



## SEN. JAMES MANNING

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#### **Sen. James Manning appointed to three important committees**

*New senator to be sworn in on Friday at the Lane County Courthouse*

SALEM – Sen. James Manning (D-Eugene) has been appointed by Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) to serve on the Senate Judiciary and Joint Ways and Means committees, and also will co-chair the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government, for the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

“I am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve our state and my district as a member of these important committees,” Manning said. “As we begin preparing for the 2017 Legislative Session, my focus remains fixed on improving opportunities for all Oregonians to succeed and investing in education for a strong 21<sup>st</sup>-Century workforce.”

The Senate Judiciary Committee typically handles issues that affect law enforcement, courts and other aspects of the legal system. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means is the budget-making authority in the Oregon Legislature, with several subcommittees that address funding for various policy issues. Manning will serve as Co-Chair of the General Government Subcommittee, which creates the budgets for many government functions, including the Executive Branch.

Manning was appointed last week by the Lane County Commissioners to complete the term of Sen. Chris Edwards (D-Eugene), who is resigning to pursue a position with the University of Oregon. Manning officially takes the seat after Edwards’ resignation on Dec. 31. Manning is scheduled to be sworn in to office at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Lane County Courthouse.

Currently starting his first session as a state senator representing Senate District 7, Manning previously put in 24 years of active military service in the United States Army. Arriving in the

Eugene area about nine years ago, Manning quickly jumped in, serving as Chair of the Bethel School District Budget Committee and as an elected commissioner to the Eugene Water and Electric Board. Manning also co-founded the Oregon Black Education Foundation, a non-profit that fights for tangible transitional education opportunities, the promotion of equity and the value of diversity. He also was appointed to the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, where he works to level the playing field for all Oregonians.

Senate District 7 includes Junction City and a portion of Eugene.

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