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Senate Democrats Elect Leadership Team ahead of 2023 Legislative Session

GLENEDEDEN BEACH – Today, the Oregon Senate Democrats announced their leadership team for the 2023 Legislative Session at a retreat held at Gleneden Beach.

The Senate Democratic Leadership Team now consists of the following Senate Democrats:

- **Senate President Designate:** Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego)
- **Senate President Pro Tempore Designate:** James Manning (D-Eugene)
- **Senate Majority Leader:** Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton)
- **Senate Deputy Majority Leader:** Janeen Sollman (D-Hillsboro)
- **Senate Majority Whip:** Sara Gelser Blouin (D-Corvallis)
- **Senate Majority Whip:** Lew Frederick (D-Portland)
- **Senate Assistant Majority Leader:** Kayse Jama (D-Portland)
- **Senate Assistant Majority Leader:** Wlnsvey Campos (D-Aloha)

Senate President Designate Rob Wagner, who was first appointed to the Oregon Senate in January, 2018, will officially be nominated for their first term as Oregon Senate President on January 9, 2023, when the full Senate votes to elect its President and President Pro Tempore. Senate President Designate Rob Wagner must receive a majority of votes from the Oregon Senate to be elected President.

“I’m truly grateful for the confidence of my fellow Senate Democrats,” said Senate President Designate Rob Wagner. “During the 2023 Session, the Oregon Senate will be a force for positive change into every corner of the state. I look forward to working with my colleagues to build on our culture of inclusion and openness – across the aisle and across the state – to make sure that Oregonians across the state feel represented and supported by the work we do.”

Senator James Manning, elected by the caucus as Senate President Pro Tempore Designate, also must receive a majority of votes from the full Oregon Senate to be elected to the position.

Senator Kate Lieber, first elected to the Oregon Senate in 2020, previously served as Assistant Majority Leader on the Senate Democratic Leadership Team. She will begin serving as Senate Majority Leader effective immediately.

“I am honored that my Democratic colleagues have elected me to serve as Democratic Leader,” said Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber. “I look forward to continuing our work in the 2023 Legislative Session to focus on priorities for everyday Oregonians: fighting to keep Oregonians housed, safe in their communities and afforded economic opportunity. This will be a pivotal session, with impacts that will reach into every community in Oregon. I’m thrilled to be joined by this amazing, diverse team of Democratic leaders.”

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