



**REPRESENTATIVE RICK LEWIS  
OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE DISTRICT 18**

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**Representative Rick Lewis Appointed to Oregon Homeland Security Council**

SALEM, OR — [Representative Rick Lewis](#) (R-Silverton) was appointed by Speaker of the House Tina Kotek (D-Portland), to serve as a member of the Oregon Homeland Security Council. The Oregon Homeland Security Council functions within the [Oregon Office of Emergency Management](#) and receives briefings on security matters relating to catastrophic disasters declared by the Governor and advises state agencies with the responsibility for security matters on the future direction of the office's planning, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. The council consists of four members from the Legislative Assembly (two Senators and two Representatives), the Governor, the Adjutant General, the Superintendent of State Police, and the Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

"As a U.S. Army veteran and retired law enforcement officer of nearly four decades, public safety, homeland security, and emergency preparedness remain high priorities for me. I am honored to receive this appointment and I look forward to serving our state in this capacity," said Representative Lewis.

Representative Lewis replaces Representative Mike McLane on the Oregon Homeland Security Council. Rep. Lewis also serves as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, and as a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, and the Council of State Government's western regional Public Safety Committee.

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