

Melissa Busch (D-SD16)
Oregon



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MAIN ISSUES

- *Busch tweeted support for a severance tax on forested land.*
- *Busch is backed by Nurses for Single Payer.*
- *Busch supports pay increases for the State Legislature.*
- *In March 2006, Busch received a DUI for driving while intoxicated.*

METHODOLOGY

- *A review of Google and Nexis for news articles and blog posts related to Busch.*
- *A review of Busch's social media accounts for comments, images, and videos that may provide vulnerabilities.*
- *Property, financial, campaign finance, and criminal records available online and through Nexis.*
- *A review of Busch's previous employment, including campaign finance reports for Busch's pay from various political groups and campaigns.*

TIMELINE

August 31, 1981 – Born Melissa Lynn Busch. (Oregon Secretary of State My Vote, Accessed 5/11/22)

2001-2005 – Graduated from Lewis & Clark College with a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/10/22)

2004-Present – Open Adoption & Family Services Board of Directors member. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/10/22)

2008-2010 – Member of the Board of Directors for Backline. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/10/22)

2008-2010 – Graduated from the University of Portland with a bachelor's degree in Nursing. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/10/22)

November 2010-March 2016 – Registered inpatient rehabilitation nurse at Providence Acute Rehabilitation Center. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

2014 – Vice-president of the Open Adoption & Family Services Board of Directors. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/10/22)

March 2016-Novemeber 2016 – Home health nurse at Providence Acute Rehabilitation Center. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

November 2016-Septemeber 2018 – Care manager and discharge coordinator at Providence Acute Rehabilitation Center. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

September 2018-Present Home health nurse at Providence Acute Rehabilitation Center. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

January 2020-July 2020 – Attended Emerge Oregon, a training program for Democrat women. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/10/22)

September 2020-March 2021 – Attended the Oregon Labor Candidate School. ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/10/22)

Unknown – Member of the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon. ([Oregon Votes](#), Accessed 8/4/22)

Unknown – Member of the Columbia County Medical Reserve. (Oregon Secretary of State, Candidate Filing, Filed 1/13/22)

BACKGROUND

In 2022, Busch stated her work in the healthcare industry would provide a comprehensive understanding of her constituents in rural and coastal districts. “I am a nurse who serves Columbia County and surrounding rural areas of Senate District 16, visiting elderly and disabled community members in their homes and long-term care settings to provide essential health care services. I am also a mother of school-aged children in our public schools, and I understand the challenges working families are facing in these unprecedented times. The work I do as a nurse, and my experiences as a working parent, give me a comprehensive understanding of both the challenges our rural and coastal districts face, as well as the opportunities we have to create the healthy, thriving communities we want to live in. I've been preparing to run for the Oregon state legislature for the past five years, because I believe we need more working people, particularly mothers, in the legislature advocating for solutions to the issues impacting families, young people, workers, and vulnerable communities.” ([Ballotpedia](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

Busch is a board member at Backline and Open Adoption & Family Services. “Melissa Busch currently lives in Portland, Oregon, where she works as a volunteer, advocate, and a Board Member of both Backline and Open Adoption & Family Services. Backline is dedicated to addressing the broad range of experiences and emotions surrounding pregnancy, parenting, adoption and abortion. We provide a forum in which women and their loved ones can engage in discussion that goes beyond political rhetoric. We are committed to addressing the individual and diverse realities within our communities. Our vision is of a society in which pregnancy options are discussed with openness, honesty, and the deepest respect for reproductive justice.” (Huffington Post, [Contributor Profile Melissa Busch](#), Accessed 8/1/22)

In 2020, Busch attended the Oregon Labor Candidate School, a program that trains union candidates to champion issues like affordable health care and increased wages. “The mission of the Oregon Labor Candidate School is to train leaders to be successful candidates for elected office. OLCS alumni will champion policies which positively impact all Oregonians, including, living wages, a superb education system, access to quality and affordable healthcare, a secure retirement, and to defend and grow the labor movement in Oregon. Our curriculum includes an equity lens, providing candidates with the tools to make justice-oriented policy decisions... The vision of the Oregon Labor Candidate School is to increase the representation of union members in elected office who will champion policies which reflect the values of the labor movement and benefit working people in Oregon.” ([Oregon Labor Candidate School](#), Accessed 7/29/22)

PUBLIC RECORDS

Employment History

Busch receives income from her work as a home health nurse for Providence Health & Systems and Providence Home Health. (Melissa Busch, [2022 Statement of Economic Interest](#), Filed 4/12/22)

Professional Licenses

On September 22, 2010, Busch received her nursing license from the state of Oregon, and it is active through August 2023.

