PROGRAM REPORT 2017

“Democracy Must be Learned by Each Generation”
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“Democracy Must be Learned By Each Generation”
February 16, 2017

Greetings:

Welcome to your Oregon State Capitol for the 71st session of the model legislature of Oregon YMCA Youth & Government. I am a strong supporter of hands-on learning, and I know you will all benefit from taking what could be learned in textbooks and bringing it to life in the Capitol’s chambers.

Your experiences will allow you to think deeply about the issues facing our state, from education to natural resources to the economy, and provide insight into how the legislative process works. No matter what your individual position may be on an issue, it is important to remember that collaboration and compromise are essential to successful policymaking.

You have an incredible opportunity in the next several days to learn and be challenged by your peers. One day, you may find yourself back in the Capitol as a policy advisor, lobbyist, or elected official, or testifying on a bill as an engaged community member. Seize this moment and this opportunity to explore civic engagement and open the door to future possibilities.

Your interest and leadership make me proud and give me hope for Oregon’s future.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

KB/Ihh
PURPOSE AND GOALS

Oregon YMCA Youth and Government aims to further the effort to find personal meaning by joining others in confronting, challenging, changing and revering life.

The Goals Are To Help Students:

Recognize that democratic government needs involved and informed citizenry.

Understand how legislature works and how measures become law.

Understand that legislature is a means to an end.

Develop personal integrity and social responsibility.

Practice problem solving by gathering information, identifying alternatives, making choices, working plans, and evaluating results.

Develop confidence and respect.

Work with others in a democratic process.

HONESTY  CARING  RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY
Oregon YMCA Youth and Government is a program of the Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties located in Salem, Oregon. It originated in New York in 1938 and today is in over 40 states as a signature program of the YMCA of the USA. The program started in Oregon in 1947 as component of the YMCA Hi–Y Program. Since demise of the Hi-Y in the 1960’s, it has operated through schools with teacher-advisors organizing delegations in as many as 35 high schools.

The 2016–2017 program began in September when the students started identifying the issues to be used as the subject matter of their measures. Students worked in teams of 2–3 people drafting the “perfect” measure. They determined what laws they believed should be changed, replaced, or created; or what recommendations they would like to pass on to the federal congress by way of a memorial or resolution.

In January, all the measures were sent to the State Offices of Oregon YMCA Youth and Government to be complied in the official Measure Book and assigned to their respective committees based upon their subject matter. The students then met at a pre-legislative assembly to elect their committee chairs, House and Senate officers, and Secretary of State candidates. They also participated in mock committee and legislative sessions to practice their debating skills and learn the legislative process.

In February, all of their hard work started to pay off. The officers, committee chairs and Secretary of State candidates met for an intensive team building and leadership training on Wednesday evening, learning their roles and responsibilities of providing leadership for the program. Here the student leaders found that the process of learning and interacting with peers is more important than having their measures signed by the Youth Governor.

The program officially opened on Thursday afternoon with House and Senate swearing-in ceremonies and a Joint Opening Session. The students attended three committee sessions to debate the strengths and weaknesses of their measures and fine-tune any necessary amendments.

On Friday the students convened as Senators and Representatives in their respective chambers at the Oregon State Capitol to debate the measures which survived the committee process. That evening, the students attended the Youth Governor’s Banquet where they had the honor of meeting past program participants.

On the final day, the delegates worked hard to wrap up the debate of the measures before meeting in a Closing Joint Session to hear the State of the Conference from their Youth Governor and adjournment sine die.
2017
PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Judy Hall  
Carl Garner  
Sarah Sunu  
Arika Harrison  

Co-chairperson  
Co-chairperson  
Secretary  
Student Ex-Officio

Don Andrews  
Senator Richard Devlin  
Aaron Felton  
Sarah McCusker  
Senator Arnold Roblan  
Jason Whiteley  
Amanda Dalton  
Representative Paul Evans  
Dexter Johnson  
Justice Lynn Nakamoto  
Charles Rosenblad

STAFF

Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties

Youth and Government State Director  
Nekole Baurer

Executive Director  
Sam Carroll
ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Oregon’s elected state officials take an active role in Oregon YMCA Youth and Government. The youth Senators were welcomed by Senate President Peter Courtney and sworn in by Oregon Supreme Court Justice Jack Landau. Speaker of the House Tina Kotek welcomed the youth Representatives and they were sworn by Oregon Supreme Court Justice Richard Baldwin.

