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## Oregon House Democrats Elect Leadership Team for 2023 Session

With a strong majority headed back to Salem, House Democrats look forward to tackling Oregon's most pressing issues and fighting for working Oregonians

**SALEM, Ore.** - Today the Oregon House Democratic Caucus elected its leadership team for the 2023 legislative session. The caucus re-elected Rep. Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene/Junction City) as House Majority Leader and re-nominated Rep. Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) to serve as Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives.

"Oregonians sent us to Salem with a strong majority to fix the most pressing, urgent issues facing this state. Voters saw a vision from Democrats that recognized the everyday challenges that Oregon families face, offered real solutions to the state's problems, and stayed true to shared Oregonian values," Majority Leader Fahey said. "This leadership team represents constituents from across Oregon, and they'll bring the diversity of their backgrounds and experiences to the upcoming legislative session. House Democrats are ready to lead this state into the future."

Below is a list of the full House Democratic Leadership Team:

- Nominee for Speaker of the House\*: <u>Rep. Dan Rayfield</u> (D-Corvallis)
- Nominee for Speaker Pro Tem\*: Rep. Paul Holvey (D-Eugene)
- Majority Leader: Rep. Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene/Junction City)
- Majority Whip: Rep. Andrea Valderrama (D-Outer East Portland)
- Deputy Majority Whip: Rep. Rob Nosse (D-SE/NE Portland)
- Assistant Majority Leader: Rep. Pam Marsh (D-Southern Jackson County)
- Assistant Majority Leader: <u>Rep. Jason Kropf</u> (D-Bend)
- Assistant Majority Leader: Rep. Dacia Grayber (D-Tigard)

Additional members serving in ex-officio leadership positions are Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, <u>Rep. Tawna Sanchez</u> (D-N/NE Portland), Chair of the House Committee on Revenue, <u>Rep. Nancy Nathanson</u> (D-Eugene), and a liaison from the Legislative Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Caucus, still to be announced.

"During the 2023 session, we'll stay laser-focused on tackling the state's most pressing issues: driving down the cost of living, urgently addressing the homelessness and affordable housing crisis, supporting working families and small businesses, investing in community safety, and championing stronger schools," Fahey added.

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<sup>\*</sup> The Speaker of the House and the Speaker Pro Tem are elected by the full House of Representatives at the start of the legislative session in January.