



## **OREGON GOVERNOR'S RACE 2006: CANDIDATES COMPETE FOR CASH**

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In 2006, Oregon will join 35 other states in electing a governor; however, the Oregon race features a potential re-match of the closely fought 2002 general election in which Democrat Ted Kulongoski beat Republican Kevin Mannix by only a few percentage points in the contest for the open gubernatorial seat. During that election cycle, the two candidates raised more than \$8.7 million, a record<sup>1</sup> that will likely be broken in 2006 as both Kulongoski and Mannix face challengers in the May 16 primary.

Because so many of the potential candidates have run for state office in the past, it is possible to predict where they may turn in the future for the financial support that will be crucial to their efforts. In races with contested primaries, candidates are locked in a battle over cash long before voters are aware of the particular candidates. Often, a candidacy is not considered viable unless the candidate demonstrates an ability to attract campaign donors. This is especially true in the Oregon race, because so many candidates have expressed an interest in running and because the race promises to be expensive. Candidates who raise large amounts of money early on have the best chance of being competitive in the primary election. Those unable to meet fund-raising goals will often drop out of a race, even before filing official papers with election officials.

## POTENTIAL CONTENDERS

Republican Mannix has already filed the paperwork making his candidacy official, as have two relative unknowns, Republicans David Beem and William Spidal. However, Kulongoski has announced his intention to run, as have several other candidates. In fact, one of Mannix's Republican rivals could be Ron Saxton, the Portland attorney Mannix defeated in the 2002 primary. Current state Sen. Jason Atkinson has also announced he is seeking the Republican nomination.<sup>2</sup> Another Republican senator, Ben Westlund, is considering running for governor as an independent candidate.<sup>3</sup>

Kulongoski might face a 2002 re-match of his own, as former state Treasurer Jim Hill is interested in running again.<sup>4</sup> One Democratic senator — Vicki Walker — has launched an exploratory committee to investigate the possibility of running against the sitting governor.<sup>5</sup> In addition, Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson has already jumped into the Democratic primary race.<sup>6</sup>

## POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CAMPAIGN CASH

Political party sources — local, state and national party committees, as well elected officials and party officials — are typically among the biggest contributors to political campaigns. But because parties rarely favor one candidate over another in a primary, the successful candidates in the 2006 Republican and Democratic primaries must look elsewhere to fund their campaigns until the general election. Accordingly, this report excludes any money the candidates raised from party sources in the past. Instead, it looks at the other types of contributors who supported the candidates.

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<sup>1</sup> Brad Cain, "In 2006 Governor's Race, Campaign Money Adding Up," *Associated Press*, Sept. 12, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Harry Esteve, "Atkinson Walks Different Party Line," *The Oregonian*, Oct. 11, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Dave Hogan, "\$1.3 Million Raised in Governor's Race," *The Oregonian*, Sept. 13, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> Harry Esteve, "Jim Hill Considers Run for Governor," *The Oregonian*, Oct. 14, 2005 [newspaper on-line]; available from <http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/news/112928759231910.xml&coll=7>; Internet; accessed Nov. 10, 2005.

<sup>5</sup> Jeff Mapes, "Senator May Run for Governor," *The Oregonian*, Sept. 14, 2005, sec. C, p. 5.

<sup>6</sup> Harry Esteve, "Kulongoski Stirs Debate: Is He A One-Termer?," *The Oregonian*, July 31, 2005, sec. A, p. 1.

Not surprisingly, the Democratic candidates will battle over labor support. Three of the four likely Democratic candidates received 23 percent to 30 percent of their campaign accounts from labor organizations. Only Jim Hill received less than 20 percent. Lawyers and lobbyists may be another important source of funds. Previously, this sector gave anywhere from 6 percent to 23 percent of the funds raised by the Democratic candidates.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS BY SECTOR TO DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES, 1994-2004

