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Senate Majority Office fills staff positions for 2011 Session

SALEM – The Senate Majority Office recently filled several positions in preparation for the 2011 Legislative Session. New staff includes:

Katie Shriver – Policy Advisor

Most recently Katie served as the Member Services Coordinator for the House Democratic caucus office. Previously Katie was the research officer for the Oregon Community Foundation and served as a legislative staff person for two Members of Congress in Washington, DC. Katie has a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Portland State University and a Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in economics from Xavier University in Ohio. Policy areas Katie will cover include: Business, Transportation, and Economic Development; Elections and Government Accountability; Finance & Revenue; and Health Care and Human Services.

Erik Kancler – Policy Advisor

Most recently Erik served as the Executive Director of Central Oregon LandWatch, a moderate land use organization based in Bend, Oregon. Previously, he worked as a climate science researcher, policy analyst, and a journalist. Erik has a Masters of Arts in geography and a Bachelors of Science in physical geography from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Policy areas Erik will cover include: Consumer Protection and General Government; Education and Workforce Development; Environment and Natural Resources; and Judiciary.

Ben DuPree – Outreach Coordinator

Ben joins the staff having most recently served as the Deputy Campaign Manager for Wyden for Senate. Ben has worked extensively in communications and community outreach positions helping elected officials and political offices plan events, craft press statements, publish newsletters, and maintain an online presence through social media and websites. Ben has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Reed College.

Brian Worley — Office Coordinator

Brian comes to the Senate Majority Office having served as a Legislative Assistant for Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson and former Senator Martha Schrader and as a Committee Assistant for the Senate Rules Committee. Brian will be assisting the caucus with general organizational duties and providing research assistance. Brian has a background in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and

will also be helping the caucus with the technical aspects of redistricting. Brian has a Bachelor of Science in environmental science with a Certificate in GIS from Oregon State University.

Katie, Erik, Ben, and Brian have come on board with the Senate Majority Office staff over the last month. They join:

Abby Tibbs, Chief of Staff/Caucus Administrator

Carol Suzuki, Operations Director

Molly Woon, Communications Director

Megan Osborne, Legislative Aide to Senate Majority Leader Rosenbaum

To contact any of the staff in the Senate Majority Office, please call (503) 986-1700.

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