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Majority Leader Smith Warner and Redistricting Chair Salinas Issue Statement on Committee Makeup

Following House Speaker Tina Kotek’s appointment of House members to two redistricting committees this afternoon, Majority Leader [Barbara Smith Warner](#) (D - Portland) and House Redistricting Committee Chair [Andrea Salinas](#) (D – Lake Oswego) issued the following joint statement:

“Republicans were given the opportunity to engage equally in the redistricting process, even having an equal number of seats on the committee. Unfortunately, they refused to engage meaningfully, showing up at the last minute with highly gerrymandered proposals and attempts to obstruct this constitutional process. The legislature has the responsibility to pass a redistricting plan, and Speaker Kotek’s leadership will make sure we can complete our constitutional obligation.

“The maps we’re voting on are fair, legally sound, reflect population growth and census data, and take into account the nearly 2,000 pieces of testimony we received from the public. We’re ready to get this work done.”

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