<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>KULONGOSKI</b>	<b>HILL</b>	<b>WALKER</b>	<b>SORENSEN</b>
Labor	27.8%	11.5%	29.3%	23.1%
Lawyers & Lobbyists	11.3%	23.1%	6.1%	9.3%
General Business	9.1%	.95%	8.5%	8.4%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	8.5%	24.5%	8.9%	7.4%
Other/Retiree/Civil Servants	5.5%	5.7%	4.3%	4.8%
Health	3.8%	2.7%	9.7%	7.8%
Communications & Electronics	3.6%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Agriculture	3.4%	.65%	3.5%	2.4%
Transportation	2.7%	.61%	1.6%	1.3%
Energy & Natural Resources	2.2%	0%	3.3%	7.3%
Construction	2.1%	.99%	3.6%	1.2%
Ideology/Single Issue	2.0%	2.4%	2.8%	1.9%

In the Republican primary, the candidates will compete over contributions from the agricultural sector, which includes not only farmers and ranchers but also the timber companies and sawmills prominent in Oregon's economy. All three Republican candidates for whom the Institute has data received the largest percentage of their campaign money from this sector. Contributions from the financial, health and transportation sectors will be important, as well.

In addition, a close look at the 2002 campaign contribution records shows that certain donors who were top contributors to both Kevin Mannix and Ron Saxton contributed to Mannix only after he won the primary election. The two may well compete for the support of these same individuals and businesses again in a 2006 primary election.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS BY SECTOR TO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES, 1998-2004

<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>MANNIX</b>	<b>SAXTON</b>	<b>ATKINSON</b>
Agriculture	26.5%	17.8%	18.0%
Health	20.9%	10.1%	6.5%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	8.9%	11.4%	14.4%
Transportation	8.8%	10.1%	6.2%
Energy & Natural Resources	5.1%	1.8%	6.9%
Construction	4.8%	2.2%	5.5%
General Business	4.0%	8.8%	16.9%
Other/Retiree/Civil Servants	3.9%	7.3%	2.7%
Communications & Electronics	1.4%	1.5%	3.1%
Ideology/Single Issue	.98%	.05%	8.9%
Lawyers/Lobbyists	.55%	9.4%	.57%
Labor	0%	0%	1.5%

In reviewing where candidates may look for support in the future, this report primarily uses contribution data from the 2002 gubernatorial race for Ted Kulongoski, Jim Hill, Kevin Mannix and Ron Saxton because it best represents the individuals and organizations to which they will return to finance another statewide gubernatorial campaign. Contribution data for Jason Atkinson, Vicki Walker and Peter Sorenson is limited to previous state legislative campaigns during which the candidates ran in districts, not statewide. Because neither David Beem nor William Spidal has run for an office covered by the Institute, they are excluded from the analysis. Kulongoski and Walker raised money in 2004, even though neither had to run for re-election; but, because the Institute does not yet have data for 2005, the 2004 Institute totals are supplemented by fund-raising totals reported by Oregon newspapers.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

### *Ted Kulongoski*

Gov. Ted Kulongoski raised more than \$3.7 million in the 2002 election cycle, relying heavily on labor unions to fund his campaign. The labor sector as a whole gave more than \$1.2 million, or 32 percent of his total. In fact, seven of the 10 top contributors were labor unions. Together, these seven unions gave almost 25 percent of the total Kulongoski raised in 2002.

The largest non-union contributor to Kulongoski was the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, which contributed slightly more than \$45,000. Essie Cummins, Kulongoski's campaign scheduler, gave \$38,829, mostly from in-kind donations of her professional services.

### TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO TED KULONGOSKI, 2002

<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>INDUSTRY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Service Employees Oregon State Council/SEIU	Public Sector Union	\$312,919
Oregon Education Association/OEA	Public Sector Union	\$254,059
Oregon Public Employees/OPEU	Public Sector Union	\$157,045
AFSCME	Public Sector Union	\$76,207
Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters	General Trade Union	\$51,800
Oregon League of Conservation Voters	Pro-Environmental Policy	\$45,064
Oregonians to Maintain Community Standards	General Trade Union	\$40,000
Essie M. Cummins	Campaign Scheduler	\$38,829
Joint Council of Teamsters/IBT Drive	Transportation Union	\$33,500
Liberty Northwest Insurance	Insurance	\$32,500

No single law firm or individual lawyer made the list of top 10 contributors to Kulongoski's 2002 campaign, but as a group, lawyers and lobbyists contributed \$441,550, or 12 percent of the total. Michael Lowell Williams, a Portland trial attorney now with Williams Love O'Leary Craine & Powers PC, was the top giver in this industry, contributing \$23,500. A New York plaintiff law firm, Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach, gave \$20,000.

