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SENATE DEMOCRATS ELECT LEADERSHIP, REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO OREGON FAMILIES

GLENEDEDEN BEACH – The Senate Democrats today announced their leaders for the 2015 legislative session. At a retreat held at Salishan Resort this afternoon, Senate Democrats elected the following:

- Nominee for Senate President: Peter Courtney (D-Salem/Woodburn/Gervais)
- Nominee Senate President Pro Tempore: Ginny Burdick (D-Portland/Tigard)
- Senate Majority Leader: Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland)
- Senate Deputy Majority Leader: Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay)
- Senate Majority Whip: Mark Hass (D-Beaverton)
- Senate Majority Whip: Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (D-NW Portland/Beaverton)
- Senate Assistant Majority Leader: Michael Dembrow (D-Portland)
- Senate Assistant Majority Leader: Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis)

In the 2015 session, Democrats will hold an 18-12 majority in the Senate and selected its leadership during biennial caucus retreat Friday.

“I am honored to be re-elected by my Democratic colleagues to serve as Senate Majority Leader. I look forward to working in the upcoming 2015 session to ensure that working families have a fair shot at getting ahead in this economy,” Rosenbaum said. “We will continue to prioritize jobs, education and providing critical services to Oregonians.”

Courtney, who was first elected president in 2003, will officially be nominated for a seventh term on the first day of the 78th Oregon Legislative Assembly, January 12, 2015, when the full Senate will elect its President.

“I have always believed that the Senate President is president of the entire Senate,” Courtney said. “We will face difficult challenges in the next session and it has never been more important for Democrats and Republicans to put aside their differences to address the issues that matter most to the people of Oregon.”

Under Senate Rules, Burdick must also receive a majority of votes from the full Senate to be elected President Pro Tempore.

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