



2021 Class Biographies

ALASKA



Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson
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Elvi Gray-Jackson began her public service career with the Municipality of Anchorage 38 years ago. In 1988, she began working for the Anchorage Assembly first as an Administrative Assistant, then Senior Budget Analyst and, finally, as Director of the Assembly Budget Office. In 2005, Elvi worked for Municipal Light and Power as Director of the Alaska Energy Railbelt Authority. Elvi served on the Anchorage Assembly from 2008 to 2017 and served as Chair from April 2016 to April 2017.

Elvi was elected to the Alaska State Senate in 2018. She is a recipient of the Women of Achievement Award and has received many other distinguished awards. Most recently, she was interviewed by the The History Makers, the Nation's largest African American Video Oral History Collection. Her video will be housed in the Library of Congress. Elvi is a graduate of the University of Alaska Anchorage and has one son, Ramon.



Representative Sara Hannan
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Currently in her second term, **Sara Hannan** is the Alaska House Representative for much of the state's capital, Juneau, as well as for the communities of Gustavus, Haines, Klukwan, and Skagway. Before her retirement in 2016, Sara was an educator, teaching government and history at Juneau Douglas High School (JDHS) during the last 20 years of her 30-year career.

Sara grew up in Anchorage, where she graduated from West Anchorage High School before attending Willamette University and subsequently the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She gained her first experience at the Capitol while still in college, in 1983 and 1984, as staff to the Senate President.

After moving to Juneau in 1986, Sara became director of Alaska Close Up, a state program that brings students to the Capital from across the state to teach them about the legislative process. When she began teaching at JDHS, her work at the legislature informed her government classes.

Sara is married to Mark Stopha, a commercial salmon troller and retired fisheries biologist with ADF&G. With her return to the Capitol as a House member in 2019, it is fair to say her career has come full circle.



Senator Josh Revak
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Josh Revak grew up in rural Minnesota. At the age of 20, following September 11, 2001, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served a tour in Iraq as a battle Tank crew member with 1-37 Armor, 1st Armored Brigade, 1st Armored Division. During his second tour in Iraq, Revak was severely wounded by an enemy mortar attack and was honorably discharged. Revak continued to serve his community in Minnesota and in 2008 earned the Commander's Award for Public Service, by the Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard.

In 2009, Revak moved to Alaska with his wife, Marta, and daughters, Keilah and Sydney. He was hired by Congressman Don Young and served as the Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison for six years. In 2016, Revak was hired by U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan, to spearhead issues related to the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs.

Senator Revak was elected to the Alaska Legislature in 2018 and is the Chairman of the Senate Resources Committee, Vice Chair of the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee, and a member of Joint Armed Services Committee.

He earned a Master of Business Administration from Alaska Pacific University; is a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Rifle Association, and Veterans of Foreign Wars; board member of Safari Club International, Alaska Chapter; chair of SCI Wounded Warrior Safari Program.

CALIFORNIA



Senator Dave Min
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Dave Min represents California State Senate District 37, which is located in Orange County and includes the communities of Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Foothill Ranch, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Newport Beach, Orange, Tustin, and Villa Park.

Dave was a University of California Irvine law professor and a former economic policy staffer in the United States Senate and for the Center for American Progress. He began his legal career at the Securities and Exchange Commission to protect the retirement security of seniors, turning down high paying jobs to serve the public interest. Dave and his wife, Jane, live and work in Irvine, where they are raising their three young children.



Senator Dennis Hisey

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The **Hisey** family includes his wife, Kathy, five children, and numerous grandchildren. Dennis, returning to the family roots from his native Oregon, brought his family to Colorado in 1983 and resides in Fountain, Colorado.

Spending most of his adult life self-employed, Dennis, fulfilling a long-held desire, became an El Paso County Commissioner in 2005. From there he continued his life in public service in the Colorado State Senate. Faith, family, and freedom continue to be the values that guide him.



Representative Cathy Kipp

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Cathy Kipp lives in southeast Fort Collins, Colorado. Cathy and her husband have twin 23-year-old sons. Cathy started actively volunteering in PSD schools when her boys entered Kindergarten, and she soon became an active volunteer at the school district level.

Cathy served as a locally elected member of the Poudre School District School Board from 2011 to 2019, also serving for a term as Board President. Cathy's focuses on the board included starting monthly listening sessions to make sure the community's voice was heard and leading the board in our education advocacy efforts at both the state and federal levels.