The governor continued to raise money during the 2004 election cycle, even though he was not up for re-election. He collected nearly \$620,000. His largest contributors were Indian tribes and businesses. In fact, four tribes gave a total of \$50,000 to the governor during the off-election cycle; the same four tribes gave a similar amount, \$47,200, in 2002. Two of these tribes — the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde — are currently competing over casino locations. Although Oregon tribes are each allowed to operate

one casino, it must be located on reservation land. In April 2004, Kulongoski agreed to let the Warm Springs tribes build a casino off reservation land, near Portland.<sup>7</sup> The Grand Ronde tribes, which currently operate the closest casino to the city, oppose this agreement. In 2002 and 2004, the Grande Ronde gave Kulongoski \$30,000; in the same election cycles, the Warm Springs gave \$24,200. Each gave \$10,000 of this money during the 2004 election cycle. The casino currently run by the Warm Springs tribes, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Casino, gave \$3,000 in 2002.

Liberty Northwest Insurance, which gave \$32,500 to Kulongoski's 2002 campaign, gave \$15,000 in 2004. Liberty Northwest offer property and casualty insurance services, including workers' compensation.<sup>8</sup>

Kulongoski continued to raise money during 2005, but many political observers in the state were unsure if the governor would run for re-election in 2006.<sup>9</sup> This uncertainty might have limited contributions to his campaign fund during the off-season. Also, Kulongoski established a separate political action committee — Building Oregon With Leadership PAC (BOWL PAC) — shortly after his election in 2002. The purpose of the committee was to “promote candidates and measures that better the state of Oregon.”<sup>10</sup> Reports filed with the Oregon Secretary of State show BOWL PAC collected slightly more than \$400,000. The PAC shut down in September 2004, after spending most of its money on dinners, consultants and other functions unrelated to the campaign.<sup>11</sup> Regardless, since September 2004, Kulongoski collected more than \$413,000, according to a report by *The Oregonian*.<sup>12</sup>

#### *Jim Hill*

Former State Treasurer Jim Hill is no stranger to Oregon statewide races. He was first elected treasurer in 1992 and ran successfully for re-election in 1996. In 2002, he was one of five Democratic candidates for governor. He was beaten soundly by Kulongoski in the primary election. However, he did raise almost \$488,000 for that campaign.

#### TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO JIM HILL, 2002

<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>INDUSTRY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Oregon Education Association	Public Sector Union	\$50,000
Markowitz Herbold Glade & Melhalf PC	Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$15,000
John Weisz	Real Estate	\$15,000
Louis Holland	Securities & Investments	\$10,000
Blaylock & Partners	Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$7,500
Bryant Jasik	Investment Consultant	\$7,500
Blake Singer	Investment Consultant	\$7,500
Ariel Capital Management	Securities & Investments	\$6,000
National Abandoned Property Processing Corp.	Financial Services	\$6,000
Rex Bates	Insurance	\$5,500

<sup>7</sup> Janie Har and Jeff Mapes, “Tribal Rift Deepens Over Casino,” *The Oregonian*, June 24, 2005, sec. A, p. 1.

<sup>8</sup> Liberty Northwest Insurance Company History [on-line]; available from <https://www.libertynorthwest.com/about/history.asp>; Internet; accessed Oct. 26, 2005.

<sup>9</sup> Jeff Mapes, “Kulongoski Hire Signals Interest in Second Term,” *The Oregonian*, Feb. 3, 2005, sec. B, p. 5.

<sup>10</sup> Oregon Secretary of State, *BOWL PAC Statement of Organization* [on-line]; available from [http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec\\_images/c&e\\_search.html](http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec_images/c&e_search.html); Internet; accessed Nov. 16, 2005.

<sup>11</sup> Harry Esteve, “Group’s Agenda, Outlays Don’t Jibe,” *The Oregonian*, Oct. 1, 2004.

