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### **Sen. Ginny Burdick elected as Senate Majority Leader**

GLENEDEN BEACH – Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, was elected as Majority Leader by her colleagues Friday afternoon at the biennial Senate Democratic Caucus Retreat 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 2019 Session, Senate Democrats have an 18-12 majority.

“I’m proud to welcome our new members to our caucus and I’m excited to work with this extraordinary group of legislators to solve the problems faced by Oregonians across the state in the 2019 Session,” Burdick said. “The Oregon Senate Democrats will continue to advance policy that Oregonians care about, such as transforming our educational system and taking a leading role on battling climate change.”

Burdick is entering her third term as Senate Majority Leader. She has represented Senate District 18 – which includes West Portland and Tigard – for 22 years. During that time, she served 5 years as Senate President Pro Tempore. Currently, she serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments. Previously, she served as Senate Judiciary Committee Chair, Senate Revenue Committee and 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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