Sen. Rod Monroe elected as Senate Majority Whip

GLENEDEN BEACH – Sen. Rod Monroe (D-Portland) was elected to serve as one of two Senate Majority Whips by his colleagues at the biennial Senate Democratic Caucus Retreat today in Gleneden Beach.

“I am excited to serve in this leadership role for the Democratic caucus,” Monroe said. “My priorities are to reinvest in our schools, get Oregonians back to work and care for our most vulnerable, and I’m ready to get back to work in the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session to continue making progress in those areas.”

The Senate Majority Whips are responsible for aiding the Democratic Majority Leader. Additionally, they serve as members of the Senate Democratic Leadership Team. The other Senate Majority Whip elected this afternoon was Sen. Mark Hass (D-Beaverton). Democrats hold a 17-13 majority in the Oregon Senate.

Rod Monroe has represented Senate District 24 – which includes east Portland and north Clackamas County – for 9 years. As a retired teacher and co-chair of the Ways and Means Education Sub-Committee, his top priority is to reduce class sizes so all Oregonians can have access to quality education from early childhood through higher education. As a member of the Business and Transportation Committee and Transportation and Economic Development Ways and Means Sub-Committee, he is working to improve transportation safety and efficiency.

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