



Lynn Kessler

Quick Facts

Birth: February 26, 1941
Seattle, Washington

Death:

Occupation: Manager,
Small Business Owner

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1993-present

Office: Representative

District: 24 (Clallam, Jefferson,
Grays Harbor Counties)

Personal:

- Worked as: United Way of Grays Harbor, Executive Director; Kairos (alcohol & drug counseling), Office Manager; Atomic Press (fine art lithography), Office Manager; Northern Life Insurance, Program Manager; Davis, Wright, Todd, Reise & Jones, Legal Secretary.
- Blacktop Pavers, Co-Owner
- Married, 4 children

Education:

- Seattle University

Community Service:

- Grays Harbor Economic Development Council, board of directors, served as vice-chair
- Aberdeen Rotary Club, President
- United Way of Grays Harbor, board of directors
- Disability Awareness Committee, chair
- Shorelines Management Board, vice chair
- Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting Program, chair
- Head Start Advisory Council
- Grays Harbor Hospital Strategic Planning Committee
- Youth 2000, chair
- Community Food Bank Committee
- Cervical Cancer Awareness Task Force
- Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce
- Government Affairs Committee, chair
- Grays Harbor Community Resource Council, chair
- Community Health Organization, board of directors

- Hoquiam High School Voc-Tech Advisory Council
- YMCA, trustee
- Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Task Force

Affiliations:

- Washington State Job Training Coordinating Council
- Telecommunications Policy Coordination Task Force
- Water Policy Leadership Team

Awards:

- Legislator of the Year, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, 2004
- Louise Miller Advocacy Award, Washington State Arts Alliance, 2003
- Legislator of the Year, Washington Farm Bureau, 2003
- Legislator of the Year Washington Potato Growers, 2003
- Cynthia Gillespie Award, Northwest Women's Law Center, 2002
- Named "100 New Democrats to Watch in 2000", Democratic National Committee
- Most Effective Public Official, Twin Harbors Readers Poll/The Daily World, 1995, 1996 and 1997

Legislative & State Service:

Committees: (1993) Energy and Utilities; Higher Education; Financial Institutions and Insurance (1995) Energy and Utilities; Higher Education; Financial Institutions and Insurance (1997) Energy and Utilities; Appropriations (1999) Appropriations; Rules (2001) Appropriations; Rules (2003) Appropriations; Rules

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Majority Leader
- Minority Whip
- Washington State Arts Commission
- Governor's Commission on Early Learning
- State Legislative Leaders Foundation, Board of Directors
- Grays Harbor College Board of Trustees, President, 1990-2000
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Sources:

- "Kessler hopes to keep Democrats on target," by Patrick Condon, The Olympian, December 26, 2001.
- "Woman starts race for House," by Tom Christman, *Peninsula Daily News*, May 6, 1992.