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Oregon Senate Republicans Announce Team for Legislative Session

Salem, OR – Today, the Oregon Senate Republican office announced the addition of four new staff members for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Caitie Osborne joined the caucus this month as Communications Director. Caitie previously served as Political Director for The Leadership Fund and brings a strong background in public affairs and public relations. An Oregon native and graduate of Portland State University, she gained valuable legislative experience as staff in the Oregon House of Representatives before joining Quinn Thomas Public Affairs prior to her tenure with the Senate Republicans.

Andrea Chiapella will join the office in the role of Policy Analyst. A graduate of Willamette University, Andrea spent eight legislative sessions serving several prominent members in the House of Representatives. She brings a strong policy foundation and experience with the legislative process. A veteran of legislative and statewide campaigns, she has an acute strategic and political mind.

Also joining the policy team is Megan Chuinard, who joins the Senate Republicans as a Policy Analyst. Megan most recently served as Deputy Chief of Staff for the House Republican Office and brings an extensive set of skills and legislative experience to the team. A graduate of the University of Oregon, Megan served as Chief of Staff to Representative John Davis in the 2013 and 2014 legislative sessions.

Tayleranne Gillespie rounds out the staff as the new Member Services Coordinator, supporting Senate Republican members and staff in the Capitol and assisting with digital and social media. Tayleranne graduated from Western Oregon University and brings experience from the Secretary of the Senate's office prior to joining the Senate Republicans.

The Senate Republican Caucus is also pleased to announce that Steve Elzinga has been promoted to Legislative and Legal Director. Steve joined the caucus office in 2012 after earning his J.D. from the University of Arizona. A member of the Oregon State Bar, Steve will lead the policy team for the Senate Republicans.

The four new staff members join Paul Rainey, Caucus Administrator, and Becky Sterup, the legislative assistant for Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R – John Day).