

## Blumenauer to retire after 2024

House Ways and Means Committee Democrat Earl Blumenauer of Oregon announced this week that he will not run for re-election in 2024 and will retire from Congress at the end of his current term.

Blumenauer was first elected to the House in 1996 and joined the Ways and Means Committee in 2007. He is currently ranking member of the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee and chaired the panel in the 116th and 117th Congresses when Democrats held the majority. He also has a seat on the Health Subcommittee in the current Congress.

In addition to his focus on trade, Blumenauer has championed health care and environmental issues—including clean-energy provisions that were incorporated into last year’s Inflation Reduction Act (P.L. 117-169)—and has fought for federal tax benefits for bicycle commuters.

[URL: https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ169/PLAW-117publ169.pdf](https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ169/PLAW-117publ169.pdf)

In a news release, Ways and Means ranking member Richard Neal, D-Mass., lauded Blumenauer for leading “the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee through tremendous triumphs, never shying away from holding administrations, corporations, and trading partners accountable. He has shone a light on the use of forced labor worldwide and helped bolster US enforcement efforts to end these abusive practices. As a climate leader, Earl guided the single largest investment in combating the climate crisis in our nation’s history with many of the Inflation Reduction Act’s historic provisions.”

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