



Lisa J. Brown

Quick Facts

Birth: October 9, 1956
Illinois

Death:

Occupation: Professor

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1993-97 (H)
1997-2012 (S)

Office: Representative, Senator

District: 3 (Spokane County)

Personal:

- Associate Professor, Dept. of Organizational Leadership at Gonzaga University, Spokane.
- Associate Professor of economics at Eastern Washington University
- 1 child

Education:

- University of Colorado, Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics
- University of Illinois, B.A.

Community Service:

- Spokane Neighborhood Action Program
- Spokane Aids Network

Affiliations:

- United Way
- Friends of Centennial Trail

Awards:

- YMCA's "Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Communities" Award, 2003
- The Liberty Bell Award, Assuring Equal Justice for All
- Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium's and Washington Low Income Housing Congress' Housing Hero Award, 2001
- Washington State Housing Finance Commission's "Friend of Housing Award," 2001
- Annual Golden Phone Award, Community Voice Mail Federation, 2000

- "Certificate of Appreciation," The Washington State Veterans Legislative Coalition, 2000
- "Public Policy Maker of the Year," Washington State Dietetic Association, 2000
- "Woman of Distinction Award," Girl Scouts, Inland Empire Council
- "Annual Award for Saving Women's Lives," Washington State Public Health Association, 1998
- "Achievement Award," Woman's Club of Spokane, 1998
- "Child Care Champion," Child Care Works of Washington, 1998
- "Elected Official of the Year" Citizen's League of Greater Spokane, 1997
- "Random Acts Prevention Award" Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council's Prevention Center, 1997
- "Hunger Fighter Award" Anti Hunger & Nutrition Coalition, 1997
- "Women of Achievement, Government Award" Spokane YWCA, 1997

Legislative & State Service:

- Facilities & Operations Committee
- Caseload Forecast Council
- Governor's Sustainable Washington Advisory Panel
- Governor Locke's Early Learning Commission
- Washington Internet Caucus, co-chair

Committees: (1993) Transportation, vice-chair; Revenue; Human Services (1995) Transportation; Children and Family Services; Rules (1997) Energy and Utilities, ranking minority member; Ways and Means (1999) Energy, Technology and Telecommunications, chair; Ways and Means, vice-chair; Education (2001) Ways and Means, chair; Economic Development and Telecommunications (2003) Rules, ranking minority member

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Majority Leader, 2004, first female Democrat
- Senate Democratic Leader, 2003, first female Democrat
- House Minority Whip, 1995

Sources:

- "Spokane's Lisa Brown will head Democratic caucus in state Senate," by Chris McGann, *The Seattle Times*, November 8, 2004.
- "Legislature: No babies allowed," by Kathryn Crawford, *The Olympian*, March 26, 1993.