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SENATE DEMOCRATS ELECT LEADERSHIP, REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO OREGON FAMILIES

GLENEDEN BEACH – The Senate Democrats today announced their leaders for the 2013 legislative session. At a retreat held in Gleneden Beach this afternoon, Senate Democrats elected the following:

- Senate President: Peter Courtney (D-Salem/Woodburn/Gervais)
- Senate President Pro Tempore: Ginny Burdick (D-Portland/Tigard)
- Senate Majority Leader: Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland)
- Senate Deputy Majority Leader: Alan Bates (D-Ashland)
- Senate Majority Whip: Mark Hass (D-Beaverton)
- Senate Majority Whip: Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay)
- Senate Assistant Majority Leader: Floyd Prozanski (D-South Lane & North Douglas Counties)
- Senate Assistant Majority Leader: Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (D-NW Portland/Beaverton)

In the 2013 session, Democrats will again hold a 16-14 majority in the Senate and selected its leadership during meetings at Salishan Resort on the Oregon Coast Friday.

“I am honored to be re-elected by my Democratic colleagues to serve as Senate Majority Leader. I look forward to working in the upcoming 2013 session to focus on the right priorities: jobs, quality education and standing up for middle class Oregonians and small businesses,” Rosenbaum said.

Courtney, who was first elected president in 2003, will officially be nominated for a sixth term on the first day of the 77th Oregon Legislative Assembly, January 14, 2013, when the full Senate will elect its President.

“I have always believed that the Senate President is president of the entire Senate,” Courtney said. “We will face difficult challenges in the next session and it has never been more important for Democrats and Republicans to work together to address the issues that matter most to the people of Oregon.”

Under Senate Rules, Burdick must also receive a majority of votes from the full Senate to be elected President Pro Tempore.

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