Cathy has served in the Colorado House since January of 2019. She serves as the State Representative for House District 52 which is most of the east side of Fort Collins. She currently serves on the House Education, Finance, and Appropriations Committees.

Cathy moved to Fort Collins in 1985 after graduating with a bachelor's degree in computer and information science from the University of California and spent 12 years working as a database developer prior to leaving the workforce to raise her children.



Representative Brianna Titone

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Representative **Brianna Titone** (HD-27) was elected in 2018 to represent Arvada and Jefferson County in Colorado. She serves as the Vice Chair of the Joint Technology Committee and serves on the Health and Insurance Committee and Energy and Environment Committee. Additionally, she serves as chair of the House Democrats LGBTQ+ Caucus. Representative Titone utilizes her multiple STEM degrees and institutional knowledge to eliminate gaps in consumer protections, healthcare, technology, and LGBTQ+ rights in Colorado.

Representative Titone sits on the board of the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) as well as several non-profit boards. She works to inspire our youth and represent the LGBTQ+ community, and trans people, in Colorado and on a national scale.

HAWAII



Representative Troy Hashimoto

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Representative Troy Hashimoto serves the Hawaii State House District 8 which runs from Waikapū to Wailuku to Kahakuloa on Maui and currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Housing Committee and serves as a member of the Education, Higher Education and Transportation Committee.

He attended the University of Denver where he earned a bachelor's and Master of Business Administration. Before the Legislature, he worked for nearly 8 years on the Maui County Council for Council Chair Mike White. He also served as the chair of the Maui County Democratic Party for four years, on the State Central Committee of the Democratic party and served as a member of the Hawaii State Board of Education from 2004-2005. On April 17, 2018, Troy was appointed by Governor David Ige to fill the remainder of the term for the seat left vacant by Joseph M. Souki.

He also serves as the House co-convenor of the Kupuna Caucus and serves on the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization.



Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha

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Senator **Dru Mamo Kanuha** was born and raised in Kona on Hawai'i Island, where he attended Moku'aikaua Preschool, Kahakai Elementary School, and Kealakehe Intermediate and High Schools. He then went on to attend the University of San Diego in Southern California, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in Business Administration.

Upon returning home to Hawai'i, Senator Kanuha served in various capacities as a public servant and advocate and worked for Kamehameha Schools in its Hawai'i Island Land Assets Division, before being elected to the Hawai'i County Council in 2012. After six years on the Council, including serving as its Chairman, Senator Kanuha was elected to the Hawai'i State Senate in 2018. He currently serves as the Senate's Majority Leader after having served

the first three years of his term as Majority Caucus Leader and is the Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Housing (HOU) as well as a Member of the Senate Committee(s) on Ways and Means (WAM) and Education (EDU).

When he is home in Kona, Senator Kanuha enjoys playing tennis and spending time with his 'ohana in the ocean; fishing, swimming, surfing, and sailing on his one-man canoe.



Senator Sharon Moriwaki
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Senator **Sharon Moriwaki** was elected in 2018 to represent Waikīkī, Ala Moana, Kaka'ako, McCully, Mō'ili'ili, and part of Maikiki in the Hawaii State Senate. She chairs the standing committee on Government Operations and serves as co-convenor of the Legislative Kupuna Caucus which introduces legislation to benefit seniors. She is a member of the standing committees on Ways and Means, Housing, and Health.

Sharon was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i. She attended the University of Southern California attaining her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in sociology/gerontology and attained a law degree from Loyola University.

She has served in various capacities in the State of Hawai'i executive branch including Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, Administrative Director of the Courts of the Hawai'i State Judiciary, and at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs and most recently as the co-chair of the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum, which works towards implementing sustainable clean energy in Hawai'i.

Sharon is a long-time resident of the Kaka'ako community, becoming founding president of Kaka'ako United, fighting for a better life in the district before being elected to the Senate.

IDAHO



Representative Jim Addis
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Representative **Jim Addis** has been elected to two terms representing District 4 in the Idaho House of Representatives. Jim's committee assignments are in the Revenue & Taxation, Natural Resources, and Transportation Committees. Jim currently serves as Vice-Chair of the House Revenue & Taxation Committee and serves as Co-Chair of the Property Tax Reduction and Expenditures Interim Committee.