Verification of Licensure

Oregon State Board of Nursing

17938 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road
Portland, Oregon 97224-7012
Fax: 971-673-0684
E-Mail: oregon.bn.info@osbn.oregon.gov



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Licensee: Busch, Melissa Lynn

Gender: Female

City: Warren

State: OR

LICENSES

License Number	Type	License Issued	Current Status	Date Last Renewed	License Expiration Date
201042883RN	RN	09/22/2010	Active	08/23/2021	08/31/2023

[Click here for explanation of License Status](#)

(Oregon State Board of Nursing, [License Verification Search](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

Property Records

Busch lists her residence at 33336 Crown Point Drive Warren, Oregon 97053 on her candidate filing.

Candidate Information	
Candidate Name: Melissa Busch	Date Filed: 01/13/2022 5:06:28 PM Help
Ballot Name: Melissa Busch	Qualified for Office: Yes
Filing Source: Web Filing	Filing Type: Original
Election: 2022 Primary Election	Filing Method: Fee
Office sought: State Senator, 16th District	Party: Democrat
Residence Address: 33336 Crown Point Drive Warren, OR 97053 Columbia County	Work Telephone:
Mailing Address: 33336 Crown Point Drive Warren, OR 97053	Home Telephone:
	Cell: (503)312-7152
	Fax:
	Email Address: melissa@melissafororegon.com
	Web Site: https://melissafororegon.com

(Oregon Secretary of State, Candidate Information, Filed 1/13/22)

- **On September 13, 2017, Busch and her husband, Jason Resch, purchased 33336 Crown Point Drive Warren, Oregon 97053 for \$523,900.**

Account ID 17351 Township 4N Range 2W Section 12 1/4 C 1/16 0 Taxlot 02300 Special Interest

Effective Date 18-Sep-2017 1:03 PM Transaction ID 1215676 Entry Date 18-Sep-2017 Recorded Date 15-Sep-2017 Sale Price \$523,900 Sale Date 13-Sep-2017

Seq	Voucher ID	Tax Year	Document Source	Type	ID #1	ID #2	PID	Source ID	PT	Operation	To/From Map	
1	1557228	2017	CLERK - BOR	WD	2017	8551	1			NAME CHANGE		
Name Changes			Status	Name				Name Type	Ownership Type	Ownership %		
D				MILLS, GALEN T				OWNER	OWNER			
D				MILLS, SALLY A				OWNER	OWNER			
A				RESCH, JASON R				OWNER	OWNER			
A				BUSCH, MELISSA				OWNER	OWNER			
				OWNER AS TENANTS IN COMMON								
				RESCH, JASON R								
				OWNER AS TENANTS IN COMMON								
				BUSCH, MELISSA								
Size Totals			Code	Acres	Sqft	Alternate Size						
			0211	2.00								

Effective Date 28-Jan-2019 1:18 PM Transaction ID 1743794 Entry Date 25-Jan-2019 Recorded Date 23-Jan-2019 Sale Price \$0 Sale Date 20-Jan-2019

Seq	Voucher ID	Tax Year	Document Source	Type	ID #1	ID #2	PID	Source ID	PT	Operation	To/From Map	
1	2118226	2019	CLERK - BOR	WD	2019	464	1			NAME CHANGE		
Name Changes			Status	Name				Name Type	Ownership Type	Ownership %		
D				RESCH, JASON R				OWNER	OWNER			
D				BUSCH, MELISSA				OWNER	OWNER			
A				RESCH & BUSCH LIVING TRUST				OWNER	OWNER			
A				BUSCH, MELISSA L				OWNER	OWNER AS TRUSTEE			
A				RESCH, JASON R				OWNER	OWNER AS TRUSTEE			
Size Totals			Code	Acres	Sqft	Alternate Size						
			0211	2.00								

(Columbia Assessment and Taxation Web Query, [Account Number 17351](#), Accessed 5/13/22)

- **According to the Columbia County tax collector, the Buschs have fully paid their property taxes on 33336 Crown Point Drive.**

