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**REPRESNATATIVE HACK GIVEN LEADSHIP ROLE ON NEW  
COMMITTEE FOR UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

*Salem Legislator also given spot on coveted Rules, Healthcare Committees*

SALEM - Salem Representative Jodi Hack (R-Salem) has been appointed by Speaker of the House Tina Kotek (D-Portland) to serve as Vice-Chair of the Early Childhood and Family Supports committee, a new committee created for the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. She will assist Rep. John Lively (D-Springfield), who will chair the committee, decide which legislation the committee will consider.

“Birth to eight is critical brain development time. Just one example: children in poverty enter school exposed to 30,000 LESS vocabulary words than their peers (which research tells us the more vocabulary words children are exposed to the better they will read). Circuits in the brain of a young child are making critical connections that are imperative to the success of future learning abilities. We have to make this a priority in Oregon and stay the course long enough to see the results. The good news is Oregon is heading in the right direction.”

Rep. Hack has also been appointed to the Healthcare, Business and Labor and Rules Committees. “After serving on the Special Committee for Small Business Growth I’m excited to be able to continue working on some of the issues that were discussed. We need people with business backgrounds and common sense to drive that work.”

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

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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