<sup>12</sup> Dave Hogan, “\$1.3 Million Raised in Governor’s Race,” *The Oregonian*, Sept. 13, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

Unlike any other candidate in the race, Hill relied heavily on out-of-state donors for the bulk of his money: 68 percent of his funds came from non-Oregon sources. Seven of his 10 top contributors were from other states, including two business investment consultants — Bryant Jasik and Blake Singer — from the Virgin Islands.

Almost one-quarter of Hill's contributions came from the finance, insurance and real estate sector. Lawyers and lobbyists contributed nearly \$112,500, or 23 percent of his total. Unlike other Democratic candidates, Hill received relatively little money from labor unions. Only 11 percent of his campaign money came from labor groups.

*Vicki Walker*

On Sept. 5, 2005, Democratic Sen. Vicki Walker announced she was forming an exploratory campaign for the 2006 governor's race.<sup>13</sup> She estimated she must raise at least \$750,000 to \$1 million by the end of 2005 to fund her effort.<sup>14</sup> In her past campaigns, labor provided substantial financial support. To succeed in her fund-raising goals for the governor's race, she will most likely have to attract the financial support of other economic sectors.

Since her entry into state politics in 1998, Walker has raised \$401,966. Of this, \$373,048 was raised before 2004, when she was not up for re-election. Walker ran for re-election to her House seat in 2000 and won a Senate race in 2002. Of the money raised from 1998 through 2002, 30 percent, or \$116,000, came from labor unions. The health sector was the next largest contributor, giving more than \$35,000 over the three election cycles.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO VICKI WALKER, 1998-2002

CONTRIBUTOR		AMOUNT
Oregon Education Association/OEA	Public Sector Union	\$39,863
Oregon Public Employees/OPEU	Public Sector Union	\$31,479
Eugene Education Association/EEA	Public Sector Union	\$11,200
Oregon Trial Lawyers Association/OTLA	Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$9,750
Oregon Credit Union League	Credit Unions	\$9,735
Oregon Health Care Association	Hospitals & Nursing Homes	\$9,209
Oregon Beverage PAC	Beer & Wine Distributors	\$7,683
Oregon Nurses Association	General Trade Union	\$5,650
Brandt Financial Services	Payday/Title Loans	\$5,500
Oregonians for Affordable Housing	General Contractors	\$4,793

Four of Walker's top 10 contributors were labor organizations. These four gave \$88,192 in contributions, almost 24 percent of the amount Walker raised over the three election cycles.

<sup>13</sup> Vicki Walker for Governor, "State Senator Vicki Walker Opens Exploratory Campaign for Governor," Press Release, Sept. 5, 2005 [on-line]: available from <http://www.walkerforgovernor.com/press.php>; Internet; accessed Nov. 23, 2005.

<sup>14</sup> Janie Har, "Former Eugene Mayor Torrey Targets Walker's State Senate Seat," *The Oregonian*, Sept. 8, 2005, sec. C, p. 7.

During Walker's 1998 campaign for a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives, she collected slightly more than \$83,000. Labor unions contributed almost 35 percent of the total. In her 2000 re-election campaign, Walker raised \$164,241. Again, labor provided much of the total: \$67,170, or 41 percent. In 2002, Walker raised \$125,779 during her bid for an open Senate seat. In this cycle, both the labor and health sectors each contributed slightly more than 16 percent, or \$20,000.

Although she was not up for re-election in 2004, Walker raised \$28,918. Brandt Financial Services and Liberty Northwest Insurance both gave \$2,500. *The Oregonian* reported that Walker raised about \$10,000 during 2005,<sup>15</sup> a period for which the Institute does not yet have data.

#### *Peter Sorenson*

Currently a commissioner in Lane County, which contains Eugene and extends to the Oregon coast, Peter Sorenson does have experience with state-level government: he is a former state senator. He was appointed to the Senate in 1993 and ran for re-election in 1994.<sup>16</sup> The Institute database shows Sorenson raising more than \$81,000 in non-party money for his re-election campaign, with almost 23 percent coming from unions. Twenty percent of the money Sorenson raised was in small contributions, made in amounts too low to trigger full disclosure of the contributors' names and occupations.