Tax Account #	17351	Lender Name	CLG - Freedom Mortgage C/O LoanCare
Account Status	A	Loan Number	1018523610603
Roll Type	Real	Property ID	0211
Situs Address	33336 CROWN POINT DR WARREN OR 97053-9355	Interest To	Jul 15, 2022

Tax Summary

Tax Year	Tax Type	Total Due	Current Due	Interest Due	Discount Available	Original Due	Due Date	Prev Disc
2021	ADVALOREM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,038.72	Nov 15, 2021	\$151.16
2020	ADVALOREM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,866.81	Nov 15, 2020	\$146.00
2019	ADVALOREM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,798.98	Nov 15, 2019	\$143.97
2018	ADVALOREM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,650.94	Nov 15, 2018	\$139.53
2017	ADVALOREM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,520.61	Nov 15, 2017	\$135.62

(Columbia County Tax Collector, [Property 17351 Statement of Tax Account](#), Accessed 6/21/22)

According to a statement of economic interest report filed in 2022, Busch lists 8451 NW Whitney Ave Portland, OR 97231 as a second family home. (Oregon Secretary of State, [SEI Report for Melissa Busch](#), Filed 4/12/22)

- **On December 12, 2012, Busch purchased 8451 NW Whitney Ave Portland, OR 97231 for \$200,000.**

Address	8451 NW WHITNEY ST
Address2	PORTLAND, OR 97231
City	PORTLAND
Property ID	R305677
Tax Roll	WHITWOOD CT, BLOCK 30, LOT 1
Use	RESIDENTIAL IMPROVED
Lot	1
Block	30
County	M
State ID	1N1W11CA 2700
New State ID	1N1W11CA -02700
Alt Account Number	R907206000
Map Number	2219 OLD
Land Type	RES - RESIDENTIAL LAND
Total Land Area	0.21 acres (8,950 sq ft)
Building Area	1,016 sq ft
Assessor Update Date	06/20/2022 4:20AM

Owner	
Name	RESCH & BUSCH LIV TR
Address	33336 CROWN POINT DR WARREN OR 97053

Sales History & Deed			
Sale Date	Sale Price	Type	Instrument
2012-12-12	200000	CONT CONTRACT	2012163199

([Portland Maps](#), Accessed 6/21/22)

- **According to Multnomah County records, the Buschs have fully paid their property taxes on 8451 NW Whitney Ave.**

TAX SUMMARY							
TAXYEAR	TOTAL BILLED	AD VALOREM	SPECIAL ASMT	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	DATE PAID	TOTAL OWED
2021	\$2,673.43	\$2,673.43	\$0	\$2,673.43	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2020	\$2,452.41	\$2,452.41	\$0	\$2,452.41	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2019	\$2,362.45	\$2,362.45	\$0	\$2,362.45	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2018	\$2,293.11	\$2,293.11	\$0	\$2,293.11	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2017	\$2,197.97	\$2,197.97	\$0	\$2,197.97	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2016	\$2,011.40	\$2,011.40	\$0	\$2,011.40	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2015	\$1,958.75	\$1,958.75	\$0	\$1,958.75	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2014	\$1,929.36	\$1,929.36	\$0	\$1,929.36	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2013	\$1,884.55	\$1,884.55	\$0	\$1,884.55	\$0.00	-	\$0.00
2012	\$1,704.86	\$1,704.86	\$0	\$1,704.86	\$0.00	-	\$0.00

(Multnomah County Oregon Property Records, [Property R305677 Tax Summary](#), Accessed 6/21/22)

Voter Registration

Busch is a registered Democrat in Columbia County, Oregon.



(Oregon Secretary of State, My Vote, Accessed 5/11/22)

Statement of Economic Interest

Editor's note: According to Busch's 2022 statement of financial interest she does not have any current holdings.

Bankruptcy Records

On October 27, 2010, Melissa Busch filed a chapter 7 bankruptcy voluntary petition statement with the United States Bankruptcy Court in Oregon. (Case 10-40239-elp7, [Voluntary Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy](#), Filed 10/27/10)

Busch reported owing \$212,349 to creditors holding secured claims.

Mortgage	\$133,449
Home Equity Loan	\$78,900
Total Sum	\$212,349

(Case 10-40239-elp7, [Voluntary Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy](#), Filed 10/27/10)

Busch reported owing \$115,804 to creditors holding unsecured priority claims.

