



## Senator Herman Baertschiger

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### **Baertschiger sworn in for first term**

**Salem, OR** – Senator Herman Baertschiger took the oath of office as State Senator from District 2 on Monday. Baertschiger was elected to his first term in November 2012.

“I’m looking forward to helping create more jobs, especially in rural Oregon,” said Baertschiger. “If we want to help Oregonians thrive and to pay for core government services, we need to create more opportunities to find work.”

Baertschiger was appointed by President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) to serve as vice-chair the Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee. He will also serve on General Government, Consumer and Small Business Protection Committee.

“We need to coordinate with all three branches of government, develop a plan that will work for Oregon’s economy and Oregon’s environment,” said Baertschiger. “We can put people back to work in Oregon’s forest and farms while protecting Oregon’s environment at the same time. A do nothing policy is unacceptable to Oregonians.”

Baertschiger is a long-time resident of Josephine County, where for over 30 years he has operated a forestry company specializing in forest commodities production, fuels reduction, biomass, and wild land fire suppression. Over the course of the year the company regularly employs up to 50 season employees.

“Senator Baertschiger brings a lifetime of experience in Oregon business, environment, and local government,” said Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day). “He is going to be a strong voice for Southern Oregon in the Oregon State Senate.”

Baertschiger has served on several county boards and tasks forces. He and his wife have raised their two sons on a ranch west of Grants Pass. He is an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoys horseback riding and is a private pilot.

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