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Dan Golden Ready To Begin Term On Oregon Government Ethics Commission *House Republicans Appointee Was Confirmed By The Oregon Senate On May 30, 2014*

Salem, OR -- The House Republican Office announced today the recent appointment of Dan Golden, a Klamath Falls resident, to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. Mr. Golden, who was recommended for gubernatorial appointment to the commission by House Republicans, was confirmed by the state Senate during last month's legislative days. Mr. Golden will be the only currently serving commissioner from east of the Cascades.

"I'm honored to have been appointed by the House Republican Caucus to serve the citizens of our state as a member of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission," said Mr. Golden. "I thank House Republican Leader Mike McLane, Senator Doug Whitsett, Representative Gail Whitsett and Governor John Kitzhaber for forwarding my nomination to the state Senate for confirmation. I look forward to ensuring a high standard of ethical conduct from government officials on behalf of the people of Oregon."

For the past three years, Mr. Golden has served as the Director of the Klamath County Juvenile Department, where he's worked for 18 years. He oversees a staff of 50, preventing juvenile delinquency by providing youth the skills they need to lead productive and responsible lives as law-abiding citizens while also holding them accountable for their behavior. Through partnerships with organizations such as Klamath Basin Behavioral Health, Lutheran Community Services, Citizens for Safe Schools, the Oregon Youth Authority, the Klamath Tribal Courts and local school districts, Mr. Golden and the Juvenile Department have provided Klamath County's youth with opportunities to get their lives on the right track.

Prior to his service at the Klamath County Juvenile Department, Mr. Golden served as law clerk to Klamath County District Attorney Ed Caleb for five years. He is a 1990 graduate of Northwestern College of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. During two years of law school, he served as law clerk at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland.

"It was an easy decision to recommend Dan to serve on the Ethics Commission," said House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte). "For more than twenty years, Dan has served the people of Klamath County with enthusiasm and integrity. Through his direction and guidance, he has helped to turn around the lives of countless young Oregonians. Dan's intellect

and work ethic will make him an incredibly valuable asset to the Ethics Commission, and I thank him for his service to the people of Oregon."

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission is a seven-member citizen commission that was established by vote of the people in 1974. The seven members of the commission are charged with enforcing ethics laws as applicable to government and public officials. Four of the seven commission members are appointed by the governor upon recommendation by the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Oregon House and Senate. The remaining three are selected directly by the governor. All seven members must be confirmed by the state Senate and are allowed to serve only one four-year term under current law.

The commission meets approximately every six weeks and the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 27. Meetings are open to the public. Additional information about the commission is available online here.

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