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House Democrats Elect Leadership for 2015 Session

SALEM – Tonight, Oregon House Democrats elected a strong leadership team to guide the House through the 2015 legislative session. The team represents many years of experience and will drive an agenda built around the values and priorities that all Oregonians share.

The caucus elections represent a commitment to ensuring that the upcoming session is productive, efficient, and focused on improving the lives of working families throughout the state.

The 2015 House Democrats Leadership Team:

Speaker of the House nomination: Rep. Tina Kotek (D – Portland)

Speaker Pro Tempore nomination: Rep. Tobias Read (D – Beaverton)

House Majority Leader: Rep. Val Hoyle (D – West Eugene & Junction City)

House Majority Whip: Rep. Jessica Vega Pederson (D – East Portland)

House Majority Deputy Whip: Rep. Jennifer Williamson (D – Portland)

House Assistant Majority Leader – Policy: Rep. Nancy Nathanson (D – Eugene)

House Assistant Majority Leader – Policy: Rep. Ann Lininger (D – Lake Oswego)

House Assistant Majority Leader – Politics: Rep. Barbara Smith Warner (D – Portland)

"The legislative session is where we put our values into actions, and we've got a strong team in place prepared to tackle the issues that matter most to all Oregonians, like funding our schools and supporting our local economies," Majority Leader Hoyle said. "We're committed to finding bipartisan solutions to the challenges that working families face in every corner of the state."

"We've made a lot of progress toward rebuilding Oregon's economy in a way that works for all working families, but we still have more to do," Rep. Vega Pederson said. "Our leadership team and all House Democrats are ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work."

The constitutional officers—Speaker of the House and Speaker Pro Tempore—are elected by all House members at the beginning of the legislative session. House Democrats have again nominated Rep. Tina Kotek to serve as Speaker, and Rep. Tobias Read to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore.