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### **Ginny Burdick to continue as Senate Majority Leader**

*Portland Democrat takes helm of caucus for second term*

GLENEDEN BEACH – Sen. Ginny Burdick (D-Portland) was re-elected as Majority Leader by her colleagues at the biennial Senate Democratic Caucus Retreat today in Gleneden Beach.

As Majority Leader, Burdick is the leader of the Senate Democratic caucus, with a significant role in keeping members informed during Senate floor sessions and negotiating with other legislative leaders. Going into the 2017 Session, Democrats have a 17-13 majority in the Oregon Senate.

“I am thrilled to continue serving in this leadership role for the Democratic caucus,” Burdick said. “As a caucus in the State Senate, we will continue pursuing priorities that matter to Oregonians across the state, including education, transportation, the environment and supporting small businesses to create economic growth. Our policies are working, as Oregon continues to add jobs at a rapid pace and the economy continues to grow.”

Burdick is entering her second term as Senate Majority Leader. She has represented Senate District 18 – which includes West Portland and Tigard – for 20 years. During that time, she served 5 years as Senate President Pro Tempore. Currently, she serves as Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization. Burdick is one of the Legislature’s leading advocates for gun safety legislation.

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