*The Oregonian* reports that Sorenson has raised around \$20,000 for the race thus far.<sup>17</sup>

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

#### *Kevin Mannix*

A former five-term state legislator,<sup>18</sup> an unsuccessful candidate for Oregon Attorney General in 1996 and 2000, a gubernatorial candidate in 2002 and former chairman of the Oregon Republican Party, Kevin Mannix has plenty of experience raising money for political races. This will prove helpful during the 2006 campaign, as Mannix estimates it will cost around \$7 million to run.<sup>19</sup>

During the 2002 election cycle, Mannix raised slightly less than \$3.7 million in non-party money, almost exactly the same amount as general election-rival Ted Kulongoski. Mannix was a major contributor to his own campaign, however, giving \$350,000. The bulk of this money was loaned to his campaign and later repaid. Some of the money was directed to the campaign from Mannix's law firm. Also, two PACs controlled by Mannix<sup>20</sup> — the Justice For All II PAC and the Workers Compensation Progress PAC — contributed more than \$91,000. Again, much of the money was loaned to the campaign and was repaid.

Seven contributors gave \$100,000 or more to Mannix's campaign, excluding the contributions from his law firm. Loren Parks, owner of a medical supply company and a longtime Mannix supporter, contributed \$415,000. Joan Austin, owner of a dental equipment manufacturing and

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<sup>15</sup> Dave Hogan, "\$1.3 Million Raised in Governor's Race," *The Oregonian*, Sept. 13, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>16</sup> Dan Hortsch, "Lane County Commissioner Plans Governor Run," *The Oregonian*, Jan. 7, 2005, sec. E, p. 6.

<sup>17</sup> Dave Hogan, "\$1.3 Million Raised in Governor's Race," *The Oregonian*, Sept. 13, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>18</sup> Oregon Republican Party [on-line]; available from [http://www.orgop.org/about/mannix\\_bio.htm](http://www.orgop.org/about/mannix_bio.htm); Internet; accessed Oct. 3, 2005.

<sup>19</sup> Steve Dunn, "Borrowing \$670,000 Just to Stay Afloat," *The Oregonian*, March 20, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>20</sup> Lisa Grace Lednicer and Jeff Mapes, "Foundations Directed By Mannix Prove Boon to His Law Firm," *The Oregonian*, Aug. 14, 2002, sec. A, p. 1.

supply company, and a top contributor to Oregon’s Republican Party committees, gave \$200,000 to Mannix. Roderick Carl and Richard Wendt — co-owners and executives of Jeld-Wen, a door and window manufacturing company that also has substantial real estate holdings — gave the Mannix campaign a total of \$250,000.

#### TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO KEVIN MANNIX, 2002

<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>INDUSTRY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Loren E. Parks	Pharmaceuticals & Health Products	\$415,000
Kevin L. Mannix PC	Candidate Self-Finance	\$211,700
Joan D. Austin	Pharmaceuticals & Health Products	\$200,000
Oregonians in Action	Property Rights Organization	\$165,275
Roderick Carl Wendt	Building Materials	\$150,000
D. R. Johnson Lumber	Building Materials	\$116,471
James D. Monaghan	General Contractor	\$114,600
Richard L. Wendt	Building Materials	\$100,000
Columbia Helicopters	Air Transport	\$77,500
Ron Coffman	Livestock	\$71,400

*The Oregonian* reports that Mannix’s campaign has raised more than \$450,000 since September 2004 and that one 2002 top contributor, D. R. Johnson Lumber, already has given \$20,000.<sup>21</sup> However, Mannix will need to keep the money rolling in to the coffers because he carries \$400,000 in debts from his 2002 campaign.<sup>22</sup>

#### *Ron Saxton*

Portland attorney Ron Saxton raised \$1.9 million for the 2002 Republican gubernatorial primary — more than both Kulongoski and Mannix combined for the same time period. Through April 2002, Saxton raised about \$1.25 million to Kulongoski’s \$813,000 and Mannix’s \$646,150. The primary was held on May 21, 2002. Despite having a financial advantage, Saxton lost to Mannix. Saxton estimates he will need at least \$2 million again for the 2006 primary race, with millions more required for the general election should he win the Republican nomination.<sup>23</sup>

#### TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO RON SAXTON, 2002

<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>INDUSTRY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Seneca Jones Timber	Forestry & Forest Products	\$125,000
William E. Colson	Hospitals & Nursing Homes	\$100,000
Ronald L. Saxton	Candidate Self-Finance	\$78,895
Wes Lematta	Air Transport	\$77,500
Joan D. Austin	Pharmaceuticals & Health Products	\$55,000
Roderick Carl Wendt	Building Materials	\$55,000
Richard L. Wendt	Building Materials	\$50,500
Ater Wynne LLP	Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$40,153
R. B. Pamplin Corp.	Textile Manufacturing	\$35,000
Columbia Helicopters	Air Transport	\$30,000

<sup>21</sup> Dave Hogan, “\$1.3 Million Raised in Governor’s Race,” *The Oregonian*, Sept. 13, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>22</sup> Jeff Mapes, “Debts Dog Mannix In His New Run,” *The Oregonian*, Sept. 20, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>23</sup> Dave Hogan, “\$1.3 Million Raised in Governor’s Race,” *The Oregonian*, Sept. 13, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.



Saxton received generous support from the agriculture sector, which includes timber and logging companies. In fact, Saxton's top contributor in 2002 was Seneca Jones Timber. It gave \$125,000, which was almost 37 percent of the total given by the sector and 6.5 percent of Saxton's overall contribution total. The only other contributor giving \$100,000 or more was William E. Colson, president of Holiday Retirement Group, which is the largest operator of independent living retirement communities in the United States.<sup>24</sup>

However, Wes Lematta, who gave \$77,500, is a co-founder of another top giver, Columbia Helicopters. In addition, two contributors not making the top 10 list — Michael A. Fahey, then-president of Columbia Helicopters, and Lematta's wife, Nancy — gave \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively. All together, Columbia Helicopters and its executives contributed \$115,000 to Saxton's campaign. Columbia Helicopters, Lematta and Fahey also combined to give \$119,000 to Mannix's campaign; indeed, Columbia Helicopters gave \$77,500 to Mannix and was a top 10 contributor. However, all these donations to Mannix came only after Saxton was defeated in the primary.

In fact, at least six other generous donors to Kevin Mannix preferred Saxton in the primary.

- Roderick Carl Wendt and Richard Wendt of Jeld-Wen gave Saxton \$105,500 during the primary campaign. They later combined with Richard's wife, Nancy, to give \$250,250 to Mannix in the general election and would be two of his top 10 contributors.
- Joan D. Austin and her dental equipment manufacturing and supply company, A-Dec, Inc., gave a total of \$66,500 to Saxton during the primary election. She gave Mannix \$200,000.
- Seneca Jones Timber, which gave Saxton \$125,000 in the primary, only gave Mannix \$50,000 in the final weeks of the campaign.
- William E. Colson, who contributed \$100,000 to Saxton for the primary, gave Mannix \$65,000 after July 2002.

Essentially, the donations from top contributors who gave to both candidates favored Saxton. While Mannix received more money than Saxton did from these individuals and companies — \$684,250 compared to \$512,000 — none of it came during the crucial primary race, when they all gave heavily to Saxton.

Saxton was also able to tap personal resources for his campaign. He and his wife, Lynne, gave \$108,781. Ater Wynne LLP, the law firm where Saxton is a partner, contributed more than \$40,000.

In preparation for the 2006 gubernatorial race, Saxton is picking up where he left off in 2002. As of early September, he had collected \$472,000, more than any other potential contender in the race.<sup>25</sup> Again, Joan D. Austin contributed, giving \$10,000 in April 2005.<sup>26</sup> The timber industry, a

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<sup>24</sup> Hoovers [on-line]; available from [http://www.hoovers.com/holiday-retirement-corp./--ID\\_\\_55827--/free-co-factsheet.xhtml](http://www.hoovers.com/holiday-retirement-corp./--ID__55827--/free-co-factsheet.xhtml); Internet; accessed Oct. 6, 2005.

<sup>25</sup> Brad Cain, "Donations Already Top \$1M in 2006 Gov. Race," *The Associated Press*, Sept. 12, 2005.

