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Lisa Reynolds, MD, Appointed as Senator Representing District 17

State Representative set to replace Treasurer-elect Elizabeth Steiner

PORTLAND, OR – Today, **State Representative Lisa Reynolds, MD, (D - Washington County)** was selected to fill the vacancy in Senate District 17 by the Multnomah and Washington County commissioners. The district was previously represented by Treasurer-elect Elizabeth Steiner, MD.

“I want to thank Treasurer-elect Steiner for her service to our community, and I look forward to continuing to work with her to ensure every Oregonian has the tools and support they need to thrive,” said Senator-designate Reynolds. *“I have big shoes to fill, but I am excited to get to work on behalf of all of Senate District 17.”*

Reynolds, a Democrat, was re-elected to her third term in the Oregon House of Representatives last week and represents the Washington County communities of Bethany, Oak Hills, Cedar Mill, and parts of Beaverton and Hillsboro. She previously represented West Portland from 2021 to 2023. Senate District 17 encompasses both areas.

Reynolds is a mom and a pediatrician serving children and families in Washington and Multnomah counties. She has spent her first two terms in the legislature focused on making Oregon the best place to grow up by ending child poverty, improving infant and maternal health outcomes, combating gun violence, and securing housing and health for every Oregon child. Her pediatric practice grounds her work and informs everything she does in the legislature.

“In 2025, I will continue to be a problem solver for our community. I know we can’t keep putting bandaids on our biggest issues, we need to get to the root cause, which is why I plan to introduce a package of bills that will work to give every Oregonian a good start in life.”

Senator-designate Reynolds’ “M omnibus 2025” will focus on:

- Providing safe stable housing for pregnant people and families with babies
- Ensuring access and improve outcomes for maternal mental health and substance use disorder
- Enacting means-tested poverty reduction strategies for pregnant and postpartum people
- Expanding, diversifying, and supporting perinatal workforce including doulas, CHWs, peer support, behavioral health workers, and lactation specialists

*“We are thrilled to welcome Senator-designate Reynolds to the chamber,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kathleen Taylor (D - SE Portland, Milwaukie & Oak Grove)**. “In just a few years, she has built a reputation as a highly competent, determined leader who Oregonians can rely on to get the job done. I’m excited to have her expertise in the Senate as we work to tackle the toughest issues facing our state.”*

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