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### **Treasurer-Elect Steiner Resigns Seat in Oregon Senate**

*Senate Democratic leaders praise Steiner's decade of service in the legislature*

**PORTLAND, OR** – After becoming the first woman ever elected as Oregon State Treasurer, **Senator Elizabeth Steiner (D - Portland)** is announcing today her resignation as Oregon senator to allow for a seamless transition for her successor to best represent Senate District 17.

*“I am so grateful for my time in the Oregon Senate and the opportunity to serve the people of this state in this capacity. As a legislator, my primary goal was to make Oregon the healthiest state in the nation, and I so appreciate the opportunity to work with so many incredible people in pursuit of that aspiration. It is not an easy job, but it is immensely rewarding. I will miss the camaraderie and debate with all of my colleagues. I am excited to take the lessons I learned at the Capitol to the Treasurer’s Office where I am committed to helping Oregonians achieve their financial goals,”* said **Treasurer-elect Steiner**.

Senator Steiner was first appointed to serve Oregonians in the legislature prior to the 2012 session. As a physician and a mom, she naturally gravitated toward championing the health and safety of Oregonians. Some of her most notable accomplishments include raising the age for sales of tobacco to 21 ([SB 754](#)), implementing universal in-home visits from nurses for new parents ([SB 526](#)), and the creation of the Oregon Health Plan Bridge program that keeps health care affordable for working people ([Taskforce](#), [HB 4035](#)).

In 2018, Senator Steiner became one of Oregon’s chief budget writers as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. She successfully kept the books balanced while making

historic investments across the state, including increasing the housing supply, improving public transit and safety, protecting communities from wildfires, and growing Oregon's economy.

Senate Democratic leaders praised Treasurer-elect Steiner's decade of service in Salem.

*"I want to thank Senator Steiner for her years of dedicated service to the Oregon Senate on behalf of her constituents in Senate District 17 and as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,"* said **Senate President Rob Wagner (D - Lake Oswego)**. *"She led with thoughtfulness and inclusivity, ensuring the Legislature responsibly invested in projects and programs across the state to help all Oregonians. While the Senate will truly miss her steady hand, the people of Oregon have gained a great Treasurer."*

*"Senator Steiner works diligently to make life better for all Oregonians in every corner of the state. While we are all sad to lose her talent and excellent partnership in the Senate, I am so thrilled that she will be taking on leadership at the State Treasury. She will make the Senate and all of Oregon proud,"* said **Senator Kathleen Taylor (D - SE Portland, Milwaukie & Oak Grove)**.

Senator Steiner's official notice of vacancy, sent to the Oregon Secretary of State, will trigger the standard appointment process as laid out by [ORS 171.051](#).

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