<sup>26</sup> Oregon Secretary of State, *September Supplemental 2005* [on-line]; available from [http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec\\_images/3503\\_2005\\_SUPL\\_SUPP.pdf](http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec_images/3503_2005_SUPL_SUPP.pdf); Internet; accessed Nov. 10, 2005.

supporter in 2002, also donated in 2005 to Saxton. William Swindells — retired chairman of Willamette Industries — gave \$105,000, while the Swanson Group — a timber company — contributed \$25,000.<sup>27</sup>

*Sen. Jason Atkinson*

Current state Sen. Jason Atkinson first entered Oregon politics in 1998 when he won a contested race for an open House seat. In 2000, he ran successfully for a seat in the Oregon Senate. Despite post-census redistricting, he won again in 2004. Since 1998, he has raised more than \$335,000. For his 1998 House race, Atkinson collected \$82,757. In his campaigns for Senate, he raised \$140,914 in 2000 and \$111,770 in 2004. Since he has stated he will not go into debt for the 2006 gubernatorial race,<sup>28</sup> he will rely heavily on his past supporters to help him finance the campaign.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO JASON ATKINSON, 1998-2004

<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>INDUSTRY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Oregon Beverage PAC	Beer & Wine Distributors	\$15,000
Oregon Forest Industries Council	Forestry & Forest Products	\$13,000
Oregon Grocery Industry Association	Food Processing & Sales	\$12,250
Oregon Family Council Issues PAC	Christian Conservative	\$12,000
Oregon Victory PAC	Conservative Policy Organization	\$12,000
Mark S. & Shannon Hemstreet	Lodging & Tourism	\$7,650
Wes & Nancy Lematta	Air Transport	\$7,650
Oregon Auto Dealers Association	Automotive	\$6,250
Oregon Soft Drink Association	Food & Beverage	\$6,000
Oregon Right to Life	Abortion Policy, Pro-Life	\$5,644

The Oregon Beverage PAC, a political committee representing beer and wine distributors, gave to Atkinson in each campaign, for a total of \$15,000. Wes Lematta — a large contributor to Republican candidates Kevin Mannix and Ron Saxton — gave \$7,650 during Atkinson’s 1998 House race. Overall, Atkinson’s top 10 contributors gave \$98,050, or 29 percent of his total for the three election cycles.

The agriculture sector provided the bulk of Atkinson’s campaign money: \$60,400. The general business and financial, insurance and real estate sectors gave \$56,700 and \$48,150, respectively.

CONTRIBUTORS HEDGE THEIR BETS

Should Democrat Kulongoski and Republican Mannix end up in a rematch for the governor's seat, they may well turn to some of the same contributors. In the 2002 contest, they shared 13 non-individual contributors. These 13 contributors gave \$96,500 to Kulongoski and \$79,450 to Mannix. Seven of the 13 gave more to Kulongoski, while only three gave more to Mannix. Three contributors gave identical amounts to both candidates. As a group, the seven contributors who favored Kulongoski gave him more than two times as much as they gave Mannix. The three that favored Mannix gave him almost four times as much as they gave Kulongoski.

The table on the following page details the contributions.

<sup>27</sup> Dave Hogan, “\$1.3 Million Raised in Governor’s Race,” *The Oregonian*, Sept. 13, 2005, sec. B, p. 1.

<sup>28</sup> Jeff Mapes, “Senator May Run for Governor,” *The Oregonian*, Sept. 14, 2005, sec. C, p. 5.

<b>CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>TO KULONGOSKI</b>	<b>TO MANNIX</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Oregon Auto Dealers Association	\$10,000	\$40,150	\$50,150
R.B. Pamplin Corp.	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
Oregon Grocery Industry Association	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Pacific Seafood	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Northwest Natural/Natural Gas PAC	\$7,250	\$2,700	\$9,950
Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oregon	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$6,000
Verizon	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$6,000
Marion Polk Community Health Plan	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$5,250
Oregon Medical Association	\$1,155	\$2,500	\$3,655
Dentists of Oregon/DOPAC	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Oregon Telecommunications Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Oregon Independent Auto Dealers Association	\$350	\$600	\$950
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96,505</b>	<b>\$79,450</b>	<b>\$175,955</b>