During the Opening Joint Session, the Honorable Kate Brown, the Governor of Oregon, welcomed the students and Oregon Supreme Court Justice Richard Baldwin administered the oath of office to the Youth Governor and Youth Secretary of State.

The YMCA’s Youth and Government Advisory Committee is made up of several current and retired state officials; Retired Secretary of the Senate, Judy Hall is co-chairperson, Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton is an advisor to the Youth Governor, Supreme Court Justice Lynn Nakamoto, Representative Paul Evans and State Senators Richard Devlin and Arnold Roblan also serve as members of the program committee.

Oregon YMCA Youth and Government wishes to express its gratitude to Governor Kate Brown for the use of the Governor’s Ceremonial office. We also wish to thank President of the Senate Peter Courtney and Speaker of the House Tina Kotek for allowing us to use the Senate and House chambers.

We also appreciate the assistance and cooperation of Chief Clerk of the House Tim Sekarak, and the Secretary of the Senate Lori Brocker. The use of the Governor’s office, Senate Chambers, House Chambers and hearing rooms are very important to the realism and excitement of the program.

Oregon YMCA Youth and Government is deeply appreciative of the support shown by Oregon’s state officials. Their appearances greatly enhance the meaning and importance of the students’ experiences and their show of support by taking the time to be with the students contributes significantly to the program’s credibility.
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¹ - Members of Program Committee

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YOUTH OFFICIALS

Oregon YMCA Youth and Government has been designed to be a leadership program of the YMCA. All of the youth officials have been elected at the pre-legislative assembly prior to the legislative session at the Capitol. They come to the program a day early to attend the Workshop for Legislative Leaders where they receive training in the YMCA Core Values of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility, leadership concepts, group-work skills and office specific duties. They are charged with ensuring that the legislative process runs smoothly and that their fellow students have an enjoyable and productive experience.

YOUTH GOVERNOR
Arika Harrison, Sprague

SECRETARY OF STATE
Nicholas Silver, Sprague

HOUSE

Speaker: Jasmine Kennedy, Sherwood
Clerk: Elizabeth Andrews, Sprague
Reading Clerk: Kailin Oliver, Sherwood
Sgts-at-Arms: Lexi Moreno, Sherwood
Evan Lawson, Sprague

SENATE

President: Dylan Perfect, West Albany
Clerk: Megan Bass, West Salem
Reading Clerk: David Lopez, West Salem
Sgts-at-Arms: Adriana Escorcia, McKay
Hunter Bjornson, West Salem

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Emma Black, Sherwood
Samantha Reimer, Sherwood
Kyle Monahan, Sherwood
Ayisha Tamerhoulet, Sprague
Douglas Marsh, West Albany

Alternates:
Sam Rossback, West Albany
PROGRAM ADVISORS

Program advisors are educators and other professionals who assist the youth officials with questions about program policies, parliamentary procedures, and legislative processes. They have a passive role to assist as needed and requested by the officers.

ADVISORS TO OFFICERS

Youth Governor/Secretary of State
Aaron Felton

President of the Senate
Carl Garner
Judy Hall

Speaker of the House
Sarah McCusker

Pages
Reid Holcomb
Philip Nickel

COMMITTEE ADVISORS

Todd Zimmerman
Erik Ihde

Sarah McCusker
Carl Garner

Tim King
Jason Whiteley

Philip Nickel
Bobby Schueller

ADVISORS TO SGTS.-AT-ARMS

Philip Nickel
Tim King

Todd Zimmerman
Jason Whiteley

Eric Ihde
# PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

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**Total: 12**
William T. “Doc” McLean
Master Measure Award

The Master Measure Award originated in 1989 at the suggestion of William T. “Doc” McLean, a dedicated educator from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, who served on the Oregon YMCA Youth and Government Program Committee for over 30 years. “Doc” wanted to do something to recognize excellence in measure writing regardless of the political popularity of the subject matter of the measure. He personally paid for and presented the first three awards himself, which he had named the “Master Measure Award.”

Prior to his death in 1991, “Doc” had been a member of the Board of Directors and the Program Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Program Committee, Advisor to the President of the Senate, and the Youth and Government Program Master Parliamentarian. In 1992, the Master Measure Award was dedicated to his memory in recognition of his many years of service.

Each year, Oregon YMCA Youth & Government recognizes the students who have prepared the measure which best typifies the master measure in accordance with the criteria “Doc” established.

The sponsors of the selected measure are presented with an award for permanent display in their school’s trophy case.

**THE JUDGING CRITERIA ARE**

- Must improve the quality of life in Oregon
- Be in proper form
- Use proper English
- Demonstrate an innovative approach or idea
- Show creative thinking

**2017 Winners of the Master Measure Award**

Rowan Marquette
Madeline Souza

Sprague High School

A copy of their measure (HM 206) as submitted to the state offices of Oregon YMCA Youth and Government follows.
(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

SECTION I: The bill upon passing will require food retailers with a sales volume that exceeds 40 million dollars to donate 50% of their food products that have exceeded their recommended sell-by date, but are still viable for consumption to a local food bank.

SECTION II: For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Food retailers" are food retail companies and their full service grocery chains.

(b) "Food bank" is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes food to hunger relief charities/organizations.

(c) "Viable for consumption" means that a food product is still safe to be ingested according to FDA guidelines.

SECTION III: The business owner will include proof of donations when filing for a license renewal.

SECTION IV: This bill will go into effect in January 2018.
Don Andrews
Oregon Heritage Award

The Heritage Award is an award to honor Don Andrews who retired as Oregon YMCA Youth and Government State Director after 23 years of service.

Don has been a part of Oregon YMCA Youth and Government for over 40 years. He currently serves on the Program Committee, and over the past years, Don has served as State Director, Measure writing advisor, lobby organizer, Advisor to the Speaker of the House, and Chair of the North Program Committee.

Don has been very passionate about Oregon natural resources for many years and as State Director of this program, was an advocate of student leadership. With this in mind, the below criteria for the award was created, and determined that a student committee of officers would decide the award winner each year.

OREGON HERITAGE AWARD CRITERIA:

Preservation and/or enhancement of Natural Resources

Oregonians’ independent thinking

Oregonians’ creative problem-solving abilities

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Wallace P. Carson
Outstanding Senator and Representative Award

The Outstanding Senator and Representative Awards originated in 2016 to honor the dedicated service of Justice Wallace P. Carson. As of his retirement in April of 2016, he had been part of the program for over 60 years.

OUTSTANDING SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE AWARD CRITERIA:

- Represents the values of the YMCA both on and off the chamber floor
- Demonstrates leadership qualities, whether or not serving as an officer
- Speaks to issues with clarity and passion without putting down other delegates
- Follows rules of parliamentary procedure
- Speaks to a variety of issues without monopolizing the debate
- Encourages and guides others to participate in the legislative process

2017 Winner of the Outstanding Senator Award
Zach Matot, Junior, Sprague High School

2017 Winners of the Outstanding Representative Award
Christopher Mackelprang, Senior, Sherwood High School
Matthew Schantin, Junior, Sherwood High School
Outstanding Delegation Award
The award for outstanding delegation was created in 2016 by the program committee to recognize excellence in a delegation’s commitment to the program.

OUTSTANDING DELEGATION AWARD CRITERIA:

All deadlines met
All measures follow proper form and style
Delegation follows established rules during the conference
Delegations attend all conference functions

2017 Winners of the Outstanding Delegation Award

McKay High School
Daniel Dang
Adriana Escorcia
Andrew Kalmen
Raul Marquez
Josie Carstensen
Jasmin Ramos
MEASURES RECEIVING ACTION BY THE YOUTH GOVERNOR

In the fall of the school year, the sponsors research, write, and then submit their measures to the State Offices of the Oregon YMCA Youth and Government. There the measures are assigned to their respective committees by subject matter and published in the official measure book for use by the students during the session. After being reviewed by committee members at the session, the successful measures are passed on the House and Senate Clerks for debate. If the measure is passed by both the House and the Senate, it is forwarded to the Youth Governor for her decision.

Of the 43 measures submitted by the students for consideration to their respective committees, 11 successfully made it through the legislative process to the Youth Governor’s desk for her signature. Two were vetoed, and 9 measures were signed by Youth Governor Harrison. These measures are a significant indicator of what our future leaders of Oregon think is important. Copies of the measures follow on the next pages.

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*Master Measure Award Winner
+Oregon Heritage Award Winner
Sponsors: Mae Sauntere Hernández and Lauryn Keller

School/YMCA: West Salem

Relating to: State Forest and Park Preservation

CHANGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

2 SECTION 1: State owned parks and forests shall not be privatized.

3 SECTION 2: The only case in which a state park or forest shall be privatized is if it is sold as

4 a wildlife refuge and remain in its previous state or improved.

5 (A) The only case in which this will be allowed is if the state can no longer afford the

6 maintenance and upkeep.

7 (B) In this case no clear cutting shall be allowed.

8 SECTION 3: This bill shall be enacted immediately after passage.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

SECTION ONE: (1) Except as provided in ORS 807.310 (5) and 807.405 (4), prior to issuing, renewing or replacing any driver license, driver permit or identification card, the Department of Transportation shall require a person to provide the Social Security number assigned to the person by the United States Social Security Administration and proof of legal presence in the United States or, if the person is not eligible for a Social Security number, the person may show proof of identification with a foreign passport or consular report of birth abroad, or any identification provided by the United States.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section:

[(a) A person provides proof of legal presence in the United States by submitting valid documentation, as defined by the department by rule, that the person is a citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States or is otherwise legally present in the United States in accordance with federal immigration laws.]

[(b)] (a) A member of a federally recognized tribe located in Oregon or with an Oregon
(c) If a person is not eligible for a Social Security number, the person shall provide proof, as defined by the department by rule, that the person is not eligible for a Social Security number.

(3) The department may issue, renew or replace a driver license, driver permit or identification card for an applicant who has submitted a Social Security number only after the department verifies the Social Security number with the United States Social Security Administration. In order to verify the person’s Social Security number, the department may require the person to provide proof, as defined by rule, of the person’s Social Security number.

(4) This section does not apply if the department previously verified the Social Security number as required by subsection (3) of this section and the person applying for the driver license, driver permit or identification card is a citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.
(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

Section 1: Definitions for this act are as follows:

a. “Beverage wholesalers” are defined as those who manufacture beverages and sell to retailers, or those who buy beverages from manufacturers and sell them to retailers.

b. “Bottled beverages” are defined as any beverage subject to the Oregon Bottle Bill.

c. “School Lead Abatement Fund” is defined as the fund within the Department of Revenue that will provide grants to schools for projects to replace piping and therefore reduce lead in the schools’ water.

Section 2: The School Lead Abatement Fund shall be established by the Oregon Department of Revenue in order to distribute grant money among Oregon schools to fix unsafe water systems that contain lead or other hazardous materials. Schools shall apply for grants through the Oregon Department of Education.

Section 1: Beverage wholesalers shall pay each month to the Oregon Department of Revenue a surcharge of 2.19% on bottled beverages. The Department of Revenue shall deposit this money into the School Lead Abatement Fund.

Section 3: The Oregon Department of Education has the authority to adopt administrative rules to administer the grant program. The Oregon Department of Revenue has the
authority to adopt rules establishing a reporting and payment system from the beverage wholesalers.

Section 4: In each calendar year, the excess funds will be deposited into Oregon State School Fund.

Section 5: This act will go into effect on January 1, 2018.
Sponsors: Rowan Marquette and Madeline Souza

School/YMCA: Sprague High School

Relating to: Food waste

(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

16 SECTION I: The bill upon passing will require food retailers with a sales volume that exceeds 40 million dollars to donate 50% of their food products that have exceeded their recommended sell-by date, but are still viable for consumption to a local food bank.

19 SECTION II: For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

21 (a) “Food retailers” are food retail companies and their full service grocery chains.

22 (b) “Food bank” is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes food to hunger relief charities/organizations.

24 (c) “Viable for consumption” means that a food product is still safe to be ingested according to FDA guidelines.

26 SECTION III: The business owner will include proof of donations when filing for a license renewal.

28 SECTION IV: This bill will go into effect in January 2018.
Sponsors: Trevor Widell and Brandon Hughes

School/YMCA: Sherwood High School

Relating to: Protecting Bees

(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

SECTION ONE: Definitions.

Neonicotinoids: an insecticide that affects the central nervous system of insects, resulting in paralysis and death.

Applicable Crops: any crop that is grown on land that is used for making profit.

SECTION TWO:

Farmers in Oregon are prohibited to use neonicotinoids in their farming practices.

SECTION THREE:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture will make randomized inspections over applicable crops.

SECTION FOUR:

Farmers who are using neonicotinoids shall be charged $100 per acre of applicable crops. The fines will go to The Oregon Department of Agriculture.

SECTION FIVE:

This bill shall take effect January 1, 2018.
Sponsors: Tito Flores-Bautista and Evan Lawson and Brittney Covington

School/YMCA: Sprague High School

Relating to: Solar Panels for Public Schools

(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

1 This is a bill to reform and improve renewable energy in Oregon.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

3 SECTION 1: Definitions:

4 (A) Gas:

5 (1) unleaded or a methane level of 87.

6 (2) Plus or a methane level of 89.

7 (3) Premium or a methane level of 91-93.

8 (B) Public schools: Any government funded educational institution from grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade.

9 (C) Tobacco products: Any products containing tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, etc.)

10 SECTION 2: This bill will require a 5% increase for each gallon of gas sold in the state of Oregon also for every tobacco product sold to have a 5% tax increase in the state of Oregon. All the money collected from these two taxes contribute to solar panels to be provided for public schools only. The tax will start September 2017 and the money collected from the tax will start buying solar panels and every year solar panels will be bought and installed in public schools.
SECTION 3: This bill will be enacted September 1, 2017
(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

1 A bill to enact voting reform on Oregon’s primary elections.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

3 Section 1: The bill upon passing will allow registered voters in the State of Oregon aged 17 years old to vote in the Oregon primary election if they will turn 18 years old on or before the general election of the same year.

4 Section 2: “Primary election” refers to the election occurring in May in Oregon held to select candidates from each major political party for the presidential election. “General election” refers to the election occurring on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November held to select the President and other major political offices.

5 Section 3: This bill will be enacted during the 2020 Oregon primary elections.
(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

SECTION I: Recreational uses of marijuana will be de-criminalized for people under the age of 21.

SECTION II: For the purpose of this bill we shall the following terms:

1.) De-criminalization: Lessening of criminal penalties, and change of social views. The act is no longer addressed by the criminal justice system.

2.) Recreational: Activity done for enjoyment when one is not working.

SECTION III: Rather than going to prison, people under the age of 21 will be finned 150 dollars and will be required to take a 4 month course over drug prevention.

SECTION IV: Any money gained will be used to fund the drug prevention course, as well as cycled back into school districts to help fund extra-curricular activities.

SECTION V: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Recreational uses of marijuana will be de-criminalized for people under the age of 21.

SECTION VI: The bill will be enacted June 1\textsuperscript{st} 2020.
(A BILL FOR AN ACT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

SECTION ONE: Definitions

A. Body Camera shall be defined as a video recording device worn on the body.

B. Law Enforcement shall be defined as police force.

C. Police Force shall be defined as the civil force of a national or local government, responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the maintenance of public order.

C. Traffic Ticket shall be defined as a notice issued by a law enforcement official to a road user, accusing a violation of traffic laws; includes both moving and non-moving violations.

SECTION TWO: The price of the body cameras for all law enforcement within Oregon will be paid for by an additional 5% increase on all Oregon traffic tickets.

SECTION THREE: The funding produced will be sent to the state police department to be distributed equally, based on population, to all individual local departments statewide.