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Representative Geraldine Custer is serving her third term in the Montana House of Representatives. The South Central and Southeastern Montana area she represents is home to the second largest coal-fired power plant west of the Mississippi River and a surface mine near Colstrip that produces about 9 million tons of coal annually. Her legislative district is also home to a large agricultural industry with more than 10,000 farms and ranches.

Representative Custer's experience in public service spans four decades. In 1978, she became the first woman elected as Rosebud County Clerk and Recorder, an office she held until 2014. She retired with the distinction of being Montana's longest-serving county official before starting her first term as a state representative in 2015.

Currentling servings as chairwoman of the Local Government Committee, Representative Custer is also a member of the Energy, Technology and Federal Relations and State Administration committees. Additionally, she has prior experience from her role on the Taxation Committee.

In 2017, Montana Governor Steve Bullock and Attorney General Tim Fox appointed Representative Custer to an advisory group focused on planning for the state's energy future and its effect on the economy.

Her work in the legislature has been recognized with honors, such as the 2015 Extraordinary Leadership Award from the Montana Association of Clerks and Records, and AARP's 2017 Capital Caregiver Award. She was selected for the



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2015 Western Legislative Academy and finished the Leadership Montana program in 2018.

A Montana native, Representative Custer lives in Forsyth where she raised her two daughters. She enjoys spending time with her twin grandsons and the outdoors of Big Sky Country.

CSG/ CSG West participation includes: 2015 Western Legislative Academy Alumni; 2019-20 Member, CSG West Economic Development Committee; 2019-20 Member, CSG West Public Safety Committee; 2019-20 Member, CSG West Eater & Environment Committee; 2019-20 Chair, CSG West Energy Committee; 2019-20 CSG West Executive Committee Member