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Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner Calls for Representative Diego Hernandez to Resign

In response to the findings of the House Committee on Conduct that Representative Diego Hernandez (D-Portland) violated the Legislature's anti-harassment policy multiple times, Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) released the following statement:

"I join many of my colleagues, community leaders, advocates, organizations and individuals in the call for Representative Hernandez to resign. The House Conduct Committee found clear evidence that he created a hostile workplace and committed acts of sexual harassment and unwanted sexual contact. He abused his place of power and his office, violating a position entrusted to him by his community.

"We must believe survivors. I commend the bravery of those who came forward in this investigation as well as the resilience of all survivors of harassment and abuse. We must be unequivocal in our stance against abusive behavior, and I take seriously my role in maintaining the Capitol as a safe and supportive work environment.

"In the statement made by Representative Hernandez, which was shared on social media, he wrote, 'These rifts in the legislature are distracting us from important work that must be done.' Representative Hernandez must take responsibility to remove this 'distraction' by resigning immediately. If he refuses to resign, the House of Representatives should vote to expel him."

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