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## **Rep. Margaret Doherty Announces She Will Not Seek Re-Election to the Oregon House**

*Rep. Doherty is a longtime champion of public education in Oregon*

SALEM, Ore. – Rep. Margaret Doherty (D-Tigard) announced today that she would not seek re-election to the Oregon House District 35 seat that she has represented since 2009.

“This was a bittersweet decision to make but I think the time is right for me to step aside, allowing someone else to serve this incredible community,” Rep. Doherty said. “I have loved every minute of my time in the Oregon House. We have accomplished so much good and made progress for every Oregonian. This was truly one of the greatest privileges of my life.”

Rep. Doherty is the longtime chair of the House Committee on Education and a former chair of the House Committee on Business and Labor. She has spent her entire legislative career fighting for reforms to our public education system and policies that level the playing field for every Oregonian. This includes leading the charge for universal free school lunch, pay parity for substitute teachers, the expansion of school-based health centers, HIV testing in emergency rooms and various consumer protections.

“Margaret Doherty is a larger than life personality in the Oregon House with admirers across the aisle,” said House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner. “Her fierce advocacy for her community as well as public education here in Oregon will be sorely missed.”

Rep. Doherty spent the first 10 years of her career as a teacher at Milwaukie High School. For the following 22 years she was an advocate for teachers with the Oregon Education Association. Rep. Doherty is a longtime community volunteer and has served on the Tigard Planning Commission. She will serve out the remainder of her term which ends in January 2021.

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