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Sen. Riley to lead new General Government and Accountability Committee

Committee will focus on government transparency and accountability

SALEM – Sen. Chuck Riley (D-Hillsboro) has been selected to chair the new Senate General Government and Accountability Committee, which he called for creating earlier this year.

The committee will focus on accountability and transparency in state government, including vetting and holding hearings on legislation that involves public records, auditing, government accountability and transparency. It also will have oversight responsibilities over major information technology projects executed at the state level.

“In the 2015 session there were 71 IT-related bills heard in various Senate committees,” Riley said. “These bills should have been heard in an IT-related committee. There were also several transparency and accountability bills that could have been heard in this committee.”

Oregon Senate leadership created the committee at Riley’s request, removing the general government portion from the Senate Workforce and General Government Committee’s purview. The Senate Workforce Committee will remain active.

Riley, who serves District 15 – encompassing Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Cornelius and North Plains – is a United States Air Force veteran and retired small business owner. In the Legislature, he has been heavily involved in IT, business and transportation, finance and revenue, audits and tax credit committees.

“Government transparency and accountability is important to all Oregonians,” Riley said. “That’s why I am so excited to lead this new committee. We are placing a high priority on having an open and transparent state government and I am looking forward to playing a role in that work.”

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