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SPEAKER, PRESIDENT AGAIN CHOOSE BUCKLEY, DEVLIN AS CO-CHAIRS OF JOINT WAYS & MEANS

(SALEM) – Senate President Peter Courtney and House Speaker Tina Kotek announced Wednesday that they will reappoint Senator Richard Devlin and Representative Peter Buckley to serve as Co-Chairs of the Joint Ways and Means Committee in the 78th Oregon Legislative Assembly.

As Co-Chairs, Devlin (D-Tualatin) and Buckley (D-Ashland) will be the lead legislators working to craft the 2015-2017 biennial budget for the State of Oregon.

“Peter Buckley has the understanding and intelligence it takes to balance Oregon’s budget under difficult circumstances; more importantly, he has the heart and passion required to ensure the legislature continues our reinvestment in public education, makes college a reality for more students, and delivers for Oregon working families,” said Kotek.

“Richard Devlin is honest, fair and accessible. He gets along well with Peter ... with both Peters. He has the ability to see the big picture and work with legislators from both parties and both chambers. He has a track record of getting the job done and getting it done on time.” Courtney said. “We are going to need his experience and skills again in the coming biennium as our state continues to face funding challenges.”

Buckley was first appointed the House co-chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee in 2009-10. He served as co-chair again in 2011-12 and in 2013-14. Courtney first appointed Devlin as the Senate co-chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee four years ago. He served as Senate co-chair in 2011-12 and 2013-14.

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