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DEMBROW APPOINTED TO SENATE

SWEARING IN CEREMONY SET FOR 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY

(SALEM) – State Rep. Michael Dembrow has been appointed by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners to fill the vacant seat in Senate District 23, representing portions of NE and SE Portland.

Dembrow, 62, was first elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2008. In the Senate, he will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Jackie Dingfelder Nov. 3. A swearing in ceremony has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the Senate Chambers at the Oregon State Capitol.

"Michael Dembrow will be an extraordinary state senator," Senate President Peter Courtney said. "He's very versatile. He's talented. He's learned. Much will be expected from him and I know he will deliver. We're ready to get him sworn in and put him to work."

In the House, Dembrow was the chair of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee and was a member of both the Rules and Energy and Environment Committees. For the remainder of the interim, Courtney said, Dembrow will serve as chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee; and as a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. He is also a member of the Oregon Workforce Investment Board.

Dembrow has taught English and film studies as an instructor at the Cascades Campus of Portland Community College since 1981. He earned his undergraduate degree in English from the University of Connecticut and his Master's degree in Comparative Literature from Indiana University.

He and his wife Kiki have lived in Portland for more than 25 years. They have a son, Nikolai, and a daughter, Tatyana, and two grandchildren. Dembrow is an avid runner and has completed the Portland Marathon multiple times.