Jim has spent his entire life in the business community. First in OEM Iron Foundry industry, and then running their family Ford, Lincoln, and Dodge auto dealerships. As such, Jim is concerned with ensuring a strong business environment and fair, predictable, and consistent tax policy.

Jim attended Washington State University, earning bachelor's degrees in business management and economics. Jim currently operates Lake City Wholesale and is the Vice-President/Executive Director of the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association. Jim lives in Coeur d'Alene with his wife, Terri; they have one adult daughter.



Representative Rod Furniss

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As a 6th generation Idahoan, I (**Rod Furniss**) have a great love for Idaho's amazing quality of life and a strong desire to serve its people. My education and business experience have prepared me to be a strong advocate for superior healthcare, exceptional educational opportunities, and a robust, productive economy.

My grandfather farmed 1200 acres of flood-irrigated land, much of which had been homesteaded by his family, and had a large herd of cattle. My father worked as a farm hand and times were sometimes tough.

I married Jan Burtenshaw, from Rigby. We have a wonderful family with four daughters, a son, and many grandchildren.

I attended school at BYU-I and ISU and graduated with a business degree with an emphasis in finance. I worked at a bank right after college and then entered the insurance and investment business. I have served clients since 1986. I obtained advanced degrees in insurance, tax, and financial planning and have owned a large healthcare insurance business, and still own a large life insurance business. I have served as the past president of the Idaho Insurance and Financial Advisors, past president of the Idaho Falls Society of Financial Service Professionals, and the past president of the Idaho Falls Estate Planning Professionals.



Senator David Nelson

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David Nelson is a fourth-generation Idahoan who grew up on a Genesee wheat ranch. A graduate of the University of Idaho, Nelson left Idaho to pursue a career in the oil and gas industry writing software that helps companies manage their energy more efficiently.

He returned to Idaho 20 years ago with a flourishing business he started with his boss when the two left Chevron to work together. Since then, David's company has grown to employ more than 50 people working in Idaho, Texas and Argentina.

David's interest in politics began as a kid as he watched – and helped – his father knock on doors as he successfully ran for Latah County Commissioner. "I saw him calmly and respectfully talk to all people and gain an understanding of where their concerns and motivations were and how he used those insights while in office," David said.

David was elected to the Idaho State Senate in November 2018 and serves on the Transportation, Agriculture Affairs and Education committees.

David has been involved in Rotary for the last 15 years, including running the regional high school youth exchange program. David lives in Moscow with his wife Nancy Nelson. They have two daughters who graduated from Moscow High School. His favorite recreation is rafting Idaho's rivers.



Representative Lauren Necochea

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Rep. **Lauren Necochea** was appointed to the Idaho Legislature in December 2019. One year later she was elected House Assistant Minority Leader. She grew up in the district she represents (North Boise) and lives there now with her husband and two daughters. Her interests include tax policy, health care, children's issues, and criminal justice.

Rep. Necochea has a decade of experience in state-level policy research and advocacy. She previously directed the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy and Idaho Voices for Children, programs of Jannus, Inc. She also sat on the steering committee for Idahoans for Healthcare, the ballot initiative campaign that successfully expanded Medicaid in Idaho.

Rep. Necochea previously oversaw and evaluated programs addressing children's safety and health hazards for the Baltimore City Health Department. Prior to that, she was a policy fellow with joint appointments at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Princeton University's Center for Health and Wellbeing. She has evaluated anti-poverty programs internationally and was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study microfinance in Peru.

Rep. Necochea earned her master's in public affairs at Princeton University and holds a B.A. in Economics from Pomona College.

MONTANA



Representative Alice Buckley

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Alice Buckley serves as a representative in the Montana State House for District 63 out of Bozeman, Montana. She is a first-term legislator and serves on the Health and Human Services Committee, Tax Committee, and now on the Revenue Interim Committee, and Economic Affairs Interim Committee. Alice focuses on tax policy and childcare policy and works hard to increase transparency and accessibility to politics, particularly with younger voters.

When she is not in session, Alice is a professional facilitator and works with survivors of sexual and domestic violence. She spends as much of her time as possible in the mountain ranges and on rivers across Montana.



Representative Donavon Hawk

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Donavon Hawk, a proud Montana native, was raised in Butte where he attended public schools, including Butte High and Montana Tech. He is the Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator at the Butte YMCA, where he has worked since 2015.

