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### House Democrats Elect Leadership Team for 2023 Interim, 2024 Short Session

**SALEM, Ore.** - Today, the Oregon House Democratic Caucus elected its leadership team for the 2023 interim and 2024 short session. The caucus re-elected [Representative Julie Fahey](#) (D-West Eugene & Veneta) as House Majority Leader. [Representative Dan Rayfield](#) (D-Corvallis) and [Representative Paul Holvey](#) (D-Eugene) will continue to serve as Speaker of the House and Speaker Pro Tem, respectively\*.

The newly elected team brings a diverse range of experiences and backgrounds, including small business owners, working and single parents, health care providers, several former school board members, and an active service member of the Oregon Air National Guard.

“This leadership team is focused on delivering solutions to key issues like housing and homelessness, creating good paying jobs, driving down the cost of living, and making our schools stronger and our communities safer,” **said Majority Leader Fahey**. “We’ve made good progress on those issues as a state, and our economy is strong thanks to the Democratic caucus’s focus and hard work. Over the interim, we are committed to staying the course as we work to improve Oregonians’ lives and make our state a great place to live, work, and raise a family.”

The elected House Democratic leadership team includes:

- **\*House Speaker:** Representative Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis)
- **\*Speaker Pro Tem:** Representative Paul Holvey (D-Eugene)
- **Majority Leader:** Representative Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene & Veneta)
- **Majority Whip:** Representative Andrea Valderrama (D-Outer East Portland)
- **Deputy Majority Whip:** Representative Jason Kropf (D-Bend)
- **Assistant Majority Leader:** Representative Maxine Dexter (D-NW & Downtown Portland, Linnton & Cathedral Park)
- **Assistant Majority Leader:** Representative Hai Pham (D-S Hillsboro & W Beaverton)
- **Assistant Majority Leader:** Representative Thuy Tran (D-NE Portland)

- **Assistant Majority Leader:** Representative Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger & S Beaverton)
- **Assistant Majority Leader:** Representative Lisa Reynolds (D-Washington County)

*\*These roles were not up for election as they were elected for a two-year term by the full House in January.*

Additional members continuing to serve in their ex-officio leadership positions are **Representative Tawna Sanchez** (D-N/NE Portland), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means; **Representative Nancy Nathanson** (D-Eugene), chair of the House Committee on Revenue; and **Representative Ricki Ruiz** (D-Gresham), liaison from the legislative Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Caucus.

During the 2023 session, [House Democrats came together and delivered](#) for Oregonians on the state's most pressing issues, including housing and homelessness, behavioral health and addiction treatment, community safety, good paying jobs, record funding for K-12 education, and reproductive rights. In the interim, House Democrats will build off of this work in preparation for the 2024 legislative short session.

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