



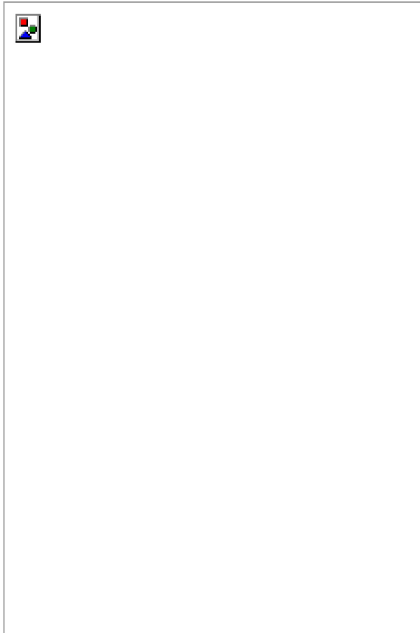
**SEN. DIANE ROSENBAUM**  
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Nikki Thompson selected to lead Senate Majority Office staff**

SALEM – Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum today announced the hiring of Oregon native Nikki Thompson as the new caucus administrator/chief of staff in the Senate Majority Office.



“Nikki’s diverse professional background, including policy and political work as well as state and federal experience, will make her an asset for the Senate Democratic Caucus and the entire Oregon Legislature. I am excited that she has agreed to join the Senate Majority Office team,” Rosenbaum said.

“I am thrilled for the opportunity to join the Senate Democrats and serve my home state of Oregon,” said Thompson. “I look forward to bringing my policy and political experience to advise caucus members as they work to make Oregon a better place.”

Rosenbaum (D-Portland) said Thompson will officially begin her new duties in Salem on May 21.

Thompson currently serves as senior policy analyst for the National Education Association in Washington D.C. Her political experience includes work in state campaigns, as well as roles in a 2010 U.S. Senate contest and the presidential campaign of Senator Bob Graham in 2003. Her professional resume also includes stints with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in Des Moines, Iowa, and as a

Legislative Clerk in the Iowa State Legislature.

A graduate of Lewis and Clark College, Thompson earned a law degree from the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta in 2008. She is a member of both the State Bar of Oregon and the District of Columbia Bar. She interned in the U.S. Attorney’s office in Atlanta and was an associate in the Washington D.C law firm of Crowell and Moring.

The daughter of an educator and a nurse, Thompson attended public schools in Lake Oswego, Klamath Falls and Turner growing up.

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