



Jolene Unsoeld

Quick Facts

Birth: December 3, 1931
Corvallis, Oregon

Death:

Occupation: Citizen Lobbyist

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1985-89

Office: Representative;
U.S. Representative

District: 22 (Thurston County)

Personal:

- Has lived in China and Nepal
- Independent citizen lobbyist in Olympia working on open government, consumer protection, utility and environmental issues before being elected to the legislature.
- Made a major priority of legislation designed to prevent further degradation of the state's marine waters, lakes and streams and to protect ground water and drinking water.
- First woman to ascend the north face of the Grand Teton
- Involved in issues relating to Hanford Nuclear facilities and radioactive waste.
- Widow, 3 children

Education:

- Attended Oregon State University

Community Service:

Affiliations:

Awards:

Legislative & State Service:

Committees: (1985) Environmental Affairs, vice-chair; Energy and Utilities; Higher Education **(1987)** Energy and Utilities; Environmental Affairs; Higher Education

House Bills sponsored:

(1985 session)

3-Providing for protection from radiation

Signed by Governor Gardner

53-Reauthorizing the Center for Voluntary Action

Signed by Governor Gardner

62-Prohibiting smoking in certain public places

Signed by Governor Gardner

116-Requiring that seniority determine salary increases, layoffs, and rehiring of state employees; that ratio of management and direct service employees be maintained; and providing mobility between personnel systems

Signed by Governor Gardner, partial veto

178-Establishing the Washington state internship program

Signed by Governor Gardner

179-Requiring a migratory waterfowl stamp to hunt migratory waterfowl

Signed by Governor Gardner

293-Increasing members of the boards of trustees of the regional universities and The Evergreen State College

Signed by Governor Gardner

323-Requiring a management program for the Nisqually river system

Signed by Governor Gardner

461-Modifying provisions on loans and grants to political subdivisions for public facilities

Signed by Governor Gardner

622-Modifying provisions on the Washington centennial commission

Signed by Governor Gardner

629-Modifying requirements for elections for general obligation bonds for capital purposes

Signed by Governor Gardner

717-Imposing requirements for approval of optional local measured service telephone rates

Signed by Governor Gardner

758-Imposing civil liability for the theft of utility services

Signed by Governor Gardner, partial veto

760-Establishing the youth conservation corps

Signed by Governor Gardner, partial veto

804-Establishing a program to recycle auto and truck tires

Signed by Governor Gardner

814-Requiring the department of ecology to review Puget Sound wastewater standards

Signed by Governor Gardner

815-Revising provisions relating to sewage treatment facilities

Signed by Governor Gardner

949-Establishing alternative procedures for municipalities to enter into performance-based contracts for energy equipment and services

Signed by Governor Gardner

974-Modifying provisions on acid rain

Signed by Governor Gardner

975-Revising provisions relating to hazardous wastes

Signed by Governor Gardner

1085-Revising provisions relating to prompt actions by the department of labor and industries

Signed by Governor Gardner

1114-Revising procedures for adoption of energy related building standards

Signed by Governor Gardner

House Joint Memorials sponsored:

(1985 session)

16-Requesting the federal government transfer ownership of the South Lake Union Naval Reserve Base

Passed

House Joint Resolutions sponsored:

(1985 session)

12-Permitting investment of industrial insurance trust funds

Passed

22-Removing 40% validation requirement for excess levy elections for public schools

Passed

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Democratic National Committee, 1980-1988

Sources:

- *Ray Moore: An Oral History*, interviewed by Sharon Boswell, Washington State Oral History Program, Office of the Secretary of State, 1999