

Paul Wieland

Missouri Senate District 22



Summary

Legislative Biography

Senator Paul Wieland, a Republican, was elected to the Missouri Senate in 2014 and represents part of Jefferson County (District 22). Prior to the Senate, he served three terms in the House of Representatives: first elected in 1994 to represent the 101st District, and most recently elected in 2010 to represent the 102nd District and again in 2010 to represent the 112th District.

In addition to his legislative duties, Sen. Wieland owns and operates Wieland Insurance Group, LLC. He also has worked in the auto parts industry and for the National Federation of Independent Business. Senator Wieland and his wife created and published The Edition monthly newspaper and the Jefferson County Business Journal.

Senator Wieland is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and a fourth degree member of Knights of Columbus. He currently serves on the St. Pius X Advisory Board and the Jefferson County Community Partnership Board of Directors. He previously served on the Jefferson County Health Department Board of Trustees; the St. Joseph School Board; as a member of the Mastodon Arts & Sciences Fair Advisory Board; the University of Missouri Extension Council; and as a founding member of the Jeffco Business Network.

Senator Wieland is a 1981 graduate of St. Pius X High School. He attended Benedictine College, UMSL and the University of Missouri in Columbia.

[Legislative Biography, [Accessed 10/11/18](#)]

Born December 24, 1962 in St. Louis, Senator Wieland currently lives in Imperial with his wife, Terri. They are the parents of Coleen, Cathy and Nikki.

ALEC membership/ties

[Progress Missouri reported in 2015 that Paul Wieland paid \\$600 to ALEC on membership and travel, justifying the expenditure as educational.](#)

[Weiland used taxpayer dollars for ALEC membership dues in 2014.](#)

ALEC model legislation authored/sponsored

| Bill Title/Number | ALEC Model Bill | Sponsored/ Authored/Voted On |
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| HCR 19 (2013) | Declaration of Support of Keystone XL Pipeline | Voted Yea |
| HB 345 (2013) | Wireless Communication Tower Siting Act | Voted Yea |
| HB 423 (2011) | Health Care Compact | Voted Yea |

- **As a member of the Missouri House in 2013, Paul Wieland voted in favor of a resolution supporting construction of the Keystone XL pipeline that was nearly identical to an ALEC model bill.** In 2013 Paul Weiland, then a state representative, voted yea on HCR 19 which strongly urges the continued and increase development and delivery of North American oil to United States refineries, and the approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline project. This legislation was “nearly identical to an ALEC ‘model’ resolution approved at the December 2011 ALEC meeting”. TransCanada, the company behind Keystone XL, was an ALEC sponsor and a member of the ALEC Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force that wrote the model resolution. (Center for Media and Democracy, [4/23/2014](#)) [[HCR 19, Referred to Senate Rules, 3/26/2013](#)]
- **In 2013, Paul Wieland voted to prohibit local government from regulating wireless service provides, similar to ALEC model legislation.** As a state representative in 2013, Wieland voted for HB 345, which is a preemption bill that “sets guidelines and limits for municipalities on the regulation of new and existing wireless towers and antennas.” The bill is very similar to ALEC’s Wireless Communication Tower Siting Act. (Progress Missouri, [2013](#)) [[HB 345, Passed the House, 143-13, 5/17/2013](#)]
- **Paul Wieland voted to nullify federal law and overturn the Affordable Care Act.** As a member of the Missouri House in 2011, Paul Wieland voted for HB 423 on April 27, 2011. This bill, known as the Health Care Compact, was designed to transfer the responsibility and authority for regulating healthcare from the federal government to the member states. Its intent was to nullify federal health care law and abolish all non-military federal health care programs in the state. On November 30, 2011, the HCCA announced that ALEC adopted the

Compact as model legislation. (PR Newswire, [11/30/2011](#)). [[HB 423, passed House 31-3, 4/27/2011](#)]

Additional Hits

State Senator Paul Wieland accepted \$23,690 in lobbyists' gifts between 2015 and 2018. My Leader Paper reports "State Sen. Paul Wieland (R-Imperial) is the county's top gift-getter, receiving \$23,690 in lobbyists' gifts between 2015 and 2018, according to reports lobbyists have filed detailing gifts to state legislators. In fact, Wieland tops the list among all members of Missouri's General Assembly, including 43 senators and 214 representatives, the reports show." [My Leader Paper, [10/7/2018](#)]

State Senator Paul Wieland sued the government over a requirement in the federal Affordable Care Act that required him to pay for birth control coverage for his two daughters. In 2015, Paul Wieland sued the federal government over the requirement in the Affordable Care Act that health insurance cover birth control. Wieland believes that individual participants in a group health care plan should be able to dictate to insurance companies what kind of coverage they do and do not want, a policy that would certainly increase premiums. Wieland sued the government for the right to "deny his three daughters—two of whom are adults—a health insurance policy that covers contraception. Wieland and his wife claim that they cannot provide, fund or in any way be a participant in the provision of health care coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortions or abortifacient drugs and devices, such as Plan B, ella, and copper IUDs, or related education and counseling, without violating their sincerely-held religious beliefs." Sen. Wieland won the suit. (Slate, [7/22/2015](#); Think Progress, [9/11/2014](#); St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [11/2/2016](#))