



SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE

Oregon State Legislature
State Capitol
Salem, OR

NEWS RELEASE

September 28, 2015

CONTACT: Molly Woon (503) 367-4327 (cell)
molly.woon@state.or.us

Senate Democrats elect Senator Ginny Burdick Caucus Leader

SALEM – Senate Democrats met in Salem this evening for a regularly scheduled caucus meeting and a caucus leadership election. Senator Ginny Burdick was elected Senate Majority Leader and Senator Diane Rosenbaum was chosen by her colleagues to serve as Senate President Pro Tempore.

“I am honored to be elected Senate Majority Leader. I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues, the Oregon House of Representatives and Governor Brown to prioritize jobs, education and providing critical services to the citizens of our state,” said Burdick (D-Portland/Tigard) “Working together we can ensure that all Oregonians – in every corner of the state – have the opportunity to succeed.”

Burdick is one of the most veteran members of the Oregon Legislature. She was first elected to the Oregon State Senate in 1996, and is currently serving in her 19th year in the Oregon Legislature.

Since 2011, Burdick has served as President Pro Tempore of the Senate and currently serves on the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Senate Judiciary Committee. She is also the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Implementing Measure 91. In the 2015 session, she helped develop an historic bi-partisan agreement implementing the regulation and taxation of legalized marijuana. Previously, Burdick chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee.

Burdick is a native of Portland. She attended Chapman and Bridlemile Schools and is a graduate of Wilson High School. She received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Puget Sound in 1969 and her Masters in Journalism from the University of Oregon in 1973. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, biking and attending her book clubs.

Also Monday, Senate Democrats selected Senator Diane Rosenbaum as the caucus nominee for Senate President Pro Tempore. She is expected to be elected to that post in a vote of the full Senate tomorrow, when the Senate convenes to consider confirmation of executive appointments.

###