



## **STATE SENATOR KATHLEEN TAYLOR**

Chair, Senate Committee on Redistricting  
Salem, Oregon

### **PRESS RELEASE**

April 26, 2021

CONTACT: Amanda Kraus, 503-986-1074

Amanda.Kraus@oregonlegislature.gov

### **Senate Redistricting Chair Statement on Release of Census Population and Apportionment**

SALEM – Today, the U.S. Census Bureau released 2020 state population counts and reapportionment results. This release from the Census Bureau’s 2020 Census is the first information to come from the count of those residing in a given state and includes the overseas military and federal civilian employees, and their dependents, who call that state home. The population counts are used to apportion the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and in determining each state’s number of votes in the Electoral College.

Today’s release from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that Oregon will receive an additional Congressional District, going from five to six Congressional Districts.

“Thank you to the U.S. Census Bureau for their continued work under extraordinary circumstances. The Oregon Legislature’s redistricting committees can now continue our work with a specific count of Oregon’s population,” said Senator Kathleen Taylor (D-Southeast Portland). “It is exciting that we will gain an additional seat in Congress and Oregonians’ voices will be better represented in Washington D.C. I am confident in our committees’ ability to continue the important work of redistricting in a fair and collaborative way that ensure all Oregonians are represented,” added Senator Taylor.

Oregon gained a fifth Congressional seat following the 1980 Census and subsequent redistricting. Complete information on the 2020 Census Population Counts for Apportionment can be found [here](#). To track Oregon’s Redistricting process, visit the [Legislature’s Redistricting webpage](#).

###