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**Senate Republican Leader’s Statement on the Passage of
Gerrymandered Congressional Redistricting Plan**

SALEM, Ore. – Today, along partisan lines, the Senate concurred in House amendments on a congressional redistricting plan that seeks to cement Democrat dominance in Oregon for the next decade.

Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Lyons) released the following statement:

“The law requires us to keep communities of interest together in the redistricting process. The only community of interest this map seeks to keep together are Democrat voters. In no world does it make sense for Bend and Portland to be in the same district. Spreading out urban voters by having four districts that include portions of Portland is the very definition of gerrymandering.

“There will undoubtedly be court challenges to follow. The best the principles of fairness and honesty can hope for is impartiality.”

The Senate vote was 18-6, with all Republicans voting no. The plan now goes to the Governor for her signature.

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