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Senator Kathleen Taylor Elected as Incoming Senate Majority Leader

SALEM, OR – Today, Senate Democrats elected **Senator Kathleen Taylor (D - SE Portland, Milwaukie & Oak Grove)** to serve the people of Oregon as the new Senate Majority Leader. Senator Taylor succeeds **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D - Beaverton & SW Portland)**, who is stepping up to guide Oregon’s budget process as the new co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Both role changes will be effective July 15, 2024.

“I’m grateful to Senator Lieber for her service and for leading the Senate Democratic caucus to deliver major wins for the people of Oregon. I’m ready to get to work so we can continue moving our state in the right direction,” said **Leader-elect Taylor**.

“In this new role, I am committed to listening to Oregonians and delivering the results they want to see on the issues that matter most. I look forward to supporting our caucus and collaborating with my fellow legislative leaders to make Oregon the best place to live, work, and raise a family.”

Senator Taylor, who served for a term in the Oregon House of Representatives starting in 2015, was elected to the Senate in 2017, currently serves as the Chair of the Senate Labor and Business Committee and a member of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire and Joint Audits Committees. In 2020, Senator Taylor led Oregon’s successful redistricting effort as the co-chair of the Joint Committee on Redistricting, and passed notable progressive legislation including Paid Family Medical Leave and Oregon’s Equal Pay Laws.

“This is an exciting moment for our caucus and the entire state. Leader-elect Taylor brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to this office, and I am confident that she will be the strong, capable leader Oregonians need in the Senate. I’m so proud of what we have accomplished as a caucus over the past two years – from major investments in growing our economy to tackling urgent problems like homelessness and the drug crisis. I know Leader-elect Taylor will build on these accomplishments and take us even further,” said **Senator Lieber**.

2024 Oregon Senate Democratic Leadership Team (Effective July 15, 2024)

**Note: Majority Leader was the only position up for election*

- Senate Majority Leader: Kathleen Taylor (D-SE Portland, Milwaukie & Oak Grove)
- 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: Wlinsvey Campos (D-Aloha)
- Ways and Means Co-Chair: Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton & SW Portland)

Senate Democrats are united by Oregon’s shared values. The caucus is committed to bringing people together to solve problems and make life better for all who call Oregon home.

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