A Montana native, he has been involved in social justice and political activism since 2008, working with SEIU, Montana Organizing Project, Praxis Project, Alliance for a Just Society, and the Center for Community Change. Hawk is currently serving on several local non-profit organizations.

Donavon Hawk has worked tirelessly over the past four legislative cycles keeping Montanans engaged with public policy affecting their communities. For over 10 years, Hawk has directly worked on issues such as health care access for all Montanans, Medicaid expansion, reducing student debt, expanding voting rights, fighting against predatory lending, keeping public lands in public hands, protecting the rights of hunters and fishers for generations to come, protecting Social Security, defending worker rights and protecting unions, and defending quality public education.

On November 3rd, 2020 Donavon Hawk was elected to serve the people of House District 76 in the 2021 Legislative Session. He proudly served on House Judiciary, Education, Legislative Administration, and Local Government Committees.



**Representative Emma
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Emma Kerr-Carpenter lives in Billings, Montana and was first elected in 2018 to serve in the Montana House of Representatives. She currently serves on the Ethics Committee and on the House Appropriations Committee where she works on the section of the budget funding public safety and criminal justice.

During the interim, Emma serves on the Audit committee, Law and Justice Interim Committee, Legislative Finance Committee, and an Interim Budget Committee. She has spent her career in community non-profits working with youth and their families to overcome poverty, trauma, and crisis. When she is not working, Emma can be found hiking, knitting, or cooking. She and her partner, Dan Cohn, are expecting their first child in April 2022.



Senator Dallas Harris

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Dallas Harris serves as a state Senator for Nevada's 11th District. Outside of legislative service, Dallas works as an attorney at Davison Van Cleve, where she practices energy law. She has previously worked as an Administrative Attorney at the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. Her time at the Public Utilities Commission allowed for unique experience on the decision-making side of water, gas, and energy law. Dallas then gained litigation experience as a Consumer Rights Attorney at the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada representing vulnerable adults in guardianship proceedings.

Immediately following law school, Dallas worked as a legal fellow at Public Knowledge, a D.C. based nonprofit focused on public interest telecommunications law. While there, Dallas lobbied the Federal Communications Commission on broadband and privacy issues.

Her legislative priorities include criminal justice reform, economic development, and cannabis regulation. She currently serves as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure, and as a member on the Judiciary and Health and Human Services Committees.

In her free time, Dallas enjoys playing tennis, practicing taekwondo and spending quality time with her dog, Ziggy.



Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola

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Elaine Marzola represents Assembly District 21 in the great state of Nevada. She was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and immigrated with her parents to Las Vegas in 1984.

Elaine graduated from the University of Nevada Las Vegas with a bachelor's degree in women's studies. Next, she attended Thomas M. Cooley Law School, earning her Juris Doctorate in 2010. After graduating from law school, Elaine served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Stefany Miley. Working for a judge, Elaine was able to learn first-hand how the justice system works and to understand the importance of a strong advocate representing clients in order to get them the justice they deserve. In the fall of 2011, she became a member of the Nevada State Bar. Elaine is proud to tell you that she was a single mom of a son who made the higher education journey with her.

She is a small business owner in the community and has the honor to fight for justice for Nevadans. Elaine was elected to the Nevada Assembly in 2020 and in her first session, she was proud to be a part of Nevada's female-majority legislature and pass historic legislation. She is proud to serve Nevadans and give a voice to her community in the Nevada Legislature.



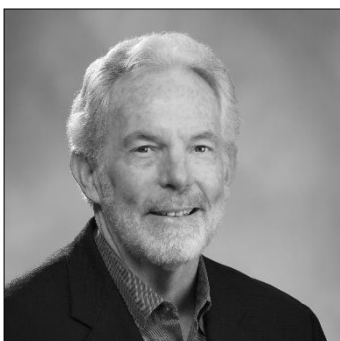
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Nevada State Assemblywoman **Rochelle Thuy Nguyen** was appointed to serve the constituent of District 10 located in Las Vegas in January of 2019 and then elected in 2020. She is proud to be the first Democratic Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) to serve in the Nevada State Legislature. She has taken the role of trailblazer seriously as a member of the first female majority legislature in the country, as well as taking on establishing the first AAPI caucus in the state of Nevada.

