



# Karen Keiser

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** September 29, 1947  
Sioux City, IA

**Death:**

**Occupation:** Communications

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1996-2001 (H)  
2001-present (S)

**Office:** Representative, Senator

**District:** 33 (King County)

## Personal:

- Washington State Labor Council, communications director
- KSTW-TV, reporter and producer
- Married, 3 children

## Education:

- University of California, Berkeley, B.A. in Political Science, Masters in Journalism

## Community Service:

- Federal Way Public Academy PTSA
- Highline Community College, board of trustees
- Judson Park Retirement Center, board member
- Woodmont Elementary PTA

## Affiliations:

- Western Labor Communications Association, president
- International Labor Communications Association, executive board member
- American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, shop steward
- California Working Group, Inc., board member
- Washington Coalition for Open Government, board member
- Grace Lutheran Church

## Awards:

- Western Labor Press Association, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Periodical
- International Labor Communications Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Television-Live

- Snohomish County Community Services, News Reporting

**Legislative & State Service:**

- Appointed in 2001 to serve Senator Julia Patterson's unexpired term.
- Appointed January 8, 1996 to serve Representative Greg Fisher's unexpired term.

**Committees:** (1997) Appropriations; Education; Financial Institutions and Insurance (1999) Appropriations; Education; Financial Institutions and Insurance (2001) Appropriations; Education; Financial Institutions and Insurance (2002) Labor, Commerce and Financial Institutions, vice-chair; Environment, Energy and Water; State and Local Government; Transportation (2003) Financial Services, Insurance and Housing; Commerce & Trade, ranking minority member; Health & Long Term Care

**Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- House Democratic Caucus, vice-chair, 2001
- Democratic Caucus Policy, chair

**Sources:**

- "Des Moines Woman Named To Fisher's Seat In House," by Steve Clutter, *The Seattle Times*, January 03, 1996.