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### **Senate Democrats Pass Redistricting Maps**

SALEM – Today, the Oregon Senate Democrats passed legislative and congressional redistricting plans to ensure that Oregonians can have consistent representation in their governments. Senate Bill 881, which creates six new congressional districts, and Senate Bill 882, which create Oregon’s new state legislative districts, both passed on the Senate floor after favorable recommendations from the committee.

Following the release of United States Census data, Oregon learned that its substantial population growth resulted in Oregon gaining an additional congressional seat in the process known as reapportionment. Senate Bill 881 provides for six congressional districts across Oregon.

Additionally, the state must reassign legislative districts based on Census data to ensure fair representation. The districts established follow strict statutory and congressional requirements.

Specifically:

- Each district must be contiguous;
- Each of the districts must contain an equal population that deviates no more than one percent above or below the population target for legislative districts;
- Each of the districts are informed by transportation links, and ensure that the travel connections within a district respond to where individuals work and live;
- Each of the districts utilize existing geographical and administrative boundaries, examples include school districts, city and county boundaries, natural physical boundaries such as rivers and mountain ranges and more;
- Each of the districts has been designed to avoid breaking up communities of common interest wherever possible.

“I’m proud of what the Redistricting Committee accomplished together, and thankful to all Oregonians who used their valuable time to inform our fair and representative maps,” said Senator Kathleen Taylor (D-Portland) who chaired the Senate Committee on Redistricting. “I was glad to see how many Oregonians shared their point of view and I appreciate all of my colleagues for offering their wisdom throughout this process.”

“The committee did phenomenal work and heard from many across our great state during 22 public hearings and many submissions of public testimony,” said Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego). “These are balanced maps that meet all integrity tests. I appreciate my colleagues' work, and I was glad to vote ‘yes’ today.”

The bills passed the Oregon Senate this afternoon. They now move to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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