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COURTNEY ANNOUNCES 2015 SENATE COMMITTEES

(SALEM) Senate President Peter Courtney today announced Senate committee assignments for the 2013 Legislative session.

Lawmakers will convene January 12-14 for an organizational session, which will include the official election of the presiding officers. The 2015 Session will officially begin February 2.

“This committee structure puts the Senate in a position to succeed in the face of new and significant challenges in 2015,” Courtney said. “The structure includes new committees. It includes new faces in new positions. It gives us the best opportunity to work together in a bi-partisan way to meet the needs of Oregon and her people.”

Notable in the new committee structure is the creation of a Joint House and Senate Committee on Implementing Measure 91, the voter approved legalization of the recreational use of marijuana. New committees include the Senate Workforce Committee and the Senate Human Services and Early Childhood Committee.

Democrats will have an 18-12 majority in the Senate for the 78th Legislative Assembly. Even so, Courtney once again appointed two Republicans to chair committees or Ways and Means sub-committees and created one sub-committee on which Republicans have a majority.

A full list of assignments to Senate and Joint Committees is attached.

2015 SENATE COMMITTEES

Business and Transportation

Sen. Lee Beyer, Chair
Sen. Fred Girod, Vice Chair
Sen. Rod Monroe
Sen. Chuck Thomsen
Sen. Chuck Riley

Education

Sen. Arnie Roblan, Chair
Sen. Tim Knopp, Vice Chair
Sen. Mark Hass
Sen. Lee Beyer
Sen. Jeff Kruse
Sen. Herman Baertschiger
Sen. Sara Gelser

Environment and Natural Resources

Sen. Chris Edwards, Chair
Sen. Alan Olsen, Vice Chair
Sen. Michael Dembrow
Sen. Chuck Thomsen
Sen. Floyd Prozanski

Finance and Revenue

Sen. Mark Hass, Chair
Sen. Brian Boquist, Vice Chair
Sen. Herman Baertschiger
Sen. Chris Edwards
Sen. Chuck Riley

Workforce

Sen. Michael Dembrow, Chair
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice Chair
Sen. Diane Rosenbaum
Sen. Tim Knopp
Sen. Sara Gelser

Health Care

Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice Chair
Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
Sen. Chip Shields
Sen. Tim Knopp

Judiciary

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice Chair
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Kim Thatcher
Sen. Sara Gelser

Rules and Executive Appointments

Sen. Diane Rosenbaum, Chair
Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Vice Chair
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Lee Beyer
Sen. Brian Boquist

Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Sen. Brian Boquist, Chair
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair
Sen. Peter Courtney
Sen. Alan Olsen

Human Services and Early Childhood

Sen. Sara Gelser, Chair
Sen. Herman Baertschiger, Vice Chair
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson
Sen. Alan Olsen
Sen. Michael Dembrow

Joint Committee on Tax Credits (Senate Membership)

Sen. Mark Hass, Co-Chair
Sen. Brian Boquist, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Herman Baertschiger
Sen. Chris Edwards
Sen. Chuck Riley

Joint Committee on Health Insurance Transition (Senate Membership)

Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Co-Chair
Sen. Brian Boquist, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Alan Bates
Sen. Fred Girod
Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward

Joint Committee on Implementing Measure 91 (Senate Membership)

Sen. Ginny Burdick, Co-Chair
Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Jeff Kruse
Sen. Lee Beyer
Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Joint Audits Committee (Senate membership)

Sen. Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Sen. Jackie Winters
Sen. Chuck Riley

Joint Ways & Means Committee (Senate membership)

Sen. Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Sen. Betsy Johnson, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Jackie Winters, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Alan Bates
Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
Sen. Rod Monroe
Sen. Chip Shields
Sen. Arnie Roblan
Sen. Fred Girod
Sen. Doug Whitsett
Sen. Chuck Thomsen
Sen. Bill Hansell

Capital Construction Sub-Committee

Sen. Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Sen. Peter Courtney
Sen. Richard Devlin

Information Technology Sub-Committee

Sen. Chuck Riley, Co-Chair
Sen. Whitsett
Sen. Thatcher

Education Sub-Committee

Sen. Rod Monroe, Co-Chair
Sen. Chuck Thomsen
Sen. Arnie Roblan

General Government Sub-Committee

Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
Sen. Doug Whitsett
Sen. Betsy Johnson

Human Services Sub-Committee

Sen. Alan Bates, Co-Chair
Sen. Jackie Winters
Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward

Natural Resources Sub-Committee

Sen. Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Sen. Bill Hansell
Sen. Michael Dembrow

Public Safety Sub-Committee

Sen. Chip Shields, Co-Chair
Sen. Jackie Winters
Sen. Alan Bates

Transportation and Economic
Development Sub-Committee

Sen. Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair
Sen. Bill Hansell
Sen. Rod Monroe

Legislative Administrative Committee
(Senate membership)

Sen. Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
Sen. Ted Ferrioli
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Fred Girod
Sen. Diane Rosenbaum
Sen. Bill Hansell
Sen. Lee Beyer (alt)

Legislative Counsel Committee Senate membership)

Sen. Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
Sen. Brian Boquist
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Ted Ferrioli
Sen. Floyd Prozanski