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## Rep. Tiffiny Mitchell Announces She Will Not Seek Re-Election

Rep. Mitchell represents House District 32 on Oregon's North Coast

SALEM, Ore. – Rep. Tiffiny Mitchell (D-Astoria) announced today she would not seek reelection to her House District 32 seat in the Oregon House of Representatives.

She issued the following statement:

"I'm sharing an announcement that is bittersweet for me: I will not be a candidate for State Representative in House District 32 in the 2020 election.

"The reason for my withdrawal is that my husband Mitch has accepted an exciting job offer that will take us to Washington State in the coming year. Since this job became a possibility, we looked at all the alternatives that would allow me to continue serving the people of the North Coast. But we have concluded that none are practical or appropriate past 2020. I will be able to serve out my term, but not beyond that.

"While this is a very positive prospect for our family, I am saddened that it cannot include continuing to serve as State Representative. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Not only has it given me the opportunity to work on behalf of my neighbors and community, it enabled me to be a part of making unprecedented progress for North Coast working families and all Oregonians. The Student Success Act, Paid Family and Medical Leave, securing stable financing for health care covering over one million Oregonians, historic tenant protections and investments in affordable housing, and putting new focus on mental health and addiction are just a few of the ways we helped Oregonians move towards a better future.

"Of course, I am not done working on behalf of people and communities – especially for hard working families and those who struggle to participate in the American Dream. But after 2020, I will not be doing that work from Oregon's North Coast. I am deeply grateful to my neighbors for giving me their votes, their trust and this wonderful opportunity to make Oregon a better place."

House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland) lauded Rep. Mitchell's service.

"Tiffiny has exemplified the model of a citizen legislator and has been a committed champion for her community every single day," Rep. Smith Warner said. "She can be proud of the work she did to tackle the needs of the North Coast and improve the lives of working families. We are sad that she will not be seeking another term in the House, and we wish her and Mitch all the best in their new adventure."

House District 32 includes Clatsop County and parts of Tillamook and Washington Counties. Rep. Mitchell was elected to her first term in 2018.