

from the OFFICE OF THE HOUSE SPEAKER

www.oregonlegislature.gov/rayfield 900 Court St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: April 19, 2024

Press Contact: Hazel Tylinski, <u>Hazel.Tylinski@OregonLegislature.gov</u>

Speaker Fahey Announces 2024 Interim Committee Appointments

Selections highlight strong leadership as the legislature prepares for 2025 session

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Oregon House Speaker Julie Fahey (D - West Eugene & Veneta) today announced House committee assignments for the 2024 interim.

A full list of committee appointments can be found here.

Speaker Fahey has spent the time since the 2024 session ended in March working with legislators to develop a succession plan for the policy committee Chairs who will not be returning for the 2025 session and identifying opportunities for new leadership in key roles. Having served as Majority Leader from January 2022 until taking over as Speaker in March 2024, Speaker Fahey brings an existing understanding of legislators' expertise, priorities, and unique perspectives. Additionally, she consulted with and incorporated feedback from **Majority Leader Ben Bowman** (**D** - **Tigard**) and **House Republican Leader Jeff Helfrich (R - Hood River**) before making final committee decisions.

"During the 2025 long session, we will have the opportunity to create meaningful change through strong, well-vetted policy–ranging from continuing our long term commitment to breaking down barriers to housing, to investing in our kids' education, to modernizing our transportation system," said Speaker Fahey. "I am confident that the work our committee leaders and members are doing this year will help set us up for a successful session next year."

During the interim period between the end of the 2024 session and the 2025 session, legislators will meet with community leaders and stakeholders and will hold interim Committee meetings during legislative days in Salem in May, September and December. This work will help the legislature hone in on policies and funding allocations to take up during the 2025 session that will improve the lives of Oregonians.

###