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SENATOR GINNY BURDICK CHOSEN AS NOMINEE FOR SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

GLENEDEN BEACH – At the biennial Senate Democratic Caucus retreat Friday, State Senator Ginny Burdick (D-Portland/Tigard) was selected for nomination for a third term as President Pro Tempore of the Oregon Senate.

Official duties of the Senate President Pro Tempore include presiding over the Senate whenever the President is absent. Additionally, the President Pro Tempore serves as a member of the Senate Democratic Leadership team.

“I’m grateful that my colleagues would again choose me for this honor,” said Burdick. “I look forward to working closely with President Peter Courtney and all of my Senate colleagues to address the issues that matter most to the people of Oregon.”

Under Senate Rules, Senator Burdick must receive a majority of votes from the full Senate to be elected President Pro Tempore. Democrats will hold 18 seats in the 2015 Senate, which will convene January 12 for an organizing session to elect leaders, adopt rules, and appoint committees. The regular legislative session begins February 2, 2015.

Burdick was first elected to the Oregon Senate in 1996, and was re-elected for a fifth term in 2012. Since 2008, she has served as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue.