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Sen. James Manning to focus work on law enforcement, budget and economic development issues in Legislature

Background in public safety makes Senator well suited to committee assignments

SALEM – Sen. James Manning, D-Eugene, has been appointed by Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, to serve on the Senate Judiciary and Joint Ways and Means committees. He also will co-chair the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Business and Economic Development, for the 80th Legislative Assembly.

“I am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve our state and my district as a member of these key committees,” Manning said. “As we kick off the 2019 Legislative Session, I will be focusing on the most important issues facing all Oregonians. These include capping our state’s carbon footprint, creating jobs around the state and investing in education for a strong 21st-Century workforce. I’ll also be working to make Oregonians safer from gun violence by making sure gun owners are keeping their firearms in a safe and secure way.”

The Senate Judiciary Committee typically handles issues that affect law enforcement, courts and other aspects of the legal system. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means is the budget-making authority in the Oregon Legislature, with several subcommittees that address funding for various policy issues. Manning will serve as Co-Chair of the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee and as a member of the Public Safety Subcommittee and the Senate Special Committee on Conduct.

Currently beginning his first full term representing Senate District 7, Manning previously put in 24 years of active military service in the United States Army. Arriving in the Eugene area about nine years ago, Manning quickly jumped in, serving as Chair of the Bethel School District Budget

Committee and as an elected commissioner to the Eugene Water and Electric Board. Manning also co-founded the Oregon Black Education Foundation, a non-profit that fights for tangible transitional education opportunities, the promotion of equity and the value of diversity. He also was appointed to the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, where he works to level the playing field for all Oregonians. Manning also worked as a law enforcement officer before arriving in Eugene.

Senate District 7 includes Junction City, Santa Clara and portions of West Eugene and North Eugene.

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