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Senator Rob Wagner Elected Majority Leader for the Senate Democrats

SALEM – Today, the Oregon Senate Democrats elected Senator Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) as Majority Leader. Majority Leader Wagner succeeds Senator Ginny Burdick (D-Portland) who formally announced she would step down this week following her five years of service as Majority Leader.

Senator Rob Wagner was first appointed to the Oregon State Senate in January 2018 and won election to a full term in November 2018. He has served as a member of the caucus leadership team as a Majority Whip since the end of 2018 and serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Education. He has a substantial history of working in the Oregon Capitol as an effective advocate and policy specialist.

“Senator Wagner is a dedicated advocate and skillful coalition builder,” said Senator Ginny Burdick (D-Portland). “Our state is facing a true challenge ahead, and he will be a strong leader for the Senate Democrats and for the people of Oregon.”

“Senator Wagner has already shown leadership during the COVID-19 emergency, not only as a State Senator, but also through his service on his local school board,” said Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem). “I know he is up for the tremendous job ahead and I look forward to working with him in his new role.”

“I believe Senator Wagner’s leadership skills will continue to unite the Senate Democrats so we can bring key, progressive priorities to fruition,” said Senator Michael Dembrow (D-Portland) who serves as Assistant Majority Leader. “I know he is committed to all Oregonians and to furthering equity and opportunity for all.”

“It is a great privilege to serve the people of Oregon as a State Senator, and I am very honored to be elected by my colleagues to lead the Senate Democrats,” said Senator Wagner. “Each member of this caucus brings a unique and important viewpoint. They are deeply dedicated to their constituents, their oaths of office and to doing the right thing. I know we will face complex challenges ahead and I look forward to working with this team to address our state’s greatest needs and to serve Oregonians everywhere.”

Senator Rob Wagner will assume his duties as Senate Majority Leader effective immediately.

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