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Oregon House Democrats Welcome Akasha Lawrence Spence to the Oregon House of Representatives

Lawrence Spence replaces Rep. Jennifer Williamson who resigned in December

SALEM, Ore. – Akasha Lawrence Spence was selected by Multnomah County Commissioners today to fill the unexpired term of Rep. Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland) who resigned from the Oregon House of Representatives in late December.

House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner welcomed Lawrence Spence to the House.

“I am excited to welcome Akasha Lawrence Spence to the Oregon House and the House Democratic caucus,” Smith Warner said. “She brings a wide range of experience to the legislature as a small business owner, non-profit founder, and community activist. The people of House District 36 will be well represented.”

Majority Leader Smith Warner also noted Rep. Williamson’s service.

“I would like to thank Jennifer Williamson for her dedicated service to Oregon and the House Democratic caucus. Her leadership has helped transform our state’s criminal justice system, protected us from gun violence, and ensured working Oregonians had the support they needed to thrive.”

House District 36 includes parts of Northwest and Southwest Portland. The unexpired term ends in January 2021.

Details of Lawrence Spence’s swearing-in will be forthcoming.

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