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## Senate President Peter Courtney Calls for Resignation of Representative Diego Hernandez

SALEM, Ore. – This afternoon, the Oregon House Committee on Conduct recommended that the House of Representatives vote to expel Representative Diego Hernandez (D-Portland). Senator Courtney released the following statement regarding the committee’s recommendation:

“The House Committee on Conduct had a very difficult role this week. They spent many hours going over evidence and hearing from survivors. Representative Hernandez’s behavior was unacceptable. I have the highest respect for the women who came forward...they have been beyond brave. Representative Hernandez should resign immediately or be expelled.

“The members of the committee set a high standard. They went through the process with fairness and integrity. Today is not the end. We have to do better...that must be our commitment. This process showed us what worked and what we must continue to improve. The Legislature needs to be a model for all other workplaces.”

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