Student Loans	\$69,444
Credit Card	\$24,643
Discover Personal Loans	\$21,293
Medical Bills	\$424
Total Sum	\$115,804

(Case 10-40239-elp7, [Voluntary Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy](#), Filed 10/27/10)

- **Busch reported owing the IRS personal income tax from 2008 totaling \$3,602.**

**SCHEDULE E - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIMS
(Continuation Sheet)**

Taxes and Other Certain Debts Owed to Governmental Units

(Type of Priority for Claims Listed on This Sheet)

CREDITOR'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND ACCOUNT NUMBER. <i>(See Instructions above.)</i>	DEBTOR HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT, OR COMMUNITY	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM	CONTINGENT UNLIQUIDATED DISPUTED	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY	AMOUNT NOT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY, IF ANY
ACCOUNT NO. 6900 IRS P.O. Box 21126 Philadelphia, PA 19114		2008 personal income tax		3,602.45	3,602.45	

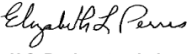
(Case 10-40239-elp7, [Voluntary Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy](#), Filed 10/27/10)

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Researcher did not locate any documentation of outstanding tax payments.*

On February 2, 2011, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Oregon closed Busch's case and granted her a discharge.

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
FILED
February 2, 2011
Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Below is an order of the Court.


 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

DC7 (3/5/09) UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
District of Oregon

In re
Melissa Lynn Valencia-Manerini, xxx-xx-8155
Other names used by debtor: Melissa Lynn Busch
Debtor(s)

Case No. **10-40239-elp7**
CHAPTER 7 ORDER RE: DISCHARGE;
AND ORDER DISCHARGING TRUSTEE
AND CLOSING CH. 7 "NO ASSET" CASE

It appearing that on 10/27/10 a bankruptcy petition was filed by the debtor(s); timely complaints filed pursuant to 11 USC §523(a) could be pending and the court could still order that any affected debt is nondischargeable, however no complaint objecting to the debtor's discharge pursuant to 11 USC §727 was timely filed (or such complaint was filed, and after due notice and hearing, was not sustained); each timely filed written reaffirmation agreement was either rescinded or not approved by the court; the trustee has filed a report of no assets and performed all other administrative duties as required; and therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The debtor(s) shall be granted a discharge under §727 of Title 11, United States Code (the Bankruptcy Code).
2. The trustee is discharged as trustee of the debtor's estate; this case is closed; and the court shall retain jurisdiction over any adversary proceeding pending at the time of closure.

EXPLANATION OF BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE IN A CHAPTER 7 CASE

This court order grants a discharge to the person(s) named as a debtor. It is not a dismissal of the case and it does not determine how much money, if any, the trustee will pay to creditors.

Collection of Discharged Debts Prohibited. The discharge prohibits any attempt to collect from a debtor a debt that has been discharged. For example, a creditor is not permitted to contact a debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise, to file or continue a lawsuit, to attach wages or other property, or to take any other action to collect a discharged debt from the debtor. (If applicable there are also special rules that protect certain community property owned by the debtor's spouse, even if that spouse did not file a bankruptcy case.) A creditor who violates this order can be required to pay damages and attorney's fees to the debtor.

IMPORTANT: Debtors MUST READ BOTH SIDES of this document!

(Case 10-40239-elp7, [Document 10 Discharge Debtors](#), Filed 2/2/11)

Criminal Records

On January 30, 2018, Busch was convicted and fined \$100 by the Multnomah County court for using a mobile device while driving.

Oregon Court Report

Offender information

Name: BUSCH, MELISSA LYNN
Address: 8451 NW WHITNEY ST
PORTLAND, OR 97231-1240
MULTNOMAH COUNTY
Case Number: 18VI15899
Case Filing Date: 01/30/2018
Case Type: VIOLATION
DOB: 08/1981
SSN: 511-96-XXXX
Sex: Female
Hair: BROWN
Height: 5'1"

Offenses

Case Filing Date: 01/30/2018
Number Counts: 1
Offense Date: 01/29/2018
Court Description: MULTNOMAH
Case Number: 18VI15899
Court Offense: DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE USING A MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE - FIRST
Court Disposition: CONVICTED - EPAY Status:CLOSED
Court Disposition Date: 02/27/2018
Court Fine: \$100

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 6/22/22)

On October 1, 2000, Busch was convicted and fined \$41 by the Lane County court for failing to obey a traffic control device.

