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**HEARING SCHEDULED FOR IMPEACHMENT LEGISLATION**

SALEM - State Representative Jodi Hack's impeachment legislation has been scheduled for a hearing this week. House Joint Resolution 10 is scheduled for a hearing in the House Rules Committee on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm in Hearing Room 50.

The bill is exactly the same as House Joint Resolution 31 which she entered during the 2015 legislative session. The impeachment process would begin in the House of Representatives. Impeaching the Governor or other statewide elected officials would require a three fifths vote of the house on grounds of malfeasance in office, corruption, neglect of duty or other high crime or misdemeanor. The matter would then move to the Senate, which would hold a trial. Conviction would require a two thirds vote by the Senate.

"Oregon remains the only state in the union not to have an impeachment process for the executive branch of elected officials. The need for increased accountability still exists," said Rep. Hack. "I have notified the Governor, Senate and House leadership about my intentions. I don't want anyone to be surprised."

During the 2015 legislative session HJR 31 passed the House on a 47-12 vote. Co-Sponsors of the bill included House Majority Leader Val Hoyle (D-Eugene) and House Republican Leader Mike McClain (R-Powell Butte). "This legislation received broad bi-partisan support last session and I believe it will be the same this time," said Rep. Hack.

An interesting fact to note: impeachment of Governors is rare. In the history of the United States only seven governors have been removed from office following impeachment hearings. "The impeachment process will not be a partisan weapon, but a tool that can be used, if needed to maintain the integrity of the Executive Branch" said Rep. Hack.

Rep. Hack represents House District 19, which includes the communities of Salem, Aumsville and Turner.

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This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Rep. Hack's office are available on the web at: [www.oregonlegislature.gov/hack](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/hack).

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