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Oregon Senate Democrats Applaud Supreme Court Decision Upholding Legislative Redistricting Plan

SALEM—Today the Oregon Supreme Court released an opinion upholding the recently-enacted redistricting plan for Oregon legislative districts, dismissing two challenges to the plan. The Court found that the Legislative Assembly met all legal requirements to create fair maps for the Oregon Legislature.

“I am pleased that the Oregon Supreme Court has found that the Legislature’s redistricting maps meet all legal standards,” said Senator Kathleen Taylor (D-Portland), who served as chair of the Senate Redistricting Committee. “The Senate Redistricting Committee worked tirelessly to gather input from Oregonians across the state and use the 2020 Census data to create fair districts, all under an incredibly compressed timeline. The Legislative Assembly has once again succeeded in delivering on its constitutional duty of redistricting.”

In *Sheehan v. Legislative Assembly*, the Supreme Court dismissed two distinct challenges to the legislative redistricting plan that the Legislature passed during its September special session. In both cases, the Supreme Court ruled that the challengers had not sufficiently shown that the Legislature had deviated from complying with Oregon statute and constitutional provisions governing redistricting. The Court relied on the significant record of legislative exhibits and public testimony to help reach their decision.

“Today’s decision shows that Senate Democrats get things done, and that the Oregon Legislature takes its responsibilities very seriously,” said Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego). “I commend the tireless efforts of Senator Taylor, the redistricting committee members, and all of my colleagues who made significant contributions to get their constituents involved in the process.”

The legislative redistricting plan will take effect on January 1, 2022.

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