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Rep. Bentz Assembles Team for 2013 Legislative Session

Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) would like to introduce the following staff members who will assist him during the 2013 Legislative Session, which convened Monday, February 4, 2013.

Andrea Dominguez, of Ontario, Oregon, will continue to act as Rep. Bentz's District Director for the 2013 Session, and will manage the day-to-day operations at the District Office in Ontario. She has been a member of Rep. Bentz's staff since August 2009. Mrs. Dominguez holds a Bachelor's degree in Media Arts with a concentration in Journalism from Eastern Oregon University, and an Associates' degree from Treasure Valley Community College.

Mrs. Dominguez is a full-time employee. Her salary is paid by the state. She will continue to work on research projects, constituent concerns, and Eastern Oregon issues.

Lindsay Baker, from Portland, Oregon, will join Rep. Bentz's staff as Legislative Director. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Lewis & Clark Law School with an emphasis in Environmental law and Natural Resources, and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Texas Woman's University.

Ms. Baker is a full-time employee. Half of her salary is paid from Rep. Bentz's campaign account (money donated by supporters of Rep. Bentz), and half is paid by the state. Ms. Baker will focus on legislative analysis, bill research, hearings, policy issues, and strategy.

Kyle Vinyard, from Southern Oregon, has been hired as Legislative Aide for Rep. Bentz for the 2013 Session. Mr. Vinyard holds a Bachelor's degree with a double major in History and Politics from Willamette University, worked in Sen. Jason Atkinson's office (R-Central Point) as a policy advisor, and completed a legislative internship in Congressman Greg Walden's office in 2010.

Mr. Vinyard will focus on scheduling meetings, organizing email correspondence, and helping to manage mail and paperwork flow in the Salem Capitol Office. One half of his salary is paid from Rep. Bentz's campaign account and half by the state.

Laurel Welborn, a senior at Oregon State University studying speech communications, is a volunteer Legislative Intern in Rep. Bentz's Capitol Office in Salem for the 2013 Session. Ms. Welborn is a native of Bend, Oregon, and worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Hart & Wagner law firm in 2012.

Anupriya Singh is joining Rep. Bentz's staff as a volunteer Legislative Intern in Salem. Ms. Singh is from Beaverton, Oregon, and is currently a junior at Portland State University, majoring in political science, law, and legal studies. Ms. Singh holds an Associates' degree from Portland Community College and is a Student Senator with Associated Students of PSU. She has also been a board member of Oregon Students of Color Coalition within the Oregon Student Association.

Jeff Ceniga is a sophomore at Treasure Valley Community College majoring in business administration and accounting. Mr. Ceniga is originally from Vale, Oregon, and is joining Rep. Bentz's staff as a volunteer Legislative Intern at the District Office in Ontario. Mr. Ceniga is a former soldier and medical specialist in the Idaho Army National Guard and a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

Ms. Welborn, Ms. Singh, and Mr. Ceniga will all focus on bill research, policy analysis, the legislative process, and committee research.

Each legislator is allocated enough funds for two full time employee positions during the five month Session. As indicated, Rep. Bentz will use contributions made to his re-election campaign to pay for additional staffing.

Rep. Bentz said, "Having these great employees working in both Eastern Oregon and Salem will provide District 60 with a significant advantage in the legislative arena. With this staff, will we be able to research and develop informed positions on issues during the 2013 Legislative Session. I truly appreciate the fact that money contributed to my campaign account can be used to better serve the constituents in my District and Eastern Oregon."

"I welcome you to stop by my offices in Salem or Ontario during the Session to say hello and witness our legislative team in action."

Rep. Bentz has been appointed as Vice-Chair of the Transportation & Economic Development Committee and a member of the Energy & Environment Committee, Revenue Committee, and the Joint Committee on Tax Credits for the 2013 Legislative Session.

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