Oregon Court Report

Offender information

Name: BUSCH, MELISSA LYNN
Address: 2465 JACKSON ST
EUGENE, OR 97405-2256
LANE COUNTY
Case Number: 0006187
Case Filing Date: 10/03/2000
Case Type: VIOLATION
DOB: 08/1981
SSN: 511-96-XXXX

Offenses


Case Filing Date: 10/03/2000
Number Counts: 1
Offense Date: 10/01/2000
Court Description: LANE
Case Number: 0006187
Court Offense: FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE
Court Disposition: CONVICTED Status:CLOSED
Court Disposition Date: 10/12/2000
Court Fine: \$41

Court Activity

[NONE FOUND]

(Nexis Public Records, Accessed 6/22/22)

On March 20, 2006, Busch was pulled over by Portland Police for driving while intoxicated.

 PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU CUSTOMER HARDCOPY (MELISSA LYNN BUSCH)	
Person Information	
DOB AUG-31-1981 Sex FEMALE Race WHITE Address 33336 CROWN POINT DR Municipality WARREN State OREGON County COLUMBIA ZIP Code 97053 District SO Zone S07 Grid 00207	
Contact Information	
CELLULAR (503) 312-7152 EXT. HOME (503) 572-7651 EXT.	
Particulars	
Ethnicity UNKNOWN	
Employment	
Occupation RN Employed By PROVIDENCE HOME HELATH	
Physical Description	
Height 5'1 Hair Color BLOND OR STRAWBERRY Eye Color BLUE	Weight 115
Charge summary	
CHARGE Offense Date MAR-20-2006 (MON.) 0114 Offense DUI-ALCOHOL Related To GO # 2006-26189	
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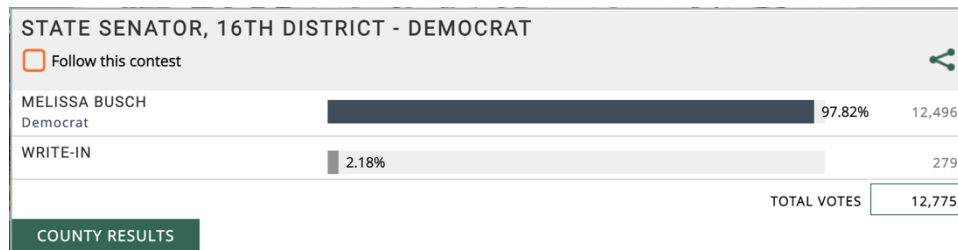
(The City of Portland, Police General Records Request, Filed 5/25/22)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Researcher is awaiting further records from the Portland Police department regarding Busch's DUI filed in 2006.

CAMPAIGNS

2022 State Senate Primary

On May 17, 2022, Busch won the state senate district 16th primary.



(Oregon Secretary of State, [Unofficial Primary Election Results](#), Accessed 6/21/22)

ENDORSEMENTS

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Oregon Nurses Association. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

- **Busch is a current member of the Oregon Nurses Association and previously participated in their government relations work.** “Melissa Busch is a Providence home health nurse in Columbia County who visits patients at home and in long-term care facilities throughout Senate District 16. She is running because in her practice she sees too many difficult situations keeping communities sick and causing families to fall behind. Working families and vulnerable community members need dogged pursuit of solutions that fit coastal Oregon and fit the severity of the challenges we face. Melissa is a parent, a dedicated volunteer for local nonprofits, and a past participant in the government relations work of ONA.” ([2022 ONA Endorsements](#), Accessed 8/4/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Woman’s Investment Network Political Action Committee. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Oregon Education Association. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by Moms Demand Action. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Oregon Stater Building & Construction Trades Council. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Oregon AFL-CIO. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by Oregon Working Families. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by Nurses for Single Payer. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

- **Nurses for Single Payer supports government run health care.** “Nurses for Single Payer (NFSP) is a Portland-based organization of energized nurses who believe that health care is a human right. As an active coalition member of Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO), we focus on informing nurses about the active and growing campaign to bring universal, publicly funded health care to our state.” ([Nurses for Single Payer](#), Accessed 8/4/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Basic Rights Equality PAC. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Clatsop County Democrats. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Tillamook County Democrats. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Columbia County Democrats. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Pro-Choice Oregon PAC. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Senator Kayse Jama. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Senator Rachel Armitage. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Senator Janeen Sollman. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Senator Kate Lieber. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Representative Rachael Prusak. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Representative Travis Nelson. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Representative Rob Nosse. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by State Representative Dacia Grayber. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by former State Representative and current Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by former State Representative and founder of Tillamook Democracy Project Beverly Stein. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by Washington County Commissioner Pam Treece. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by Washington County Commissioner Nafisa Fai. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by Rockaway City Councilor Mary McGinnis. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Busch was endorsed by the Mayor of Bay City David McCall. (Melissa for Oregon, [Endorsements](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Top Line Numbers

