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### **Golden to play leading role in campaign finance, climate issues**

*SD 3 Senator represents Medford, Talent, Phoenix, Ashland, Jacksonville and the Applegate Valley*

SALEM – Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, will be uniquely positioned to shape legislation on campaign finance, housing, workforce issues and the environment in the upcoming 2019 Legislative Session.

Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, appointed Golden to chair a newly created Senate Campaign Finance Committee, in addition to serving on the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, Senate Workforce and Senate Housing committees. Golden also will serve on the Joint Ways and Means Transportation and Economic Development SubCommittee, which is charged with budgeting for key business and transportation initiatives around the state.

“These assignments offer clear opportunities to advance two of the goals that drew me to the Senate: cleaning up big-money pollution in our politics and creating a national model for the nation that can rein in greenhouse gas pollution,” Golden said. “Shifting away from dirty fossil fuels to a clean economy is a moral imperative that, if we do it right, can create high-quality family-wage jobs all over Oregon.”

The Joint Committee on Carbon is charged with developing Clean Energy Jobs legislation to cap carbon emissions while creating a mechanism to create jobs in the clean energy sector. The new Campaign Finance Committee will be looking at ways to get big money out of politics and give everyday Oregonians equal voices to those of wealthy special interests. Golden also will

give Southern Oregon a key voice on workforce issues and on the housing crisis that is pushing working people out of their homes every day all over Oregon.

“People in Senate District 3 and all over Oregon want us to clean up our political system so that elections are not auctions,” Golden said. “I will do everything I can to advance better working conditions, an economically viable clean energy future and access to the safe, secure housing every family needs to thrive.”

Golden represents Senate District 3, which includes Medford, Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Jacksonville and Ruch. This is his first term in the Oregon Legislature. Prior to serving in the Legislature, Golden worked as journalist, public television producer, regional National Public Radio talk show host and founding producer/host of IMMENSE POSSIBILITIES (<http://www.immensepossibilities.org>), a half-hour weekly series airing on about 30 public television outlets across the country.

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