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Dr. Sue Rieke Smith Sworn In As New House Member

WASHINGTON COUNTY, Ore. — House Democrats are proud to announce that Dr. Sue Rieke Smith was sworn in this morning as the newest member of the Oregon House of Representatives. On Friday evening, Dr. Sue Rieke Smith was selected by a joint meeting of the Washington, Clackamas and Yamhill County Commissioners to serve House District 26 including Wilsonville, Sherwood, King City, and parts of Tigard, Bull Mountain and Parrett Mountain.

“I want to thank everyone for supporting me to get to this point and everyone in the legislature for what has already been a warm welcome,” said **Rep. Rieke Smith**. “No need for a long speech. There’s a lot to be done. Let’s get to work.”

Rep. Rieke Smith will bring to the legislature deep experience in education and health care. Early in her career, she worked as a trauma and public health nurse, helping people at some of the most difficult moments of their lives. From there, she led a successful middle school turnaround in Salem-Keizer as principal. In 2011, she was selected as the Oregon Middle School Principal of the Year. She went on to serve as Springfield’s superintendent prior to being selected as Tigard-Tualatin’s superintendent in 2018.

“After an accomplished career in public education, Rep. Rieke Smith is ready to hit the ground running as a legislator,” said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger, S Beaverton)**. “She brings a wealth of experience, accomplishments, and knowledge at a critical moment for our state. I have no doubt she will be a powerful and effective voice for her constituents.”

For photos of the swearing in of Rep. Sue Rieke Smith, please click [here](#).

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