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Kotek takes oath as Oregon Speaker of the House

New House leader calls for cooperation, focus on shared priorities

Salem, OR- House Speaker Tina Kotek (D-Portland) was sworn in to lead the House of Representatives in the 77th Legislative Assembly today.

Kotek took the oath of office from former Governor Barbara Roberts, Oregon's only female governor, as Kotek's partner, Aimee Wilson stood at her side.

Kotek called for renewed focus and cooperation to deliver on Oregon's priorities.

"As our state continues to tackle the task of economic recovery, our focus must be on the priorities that matter most to Oregonians," Kotek said in an address to the House chamber. "Oregonians are expecting us to listen well, listen to everyone, and find solutions through challenging, but productive discussions."

Kotek becomes the first openly lesbian elected official to lead a state legislative chamber in the nation's history.

The House elected Rep. Chris Garrett (D-Lake Oswego) as Speaker Pro Tempore, in addition to swearing in thirteen new members of the House of Representatives.

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