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Senate Democrats choose Monnes Anderson as Senate President Pro Tem Designate

GLENEDEN BEACH – Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson (D-Gresham) was elected as the Democratic Senate President Pro Tempore Designate by her colleagues at the biennial Senate Democratic Caucus Retreat today in Gleneden Beach.

Official duties of the Senate President Pro Tempore include presiding over the Senate whenever the President is absent. Additionally, the President Pro Tempore serves as a member of the Senate Democratic Leadership team.

“I’m grateful that my colleagues would choose me for this honor,” Monnes Anderson said. “I look forward to working closely with President Peter Courtney and all of my Senate colleagues to address the issues that matter most to the people of Oregon: public health and safety, education funding and supporting small businesses.”

Under Senate Rules, Monnes Anderson must receive a majority of votes from the full Senate to be elected President Pro Tempore. Democrats will hold 17 seats in the 2017 Legislative Session, which will convene January 9 for an organizing session to elect leaders, adopt rules and appoint committees.

Monnes Anderson has represented Senate District 25 – which includes Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village – for 12 years. She is Chair of the Senate Committee on Health Care, Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness and is a member of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood.

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