



Margarita Prentice

Quick Facts

Birth: February 22, 1931
California

Death:

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1988-1993 (H)
1993-2012 (S)

Office: Representative, Senator

District: 11 (King County)

Personal:

- Retired nurse
- Nurse Administrator for 7 years
- Married with 3 children

Education:

- Phoenix College
- Youngstown University, Ohio
- St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Phoenix
- Attended University of Washington

Community Service:

- Renton School Board
- Renton Historical Society
- Renton Area Youth Services

Affiliations:

- Amnesty International
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Audubon Society
- Democratic National Committee
- Hispanic Bar Association, honorary member
- Humane Society of the United States
- National Committee of Hispanic Nurses
- Museum of Industry and History, board of trustees
- Puget Sound Council of Senior Citizens

- Sierra Club
- Washington State Nurses Association, first vice president, 1968-1972
- Washington State Nurses Association, Labor Officer, 1974-1978

Awards:

- Legislator of the Year, Retail Association and Mortgage Brokers Association
- Legislator of the Year, Washington Health Care Association
- Legislator of the Year, Washington State Labor Council
- Legislator of the Year, Washington State Nurses Association
- Legislator of the Year, Home Health Care Association
- King County Nurse of the Year
- Champion of Health Care, Valley Medical Center
- Distinguished Service Award, Washington Association of Homes for the Aging
- Legislator of the Year, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association

Legislative & State Service:

- Appointed May 31, 1988 to serve Eugene Lux's unexpired term.
- First Hispanic-American legislator in Washington State

Committees: (1989) Commerce and Labor; Health Care; Transportation **(1991)** Commerce and Labor; Health Care; Transportation **(1993)** Labor and Commerce, vice-chair; Health and Human Services; Rules; Transportation **(1995)** Financial Institutions and Housing, chair; Human Services and Corrections; Transportation **(1997)** Financial Institutions, Insurance and Housing, ranking minority member; Natural Resources and Parks; Transportation **(1999)** Commerce, Trade, Housing and Financial Institutions, chair; Agriculture and Rural Economic Development; Transportation **(2001)** Labor, Commerce and Financial Institutions, chair; Education; Transportation **(2003)** Financial Services, Insurance and Housing, ranking Member; Ways & Means, ranking Member; Operating

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Majority Caucus Vice-Chair (1993)
- King County Central Democratic Committee, vice-chair
- Served on the national Democratic Party platform committee in 1984.

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