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Ferrioli awarded 2017 Betha Kagayama Legislator of the Year Award

SALEM, OR - Last week, the Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living (AOCIL) presented Senator Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) with the 2017 Betha Kagayama Legislator of the Year Award "For his extraordinary advocacy and leadership in government on behalf of the Independent Living Movement and the thousands of men, women and young people with physical, mental and sensory disabilities in the State of Oregon." This award is given in the name of Mrs. Betha Kagayama, a life-long constituent of Malheur County who has dedicated her life's work to advocate for people with disabilities.

"AOCIL does great work serving people with disabilities, and working with them to better the lives of Oregonians has been an honor," said Ferrioli.

"I have been working with Senator Ferrioli since he was first elected, and found his leadership around disability issues remarkable," said Kirt Toombs, who heads the Center for Independent Living in Ontario. "He has always been an extraordinary advocate for people with disabilities, and took the lead on really difficult issues. He is more than deserving of this honor."

The Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living (AOCIL) represents Oregon's seven consumer-driven, peer-based Centers for Independent Living.

Ferrioli will begin serving on the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council on January 16, 2018. He is leaving the State Senate after 20 years of service.

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