In her second session, she has taken on leadership roles by assuming Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services and Vice Chair of Assembly Judiciary Committee.

OREGON



Senator Dick Anderson

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Dick Anderson and his wife of 51 years, Sue, have two children and five grandchildren. He grew up in the far northeast corner of the State, in Wallowa County.

The Andersons retired to Lincoln City where they have enjoyed the natural beauty and charm of the Central Oregon Coast. Golf and beach walking wasn't enough to keep Dick challenged and thus he took on a role in local government.

Dick Anderson has been Mayor of Lincoln City twice. He also served as a City Councilor and on the Planning Commission. Anderson spent 35 years in the Financial Services Industry living and working throughout the Western United States.

Anderson was driven to run for the Senate because of his observations as to how the Coast and local governments have been negatively impacted by past legislatures.

Senator Anderson is an advocate on behalf of Oregon Coast and an activist for community involvement, especially when it comes to the youth.

Senator Anderson successfully enjoyed his first legislative long session and plans to have even more impactful sessions in the future.



Representative Lily Morgan

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Lily Morgan serves as Oregon State Representative for House District 3. She holds a bachelor's in sociology with minor in geography and Russian and a master's in management.

She began work with campus security in Seattle. After graduation, she worked in marketing. The climate and draw of family pulled her back to Grants Pass in 2000 where she still resides.

Lily worked as a 911 Dispatcher and volunteered in the Josephine County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy and was promoted to Reserve Sergeant. In 2005, she became an adult parole probation officer and was promoted to Parole and Probation Program Supervisor. During that time, she also worked in the sheriff's dispatch center.

Lily became interested in government and was elected to the Grants Pass City Council. Involvement there led to working with the County Board of Commissioners, and as Board Liaison for numerous departments and agencies, and eventually as state representative.

During this time, she was a founding board member of the Grants Pass Sobering Center and (former) board member of the Reaching Our Community food pantry.

When she has free moments, she enjoys playing musical instruments, reading, time with family, and loving on her short-legged Jack Russell Terriers.

UTAH



Representative Joel Ferry

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Joel Ferry was born and raised on a farm in West Corinne, Box Elder County, Utah. He graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics with a minor in political science. Upon graduating, he worked as an Analyst and Loan Officer for Zions Bank Corporation. Joel currently owns and operates a vertically intergraded ranching, farming and feedlot operation in Corinne.

Joel has served in the Utah Legislature as a State Representative since 2019. Prior to his service in the State Legislature, Joel served as the Box Elder County Republican Party Chairman. His current legislative responsibilities include Chairman of the Business and Labor Committee, Chairman of the Water Development Commission, and committee member of Redistricting, Transportation, and Executive Offices and Criminal Justice sub-appropriation committee.

Joel has a passion for water policy, land conservation and agriculture. In 2013, Joel and his wife Becca were named the Top Young Farmer and Rancher by the Utah Farm Bureau, in 2019 he was awarded the Leopold Conservation Award, and in 2021 he was awarded the Environmental Stewardship Award from the National

Cattlemen's Beef Association. Joel and his family enjoy spending time outdoors hunting, camping, and traveling together.



Representative Steve Waldrip

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Steve Waldrip brings experience in real estate development, law, and government operations and public/private partnerships to his service in the Utah Legislature. He completed his undergraduate studies in English at Brigham Young University, received a law degree from the University of Utah and a master's in taxation from the University of Washington. After practicing law for a short time, he joined the Boyer Company in Utah at the beginning of the Business Depot Ogden (BDO) project, an 1,100-acre public/private partnership with Ogden City. Steve oversaw leasing and new development for BDO As project manager at BDO and with a great team he brought half of a billion dollars in private investment into BDO and Ogden, negotiated over \$250 million in lease transactions and helped create over 4,000 new jobs in his 14 years at the project.

Steve was elected to represent Utah House District 8 in 2018 and serves as vice chair of the Education Appropriations subcommittee. He also serves on Public Education and Government Operations Committees and is the House Chair on the Utah Commission on Housing Affordability. Steve is a founder of Rocky Mountain Homes Fund, serves on the Boards of United Way Northern Utah and Ogden Valley Land Trust, and has represented District 8 in the Utah House of Representatives since 2018. He has a passion for finding creative solutions to difficult problems.



