Law No: 110-387. Updated Oct 10, 2008
110 S 1492	Broadband Data Improvement Act	Became Public Law No: 110-385. Updated Oct 10, 2008