

Genoa Ingram ~ Lobbyist

Genoa Ingram has enjoyed over 25 years in all facets of the legislative process, both as legislative staff and as a legislative advocate. She served nearly 17 years as Vice President, Government Relations with the Oregon Association of Realtors® where she achieved numerous legislative victories in the areas of land use, property rights, property taxation, and license law. She also maintained meticulous legislative voting records and was responsible for administering the Association's Political Action Fund, directing financial support to those legislators sympathetic to issues relating to housing and real property. Genoa also participated in the landlord/tenant coalition for a number of years, working to find common ground between landlords, property owners and tenant interests. While there, she earned respect from other interest groups for her tough but fair negotiating skills. While with the Realtors®, Genoa implemented a grassroots political action network for the purpose of lobbying legislators at the local level by their Realtor® constituents. She hired, trained, supervised and evaluated additional lobbyists and support staff and oversaw an annual Government Affairs budget in excess of \$430,000.

Notable legislative accomplishments and recognition are as follows:

Property Taxation

Passed legislation to implement the nation's first prohibition on locally imposed real estate transfer tax. This victory was part of a number of successes enacted as part of an affordable housing agenda.

License Law

Passed legislation relieving real estate licensees from liability when seller fails to disclose defects in real property.

Real Property

Passed legislation providing an avenue for cleanup of property contaminated by the manufacture of methamphetamines or other illegal substances. Prior to this legislation, property was condemned and removed from the tax rolls with no legal avenue for rehabilitation

Additionally, over a 17 year period as chief lobbyist for the Oregon Association of Realtors, passed legislation relating to property rights, land use and property tax, too numerous to mention, including passage of infill bill in cooperation with OMHA.

Health Care

Passed legislation to permanently implement screening newborns for hearing loss and making mid-course adjustments which will allow infants and their families to receive better follow-up care through early intervention treatment. Prior to my involvement, the proponents had attempted to pass similar legislation without success over a six-year period.

Passed legislation to update the licensing statutes regulating physical therapists. This effort represented the first major update of licensing laws for physical therapists in thirty years. Previous lobbyists for the association had tried without success to pass the same bill in five previous legislative sessions.

Public Safety

Passed "fire safe cigarette" legislation to require cigarettes to be self-extinguishing, saving the lives of countless Oregonians by preventing fires due to unattended cigarettes.)

Ethics

Appointed by Attorney General Hardy Myers to serve as an advisor to the Oregon Law Commission's Work Group on Ethics Reform and assisted in crafting legislation for the 2007 legislation session.