Senator Chris Wilson

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Senator **Chris Wilson** is a lifelong resident of northern Utah and a third-generation owner of a family business, Wilson Motor Company. He completed a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a finance emphasis, at Utah State University. Chris has served on the New Car Dealers of Utah Association Board of Directors since 2014, including a term as President, and was recently nominated by his peers for the prestigious national award of the Time Dealer of the Year. He also serves on the Ford Dealer Advertising Board of Directors. Locally he serves on the Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors and Economic Development Alliance. In addition to these formal positions, Chris has been actively involved in service throughout the community. Elected as District 25 State Senator in November 2020, Chris is committed to ensuring that the concerns of citizens are represented, values and quality of life are preserved, and vital rights and liberties are protected. His current committee assignments include Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee (Chair). He and his wife, Kiersten, have a blended family of ten children and sixteen grandchildren.



Representative Matt Boehnke

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Rep. **Matt Boehnke** (pronounced BAY-nkee) is serving his second term representing the 8th Legislative District, which includes Richland, West Richland and Kennewick.

Matt was raised in Kennewick, graduating from Kamiakin High School in 1986. He then attended Eastern Washington University, where he graduated as an ROTC-Distinguished Military Graduate and received his active-duty commission in the U.S. Army Aviation branch in 1990. He spent the next 21 years in the service, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring and moving back to Kennewick.

Since 2015, Matt has served as the Director and Lead Professor of the Cybersecurity Division at Columbia Basin College. He also owns a cybersecurity consulting business. Before joining the Legislature, he served for three years on the Kennewick City Council.

In the House, Matt is serving on three committees, including in a leadership role as the ranking minority member of the Community and Economic Development Committee. He is also a member of the House Appropriations and Environment and Energy Committees.

Matt and his wife, Dawn, have been married for more than 30 years. They have two sons, Matthew and Brandon.



Senator Manka Dhingra

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Manka Dhingra is Deputy Majority Leader of the Washington State Senate. She brings two decades of experience as a prosecutor and behavioral health expert to her roles as Chair of the Senate Behavioral Health Subcommittee and Vice Chair of the Senate Law & Justice Committee. She also serves on the Ways & Means Committee.

In November 2017, Dhingra was elected to the Senate by the constituents of the 45th Legislative District, the first Sikh legislator in the nation. Since then, she has sponsored and passed legislation addressing a wide range of issue areas.

As a member of the Special Committee on Economic Recovery, she is helping the state craft an economic plan to lead an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 economic downturn. She also serves on several task forces.

Dhingra continues to serve as a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. As Chair of the Therapeutic Alternative Unit, Manka helped develop and oversee the Regional Mental Health Court, the Veterans Court, and the Community Assessment and Referral for Diversion program. As a mental health and crisis intervention expert, she has also been an

instructor at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission for the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement officers to reduce the risk of tragedy and improve the response to people in crisis.



Representative Mari Leavitt

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Since moving to Washington as a military child, Rep. **Mari Leavitt** has been passionate about her community. A proud graduate of Tacoma Public Schools, Mari went on to receive her associate degree from Tacoma Community College and bachelor's, Master of Education from Western Washington University, and doctorate in Community College Leadership from Oregon State University.

As a college administrator for over 23 years, Mari worked to ensure access to community and technical education opportunities for high school students and returning students. In her previous role as Deputy Director and former Trustee of the Accountable Communities of Health, she worked on housing, behavioral health, early learning, long-term care, and violence prevention programs among many others.

Mari joined the House of Representatives in 2019 and immediately began advocating for education, affordable housing, our service members, and their families.

She serves on the following House committees: College and Workforce Development, (Vice-Chair) Housing; Human Services, and Veterans; and Capital Budget. She also serves on Washington's

Outside the legislature, Mari is an active PTSA member and local small business owner. She enjoys spending time with her family, including her husband, children, two cats, and dog, Daisy. She is grateful for the opportunity to attend the Western Legislative Academy and learn with and from her peers.



Senator Ron Muzzall

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Ron Muzzall is a fourth-generation resident of Whidbey Island. After graduating from Washington State University, he returned to Whidbey with his wife Shelly to farm with his parents. He served with the North Whidbey Fire and Rescue for twenty years as a firefighter and officer, 11 years as fire commissioner.

