

Representative Rayfield to Co-Chair Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety

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Salem -- Representative Dan Rayfield has been appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety for the 2015/2016 interim session.

“I had the opportunity to help address some big challenges in the natural resources budget area this past session and will miss working on these issues. However, I look forward to contributing to another critical area of our state budget – public safety” said Rayfield.

As Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources during the 2015 Regular Session, Rep. Rayfield oversaw the allocation of \$200 million in General Fund and played a central role in addressing a \$30 million budget shortfall for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. In his new role as Co-Chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee, Rep. Rayfield will oversee more than \$3 billion in General Fund.

The Subcommittee on Public Safety reviews and develops the budgets for state agencies responsible for ensuring the public safety of Oregon’s people, property, and natural resources. Some of these agencies include the Department of Corrections, Department of Justice, Oregon Military Department, Department of State Police, and the Oregon Youth Authority. The Subcommittee also recommends budgets for the Judicial Branch of Oregon state government.

In addition to his new Co-Chair position, Rep. Rayfield will continue to serve as Vice-Chair of the Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness Committee, a member of the House Rules Committee, and a member of the full Ways and Means Committee. He will no longer serve as Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources due to this recent appointment.

Rayfield is currently in his first term as State Representative, representing House District 16 – Corvallis and Philomath. He was recently elected as House Majority Whip – a key position on the House Democratic leadership team.

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