As of August 2022, Busch's campaign has raised a total of \$94,518. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon 2021 Account Summary](#), Accessed 6/16/22)

- **As of June 2022, Busch's campaign has received a total of \$4,875 from multiple out-of-state contributors.** (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

As of August 2022, Busch's campaign has spent a total of \$63,254. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon 2021 Account Summary](#), Accessed 6/16/22)

Notable Donations

In 2022, the Oregon Nurses Political Action Committee contributed \$20,000 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, State Representative Rachel Prusak contributed \$2,000 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, Andrea Goss' committee contributed \$450 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

In 2022, the Senate Democratic Leadership Fund contributed \$2,000 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 8/4/22)

On April 18, 2022, the Woman's Investment Network PAC contributed \$1,500 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On June 27, 2022, Oregon Single Payor Advocates contributed \$500 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 8/4/22)

On March 21, 2022, State Representative Rob Nosse contributed \$1,000 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On March 14, 2022, State Senator Rob Wagner contributed \$1,000 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On March 11, 2022, the Local 48 Electricians PAC contributed \$2,500 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On July 5, 2022, State Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward contributed \$2,500 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 8/4/22)

On April 4, 2022, the Polity PAC contributed \$250 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On February 9, 2022, Debbie Booth-Schmidt's PAC contributed \$250 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On March 9, 2022, State Representative Dacia Grayber contributed \$250 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On March 18, 2022, County Commissioner David McCall contributed \$250 to Busch's campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On April 12, 2022, the Tillamook County Democratic Central Committee contributed \$101 to Busch’s campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

On March 17, 2022, Eileen Kiely’s committee contributed \$250 to Busch’s campaign. (Oregon Secretary of State, [Melissa for Oregon Transaction History](#), Accessed 6/22/22)

ISSUES

Social Justice

On May 30, 2020, Busch stated that communities of color are being “disproportionately murdered” in the United States.



(Melissa Busch, [Facebook](#), 5/30/20)

Wage Increases

In 2022, the Oregon Legislature proposed SB1566, a bill that would substantially increase the salary of assembly members and tie future compensation to Oregon’s mean wage. “Oregon legislators would get a significant pay increase and qualify for \$1,000 a month for child care under a proposal supported by minority advocates, a leading state union and a Portland business group as a way to increase diversity in the Oregon Legislature. Under provisions of Senate Bill 1566, the base annual salary for a legislator would go from \$32,839 to about \$57,000. They also would still get \$151 a day for expenses when the Legislature is in session and maintain access to their campaign money for other costs. The pay increase would take effect in January 2023 and would apply to the 30 senators and 60 representatives. The salary would be tied to Oregon’s mean wage. That was calculated by the federal Bureau of

Labor Statistics in 2020 to be \$56,880. A similar proposal last year that provided for a salary about \$3,000 less would have cost an estimated \$4 million over 18 months, according to a legislative fiscal study.” (Cole Sinanian and Les Zaitz, “Oregon legislators propose big boost in their pay – and they have community support,” [Oregon Capitol Chronicle](#), 2/7/22)

- **SB1566, was estimated to cost the General Fund \$1,784,388 between 2021 and 2023 and increase to \$7,137,551 between 2023 and 2025.** “The measure increases the salaries of members of the Legislative Assembly to be aligned with the annual average estimate for Oregon. The most recent annualized quarterly rate as published by OED for 2021 is \$63,464 annually or \$5,289 per month. With the current salary set at \$2,821, this is a monthly increase of \$2,468 per month for 92 salaries, since the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate receive an additional salary. Variable benefits are calculated at a rate of 30.98%, which would make the monthly fiscal impact \$297,397. The new rate goes into effect January 1, 2023 and is based on OED’s 2021 estimate. The fiscal impact is thus estimated to be \$1,784,388 General Fund for the remainder of in the 2021-23 biennium and \$7,137,551 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium.” (Michael Graham, [FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Measure: SB 1566 – A](#), 2/23/22)
- **On February 28, 2022, Busch tweeted support for increasing the salary of Oregon legislators.**



(Raz Busch, [Twitter](#), 2/28/22)

COVID-19

On October 7, 2020, Busch chided two Columbia County Commissioners for not wearing masks during a pandemic briefing.



