

Val Hoyle was the first politician in Oregon's history to use a political action committee she contributed to in order to pay herself tens of thousands of dollars per year.

As Oregon Majority Leader, Val Hoyle Paid Herself A First-Of-Its-Kind Monthly Stipend Payment Of \$1,855-A-Month From The House Democratic Political Fund, "Future PAC"

HEADLINE: "Val Hoyle, Oregon House Majority Leader, Receiving \$1,855-A-Month Stipend From Caucus Political Fund" (Jeff Mapes, "Val Hoyle, Oregon House majority leader, receiving \$1,855-a-month stipend from caucus political fund," *The Oregonian*, 11/20/13)

In What Appeared To Be A First For The Oregon Legislature, Oregon House Majority Leader Val Hoyle Received A \$1,855-A-Month Stipend From The House Democratic Political Fund. "In what appears to be a first for the Oregon Legislature, Oregon House Majority Leader Val Hoyle is receiving a \$1,855-a-month stipend from the House Democratic political fund. Hoyle, a Eugene Democrat, began receiving the stipend after the last session ended in July, according to Hoyle's spokeswoman, Lindsey O'Brien." (Jeff Mapes, "Val Hoyle, Oregon House majority leader, receiving \$1,855-a-month stipend from caucus political fund," *The Oregonian*, 11/20/13)

The House Democratic Political Fund Is Known As "Future PAC." "The stipend to Hoyle was not readily apparent on the financial disclosure reports filed by the caucus fund, which is known as Future PAC. The caucus lists payments to a payroll services firm and doesn't disclose any information about which individuals are receiving wages and benefits from Future PAC. O'Brien said there was no intent to hide the payment to Hoyle, and reports show the caucus had used the payroll services firm in previous years." (Jeff Mapes, "Val Hoyle, Oregon House majority leader, receiving \$1,855-a-month stipend from caucus political fund," *The Oregonian*, 11/20/13)

According To Her Successor, Val Hoyle Was Paid \$21,000 A Year By Future PAC. "Williamson said she's paid \$21,000 a year to head Future PAC, the House Democrats fundraising arm, same as the previous majority leader, Val Hoyle." (Gordon R. Friedman, "Oregon lawmakers pay their businesses with campaign funds – it's legal, but is it ethical?," *The Oregonian*, 1/27/17)

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According To Hoyle's Spokeswoman, The Stipend Was Unanimously Approved By The House Democratic Caucus. "O'Brien said the stipend was unanimously approved by the House Democratic caucus in recognition of the large amount of work it takes to oversee the House Democratic campaigns in the election year." (Jeff Mapes, "Val Hoyle, Oregon House majority leader, receiving \$1,855-a-month stipend from caucus political fund," *The Oregonian*, 11/20/13)

Reportedly, Hoyle Only Received The Stipend When The Legislature Was Not In Session. "O'Brien said that Hoyle will only receive the stipend when the Legislature is not in session. Legislators receive a salary of \$1,801 per month as well as a \$123 per diem to defray expenses each day they are in session or at interim legislative hearings." (Jeff Mapes, "Val Hoyle, Oregon House majority leader, receiving \$1,855-a-month stipend from caucus political fund," *The Oregonian*, 11/20/13)

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Hoyle's Aides Defended Her Stipend From Future PAC And Said That Responding To Inquiries About The Payments Were Not “At The Top Of Her Priority List.” “Hoyle's aides have defended her stipend from Future PAC and on Wednesday, spokesman Scott Moore said in a statement: ‘Rep. Hoyle is busy doing the work of the House Majority Leader in the closing days of one of the most successful legislative sessions in recent memory. Responding to random political grandstanding isn't at the top of her priority list.’” (Jeff Mapes, “Monica Wehby, through her new PAC, calls for House Majority Leader Val Hoyle's resignation,” *The Oregonian*, 6/17/15)

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While A Member Of The House Democratic Caucus, Val Hoyle Transferred \$368,000 From Her Campaign Account To Future PAC. “Williamson also wrote 18 checks worth \$305,000 from her campaign to Future PAC. Hoyle, who is no longer in office, transferred \$368,000 from her campaign to the Future PAC campaign while in the caucus. Most of the money went to help other Democratic candidates.” (Gordon R. Friedman, “Oregon lawmakers pay their businesses with campaign funds – it's legal, but is it ethical?,” *The Oregonian*, 1/27/17)

Val Hoyle Was The First Leader To Receive A Salary From A Political Action Committee That They Contribute Money To. “Williamson said she gave up her private law practice to become majority leader. Although Hoyle had the same arrangement, the interplay between PAC and politician is relatively new in Oregon. No other legislative leaders have received a salary from a political action committee that they contribute money to.” (Gordon R. Friedman, “Oregon lawmakers pay their businesses with campaign funds – it's legal, but is it ethical?,” *The Oregonian*, 1/27/17)