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### **Jeff Helfrich appointed as State Representative for House District 52** *Hood River resident to represent constituents in Multnomah, Clackamas and Hood River Counties*

**Sandy, Ore.** - Jeff Helfrich has been appointed by a unanimous vote of Multnomah, Clackamas and Hood River County Commissioners to serve as the State Representative for House District 52. Helfrich, 49, is a resident of Hood River with a long career in law enforcement. He will fill the remainder of former Representative Mark Johnson's term in office after Johnson accepted a position as the President and CEO of Oregon Business & Industry.

"I am incredibly humbled to have earned the support of our community in this appointment process," said Helfrich. "I will continue leading efforts started by Rep. Mark Johnson to improve education, the economy, and protect our environment and way of life in the Gorge and across Oregon. I also vow to work on improving our community's health and safety as well as disaster preparedness, and increasing government transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility. I will make sure that I, and my staff, are available to help identify and address community concerns so that the community's voice is heard and responded to not only in Salem but directly in the district as well.

Jeff has worked in public service for more than 30 years, including over 25 years in community policing with the Portland Police Bureau. Prior to his law enforcement career, Jeff served in the U.S. Air Force and was deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. He also previously served as a member of the Cascade Locks City Council, Cascade Locks Planning Commission, Cascade Locks Budget and Charter Review Committee and Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) Board of Directors.

"Jeff will be a great addition to the House Republican caucus and to the Oregon House," said House Republican Deputy Leader Greg Barreto. "His law enforcement background combined with experience serving as an elected leader within his community will suit him and his constituents well as he begins his time in office."

House District 52 includes residents in the communities of Hood River, Sandy, Troutdale, Gresham, Damascus and Cascade Locks.

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