He has served on committees for the Darigold and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. He served 15 years on the board of Skagit Farmers Supply, 5 years as chairman. He served 8 years on the corporate board of Land O'Lakes where he put his expertise to work on governance, board performance, auditing, and political action committees. He served multiple terms on the council and as president of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church. His family operates 3 Sisters Family Farm. They raise grass-fed beef and lamb, barley-fed hogs, and free-range eggs and fryers for 3 Sisters Market and other grocery stores on Whidbey Island.

He was appointed to the Washington State Senate in October of 2019 and won re-election to a full term in 2020. He is the ranking minority member on the Health and Long-Term Care committee, and a member of the Ways and Means and the Rules committees. He was unanimously elected as Deputy Whip in the Senate Republican Caucus in 2019.

WYOMING



Representative Barry Crago

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Barry Crago was raised on the family ranch in Belle Fourche, South Dakota where he developed a love of ranching and the value of hard work. In 1999, he earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business from University of Wyoming. Barry spent a year in Washington, D.C. as an intern for United States Senator Craig Thomas before returning to Wyoming to pursue a law degree. He received his J.D. in 2004 from the University of Wyoming College of Law.

In 2004-2005, Barry served as a judicial law clerk to Judge Clarence Brimmer of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming. Currently, Barry has a very diverse work schedule. He serves as Deputy County Attorney in Johnson County, Wyoming, is a partner in Crago Law Offices, and manages the Willow Creek Ranch outside of Kaycee, Wyoming. Barry is also a freshman Republican legislator for House District 40, which covers Johnson and Sheridan counties in Wyoming. Barry and his wife Kristen have two daughters – Lily and Caroline.



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Shelly Duncan became a Representative for Wyoming Legislature 2019-present. She has 3 sons, 1 daughter in law and 1 granddaughter. Her and her husband just celebrated 33 years of marriage. Shelly resides in Lingle, Wyoming. She went to Lamar University and studied Art/Interior Design. In 2005 she became a licensed Realtor in Wyoming & Nebraska and opened her own brokerage in 2015, Double D Real Estate & Associates. She served as state President for Wyoming Association of Realtors in 2017 and received Realtor of The Year in 2012. She is currently serving as Chair of National of Association's Housing Opportunities Committee. Shelly is involved in her community serving on multiple boards including Economic Development. She has a passion for looking to solve the issue of homelessness among our youth and started a charity Totes for Hope in 2017 (giving totes full of toiletries to area programs and schools for youth). Representative Duncan serves on Corporations, Political Subdivision & Election Committee and is currently serving as Vice Chair for Minerals, Business & Economic Development Committee. She also serves on Broadband Task Force, Legislative Artwork Donation Program Committee, Small Business Assistance Program Advisory Panel, as well as NCSL-Labor & Economic Development and CSG West-Workforce

Development. In her career to date, she has passed 8 bills. Representative Duncan has a passion for community involvement and service.



Representative Ember Oakley

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Ember Oakley is a proud fifth generation Wyomingite and is in her freshman term of representing her community of Riverton in Wyoming's House District 55. Ember participated in multiple sports throughout high school and college, earning an individual state championship in track. She graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, and later graduated from the University of Wyoming School of Law. She currently serves as the Assistant Fremont County Attorney, prosecuting serious crimes for the last decade. She is active in the Republican party, and has served as the Vice President of the Fremont County Republican Women and as a delegate to the Republican State Convention for many years. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon appointed Ms. Oakley to the Wyoming Community College Commission. Her dad was a Wyoming game warden, and she still enjoys many outdoor activities, including camping, fishing, snowmobiling and mountain biking. This year, she was honored to hunt on the first-ever women's team in the historic One Shot Antelope Hunt held annually in Lander, Wyoming. She is an energetic and dedicated community member and looks forward to this opportunity to gain skills and insight into the legislative process.



Representative Mike Yin

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Wyoming State Representative **Mike Yin** represents the residents of Jackson, Wyoming in the heart of Jackson Hole. In his second term, he currently sits on five committees doing the work to serve his community and state. He still works full time as well as a software developer writing code for mobile apps.

While being raised by immigrant parents growing up in Georgia, he watched his parents contribute and serve their adopted communities and knew that he needed to serve his own community. He is the first Chinese American to serve in the Wyoming legislature and enjoys snowboarding in Jackson Hole when he is not in session.