

from the office of

SENATOR DAVID BROCK SMITH

For Immediate Release

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 Contact: Shelia Megson, Chief of Staff

Email: Sen.DavidBrockSmith@OregonLegislature.gov

Senator David Brock Smith Expresses Gratitude for Senator Bonham, Fully Supports Senator Starr as New Senate Republican Leader

SALEM, Ore. – Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford), a Deputy Leader of the Senate Republican Caucus, issued the following statement on today's caucus leadership transition:

"I am grateful for the steadfast leadership of my colleague and friend, Senator Daniel Bonham," said **Senator Brock Smith**. "Leader Bonham and I have worked together since 2017 in the House, and without a doubt, he has always been a driving force and voice for Oregonians. As our Leader, he guided our superminority caucus with great skill—always keeping Oregonians, their communities, and the businesses that support them at the center of our efforts to build a better Oregon."

"The Senate Republicans fully support Senator Bruce Starr as our new Leader. Senator Starr has the experience, drive, and steady hand to lead our caucus, and I look forward to continuing our work together to fight for Oregonians across the state."

###

Senator David Brock Smith represents Senate District 1, which includes Curry, Coos and Douglas Counties, Southwest Oregon's Fish, Farm & Forestry District. This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Senator David Brock Smith's office are available on the web at: www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd