

**State Representative, 53rd District**



**Gene Whisnant**

Republican Democrat

**Occupation:** State Representative; Co-Chair House General Government & Consumer Protection Committee

**Occupational Background:** Colonel, USAF; served in the Pentagon on Air Staff and Office of Secretary of Defense; served in command, leadership, staff, and diplomatic positions in Vietnam, Germany and Yugoslavia

**Educational Background:** MA International Affairs, University of Arkansas; BA Journalism, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State legislator since 2003 - Vice Chair of Judiciary & Education Committees; Ways & Means Committee, Education & Public Safety subcommittees; former Republican whip and deputy whip; Education Commission of the States commissioner; Oregon Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs member; former State Commission on Children & Families member; former chair of the Deschutes County Commission on Children & Families and Deschutes County Republican Party

**Community service:** Homeless Leadership Council; military veteran organizations; Sunriver Board of Directors; Sunriver Christian Fellowship Church; former youth sports coach and PTA officer

**Family:** Married to Josie Coffey, 4th generation Oregonian. Son, Todd; his wife, Melissa; and grandson, Colby live in NC.

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**Common Sense Leadership with Honesty & Integrity**

**I believe in:**

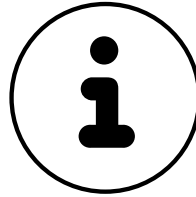
- Individual freedoms and a free market economy;**
- Effective, accountable, and frugal state government;**
- Protecting property owners' rights;**
- Lower taxes, job creation and economic development to ensure state funding for our education system;**
- provide care for seniors, military veterans and vulnerable citizens;**
- fund public safety programs to fight meth, hold criminals accountable;**
- address illegal immigration; and lock-up sexual predators.**

I advocate for seniors, families and all constituents. I believe our students deserve a quality education. I support Oregon's natural resource industries and protection of our environment.

I have a record of passing bi-partisan legislation resulting from my legislative experience and professional relationships with all members. I am proud to be an architect of Oregon's "rainy-day" fund, "taxpayers' transparency" website, Deschutes River Mitigation bill, and foreclosure bill to help distressed homeowners.

Sincerely,  
Gene Whisnant

*(This information furnished by Gene Whisnant.)*



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