



# Margaret Coughlin

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** November 5, 1912  
Washington

**Death:** February 3, 1996  
Seattle, WA

**Occupation:**

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1937-39

**Office:** Representative

**District:** 46 (King County)

## Personal:

- Resided in the Magnolia Neighborhood of Seattle
- 2 children

## Education:

- University of Washington, philosophy, magna cum laude, 1929?

## Community Service:

- Citizens' District Planning Commission
- Lawton School PTA
- Magnolia Community Club
- "Margaret Coughlin has been a long-time community activist in the Magnolia area of Seattle. In 1937, she was a member of the State Legislature and in 1971 ran for a position on the Seattle City Council. More recently, she has been active in environmental, land use, and school-related issues. Her work has been mentioned in many newspaper articles, especially her involvement in calling for an environmental impact statement (EIS) as a prerequisite to the development of Discovery Park. She has regularly written "letters to the editor" and to City and District officials and she has drafted and circulated petitions on various issues." (<http://www.mrsc.org/mc/courts/appellate/045wnapp/045wnapp0029.htm>)
- Court cases involved with:  
<http://mrsc.org/mc/courts/appellate/027wnapp/027wnapp0888.htm>  
<http://eho.wa.gov/Archive/SHB/SHB1977-10.pdf>

## Affiliations:

## Awards:

- Lawton Elementary School playground was named after her in recognition of her community work

## **Legislative & State Service:**

**Committees: (1937)** Enrollment, chairman; Appropriations; Constitutional Revision; Education; Education Institutions

### **House Bills sponsored:**

#### **(1937 session)**

25-Relating to university fees

Went to third reading

26-Relating to regents of the University of Washington

Went to third reading

94-Relating to criminal syndicalism

Went to third reading

135-Relating to educational institutions

Went to third reading

194-Relating to minimum wages for women

Reported out of committee and died

265-Relating to tax and gasoline on and other inflammable liquids

Reported out of committee and died

310-Relating to lobbying

Went to first reading

359-Relating to old age assistance

Went to first reading

372-Relating to disposition of motor vehicle funds

Went to first reading

386-Relating to hospitals

Went to second reading

416-Relating to taxation

Went to first reading

422-Relating to insurance companies

Went to first reading

504-Relating to public political meetings for state institutions of higher learning

Reported out of committee and died

505-Relating to sale and manufacture of liquor

Went to first reading

506-Relating to toll bridges

Signed by Governor Martin

575-Relating to game animals

Reported out of committee and died

576-Relating to appointment of state game commission

Reported out of committee and died

600-Relating to the board of regents of the University of Washington

Reported out of committee and died

### **House Joint Memorials sponsored:**

#### **(1937 session)**

22-Relating to the retirement and appointment of justices of the Supreme Court

Passed

## **Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

### **Sources:**

Articles:

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- De Leon, Virginia, "Margaret Coughlin, 83, A Stalwart of Magnolia," *Seattle Times*, February 8, 1996
- "Margaret Coughlin," *Seattle Times*, February 7, 1996
- *Ray Moore: An Oral History*, interviewed by Sharon Boswell, Washington State Oral History Program, Office of the Secretary of State, 1999