



Val Ogden

Quick Facts

Birth: February 11, 1924
Okanogan, WA

Death: April 9, 2014, Vancouver, WA

Occupation: Non-Profit Management Consultant; Adjunct Professor, Public Administration

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1991-2003

Office: Representative;
Speaker Pro Tempore (1999-2003)

District: 49 (Clark County)

Personal:

- Worked as an adjunct professor of Public Administration at Lewis and Clark College and Portland State University
- Married, 3 children

Education:

- Washington State University, B.A. in sociology

Community Service:

- Camp Fire, executive director
- Council on the Homeless, chair
- Human Services Council
- Clark County Regional Service Network, Mental Health Board
- Clark County YWCA, NAACP and AAUW
- Clark County YWCA, director
- Affordable Community Environments, board member
- YW Housing

Affiliations:

- Southwest Washington Private Industry Council of Southwest Washington, vice president
- Women in Action
- State Legislative Leaders Foundation, board member
- Clark County Democratic Central Committee, executive committee

Awards:

- The Washington State School for the Blind named their new building the Ogden Resource Center. The resource center houses the Braille Access Center and the Instructional Resource Center. It took Val Ogden seven years before a bill was passed that ensures that all visually impaired students be taught to read Braille. This building is the Washington State School for the Blind's way of honoring Val for all of the hard work she has done for the blind.

- Mary Granger Climate of Excellence Award, Women In Action, 2004
- Special Achievement, Historic Preservation Week, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 2002
- Woman of the Year, Women's Resource Center, Washington State University, 2002
- Citation of Merit-Legislative, Washington Recreation and Park Association, 2000

Legislative & State Service:

- Washington State Historical Society, board of trustees
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, board member
- Two accomplishments for her district were helping to establish Washington State University's branch campus in Vancouver, and Vancouver's waterfront restoration and beautification project.

Committees: (1991) Higher Education, vice-chair; Capital Facilities and Financing; Housing **(1993)** Capital Budget, vice-chair; Corrections; Higher Education **(1995)** Capital Budget; Transportation **(1997)** Transportation Policy and Budget; Capital Budget; Rules **(1999)** Capital Budget; Rules; Transportation **(2001)** Capital Budget; Rules; Transportation

ONLY BILLS THAT PASSED ARE LISTED BELOW

House Bills sponsored:

(1993 session)

1006-Enabling public-private transportation initiatives

Signed by Governor Lowry

1033-Establishing a procedure for developing local jail industries programs

Signed by Governor Lowry

1064-Requiring the adoption of a policy prohibiting corporal punishment in schools

Signed by Governor Lowry

1072-Changing provisions relating to guardians ad litem

Signed by Governor Lowry

1144-Providing a funding mechanism for the office of marine safety's field operations

Signed by Governor Lowry

1156-Transferring county sheriff's office employees

Signed by Governor Lowry

1174-Regarding the study of American Indian languages and cultures

Signed by Governor Lowry

1197-Allowing families to retain a greater percentage of income before public benefits are reduced or terminated

Signed by Governor Lowry, partial veto

1209-Reforming Education

Signed by Governor Lowry

1211-Granting additional powers to boards of directors of educational service districts

Signed by Governor Lowry

1294-Changing provisions in LEOFF Plan II to allow retirement at age fifty

Signed by Governor Lowry

1324-Providing property tax exemptions for charitable fund-raising organizations

Signed by Governor Lowry

1333-Providing for youth gang violence reduction

Signed by Governor Lowry, partial veto

1338-Prohibiting interference with access to or from a health care facility

Signed by Governor Lowry

1343-Allowing the reduction in sentences of battered women convicted of murder prior to July 23, 1989

Signed by Governor Lowry

1346-Repealing enforcement and right of action provisions for family leave

Signed by Governor Lowry

1393-Providing for periodic adjustments of the state minimum wage

Signed by Governor Lowry

1395-Allowing counties to impose additional marriage license fees for funding family services

Signed by Governor Lowry

1407-Changing duties of the legislative auditor and attorney general regarding the legislative budget committee

Signed by Governor Lowry

1408-Providing a comprehensive program for teen pregnancy prevention

Signed by Governor Lowry

1435-Authorizing funds for state agency buildings

Signed by Governor Lowry

1476-Revising provisions relating to meeting federal fair housing act requirements for housing equivalency

Signed by Governor Lowry

1530-Providing for continuation of property tax exemptions for senior citizens confined in hospitals and nursing homes
Signed by Governor Lowry

1578-Revising provisions relating to offenders under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections
Signed by Governor Lowry

1587-Helping single parents obtain a higher education
Signed by Governor Lowry

1617-Planning high-speed ground transportation
Signed by Governor Lowry

1637-Including municipal street railways in the definition of public work
Signed by Governor Lowry

1662-Reauthorizing the community economic revitalization board
Signed by Governor Lowry

1670-Providing service credit for periods of paid leave
Signed by Governor Lowry

1708-Increasing the membership of the commission on student learning
Signed by Governor Lowry

1733-Clarifying productivity awards programs
Signed by Governor Lowry

1734-Adding new judges to the court of appeals
1733-Clarifying productivity awards programs
Signed by Governor Lowry

1761-Claifying and extending dates established under the growth management act
Signed by Governor Lowry

1766-Concerning automotive repair
Signed by Governor Lowry

1767-Requiring certification of community and technical college intercollegiate coaches
Signed by Governor Lowry

1784-Allowing retired and disabled school employees to purchase health care insurance from the state health care authority
Signed by Governor Lowry

1800-Funding the office of minority and women's business enterprises
Signed by Governor Lowry

1922-Creating a work ethic boot camp program within the department of corrections
Signed by Governor Lowry, partial veto

1923-Modifying provisions relating to the advisory council on historic preservation
Signed by Governor Lowry

1969-Creating the "Washington services" voluntary service program
Signed by Governor Lowry

1988-Providing for employment training services
Signed by Governor Lowry

1991-Authorizing the home health visitor program to address child abuse and neglect
Signed by Governor Lowry

1993-Making technical amendments to the future teachers and the health professionals conditional scholarship programs to continue existing repayment regulations
Signed by Governor Lowry

2054-Reforming public employee law
Signed by Governor Lowry

2055-Creating the department of fish and wildlife
Signed by Governor Lowry, partial veto

**House Joint Memorials sponsored:
(1993 session)**

4000-Honoring Homer M. Hadley
Passed

4001-Requesting a Northwest forest summit
Passed

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Speaker Pro-Tem, 1999-2002
- Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, chair, 2003-2005
- Select Committee on Elections, co-chair, 2001
- The Center of the Arts Steering Committee, co-chair
- National Order of Women Legislators, president
- National Foundation for Women Legislators, chairwoman

Sources:

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- “Ogden looks back after representing 49th district for 12 years,” by Gregg Herrington, *The Columbian*, December 8, 2002.
- “Val Ogden: Longtime lawmaker goes out a winner,” by Howard Buck, *The Columbian*, March 18, 2002.