(Melissa Busch, [Facebook](#), 10/7/20)

Health Care

Busch supports government run health care.



(Melissa Busch, [Facebook](#) 5/7/22)

Unions

On March 15, 2022, Busch attended an Oregon Nurses Association rally at Providence St. Vincent.



(Melissa Busch, [Facebook](#), 3/15/22)

- **Organizers of the Providence rally lobbied for increased wages as their labor contracts were set to be renegotiated.** "Providence Health nurses will hold an informational picket outside of the Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Southwest Portland on Tuesday evening as labor contract negotiations between the state's largest healthcare system and thousands of Oregon nurses intensify" (Abe Asher, "Providence Health Nurses Rally Tuesday to Spotlight Labor Contract Delays," [Portland Mercury](#), 3/15/22)
- **Providence St. Vincent nurses protested for increased wages and an agreement from hospital management to follow daily staffing levels.** "Providence St. Vincent nurses would get up to 14% raises and a stronger commitment from management to follow daily staffing levels under a tentative agreement with the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). But nurses at hospitals in Milwaukie and Oregon City remain far apart from management in contract bargaining. The St. Vincent nurses will vote on the two-year contract June 20 to 23. The union bargaining team is recommending approval. The agreement would cover about 1,600 nurses. It includes a 10% raise upon ratification, an additional 3% in January 2023 and 1% in July 2023, for a total 14% over two years. (Providence was previously offering a 15% increase over three years). It also provides a \$2,000 ratification bonus. The agreement also brings language from Oregon's nurse staffing law into the union contract, requiring hospitals to develop and adhere to staffing plans." (Providence had proposed \$750) and a \$1,500 bonus at the beginning of 2023." (Colin Staub, "St. Vincent nurses reach a deal, but others authorize strike," [Northwest Labor Press](#), 6/16/22)

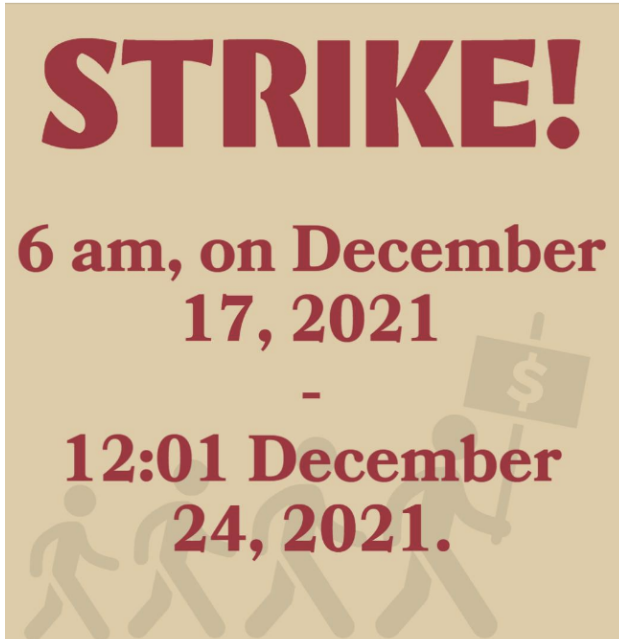
On December 17, 2021, Busch posted that she would be attending a union strike with the UFCW Local 555



Melissa for Oregon SD16

December 17, 2021 · 🌐

I'll be standing with UFCW Local 555 and not crossing the picket line. Fair-wages and safe working conditions cannot be a privilege only afforded to white collar workers. Essential, front-line workers are the backbone of our communities and we must uphold their value by paying them and protecting them as such. [#CaringForSD16](#) [#UnionProud](#) [#UnionStrong](#)



UFCW Local 555

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Almost a year-and-a-half ago, Fred Meyer / QFC stopped paying you hourly hazard pay. Since then, you have continued to deal with the pandemic, while the company... [See more](#)

(Melissa Busch, [Facebook](#), Accessed 7/6/22)