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## **Oregon House Democrats Mark Opening Day of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assembly**

*Welcome new members to the caucus*

SALEM, Ore. - Oregon House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner issued the following statement on the opening day of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assembly.

“We open this legislative session somberly, remembering the more than 1,600 Oregonians who have died from COVID-19, and committing ourselves to continuing to do everything we can to help the small businesses and low-income and BIPOC Oregonians who have been hardest hit by this pandemic.

“In spite of the many challenges we face, I am hopeful about the opportunities we have to bring much needed relief to our fellow Oregonians. We are committed, during the multiple crises we face – COVID-19, a long overdue reckoning on race, and political strife – to bold, decisive and transformative change for Oregon.

“I’m excited to welcome back all of the returning Oregon House Democrats and to welcome Rep. Wlnsvey Campos (D-Aloha), Rep. Dacia Grayber (D-Southwest Portland), Rep. Lisa Reynolds (D-Portland), Rep. Khanh Pham (D-Portland), Rep. Zach Hudson (D-Troutdale), Rep. Ricki Ruiz (D-Gresham) and Rep. Jason Kropf (D-Bend).

“In the weeks and months ahead, we will both follow COVID-19 health safety precautions and provide unparalleled levels of access for Oregonians to participate in the legislative process. For the first time ever, people can give testimony to legislative committees on any bill from the comfort of their own home. I look forward to a productive and positive session ahead. We are ready to get to work.”

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