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Senate Democrats choose Sen. Sara Gelser as Deputy Senate Majority Leader

GLENEDEN BEACH – Sen. Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis) was elected as Deputy Majority Leader by her colleagues at the biennial Senate Democratic Caucus Retreat today in Gleneden Beach.

As Deputy Majority Leader, Gelser will play a significant role in keeping members informed during Senate floor sessions and negotiating with other legislative leaders. In the absence of the Senate Majority Leader, the Deputy performs the duties of caucus leader. Democrats hold a 17-13 majority in the Oregon Senate.

“I am honored to again be elected by my colleagues as a member of the Senate Democratic leadership team,” said Gelser. “I ran for the Oregon Senate because I want to build an economy that gives every Oregonian a fair shot at success. I’m eager to continue standing up for those that too often live in the margins and shadows of our community.”

After 9 years in the Oregon House of Representatives, Gelser was elected to represent Senate District 8 – which includes Albany, Corvallis and Philomath – in 2014. She is Chair of the Senate Human Services and Early Childhood Committee and Co-Chair of the Oregon Women’s Health and Wellness Alliance. She also serves on the Senate Education Committee, Senate Workforce Committee, Senate Judiciary Committee and the Human Services Sub-Committee of the Emergency Board. She served as Chair of the House Education Committee for 6 years, and also spent 9 years serving on the House Revenue Committee.

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