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Senate Democrats elect Leadership Team

Democratic leadership reaffirms commitment to Oregon families

GLENNEDEN BEACH – The Oregon Senate Democrats today announced their leaders for the 2019 Legislative Session at a retreat held in Gleneden Beach this afternoon.

They elected the following state senators to leadership positions:

- **Senate President Designate:** Sen. Peter Courtney, D-Salem;
- **Senate President Pro Tempore Designate:** Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, D-Gresham;
- **Senate Majority Leader:** Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland;
- **Senate Deputy Majority Leader:** Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Beaverton;
- **Senate Majority Whip:** Sen. Mark Hass, D-Beaverton;
- **Senate Majority Whip:** Sen. Rob Wagner, D-Lake Oswego;
- **Senate Assistant Majority Leader:** Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland; and
- **Senate Assistant Majority Leader:** Sen. Chuck Riley, D-Hillsboro.

In the 2019 Session, Democrats will hold an 18-12 majority in the Senate. The caucus elected its leadership during meetings at Salishan Resort on the Oregon Coast.

“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.”

Courtney and Monnes Anderson – the Senate Democrats’ nominees for Senate President and Senate President Pro Tempore, respectively – both must be elected by a vote of the full Senate on Jan. 14, during Organizational Days. The 2019 Legislative Session opens on Jan. 22.

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