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Senator David Brock Smith Honored with Council of State Government's Selection for Henry Toll Fellowship

SALEM, Ore. – Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) has been named by the Council of State Governments as a member of the prestigious 2026 CSG Henry Toll Fellowship Class. The Toll Fellows Program targets outstanding rising state government officials who have demonstrated exceptional promise and a commitment to collaborative leadership and public service.

The Henry Toll Fellowship is considered one of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state officials. This year's class will bring together 48 leading public servants from 32 states and U.S. territories representing all three branches of state government. Since its founding in 1986, more than 1,400 alumni have completed the fellowship, including governors, chief justices, legislative leaders, and attorneys general.

Senator David Brock Smith, who serves as Co-Chair and State Liaison of the CSG West Wildfires & Disaster Preparedness Committee, said he is honored to join the 2026 class and contribute to the program's 40-year legacy of strengthening state governance.

"The Council of State Governments continues to lead in developing collaborative, bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing our states," **Senator Brock Smith said.** "I am grateful for this opportunity to join fellow public servants from across our nation in advancing leadership excellence, strengthening relationships, and bringing home new tools to better serve Oregonians."

"The Toll Fellowship equips some of the nation's most promising leaders with the relationships, perspectives, and skills needed to bring people together, solve problems and strengthen public service," said CSG Executive Director/CEO David Adkins, a former Kansas state senator and 1993 CSG Henry Toll Fellow alumnus. "CSG is honored to recognize this exceptional class and invest in their continued growth as leaders committed to serving their communities"

Senator Smith also acknowledged the leadership of CSG Executive Director and CEO David Adkins, himself a 1993 Toll Fellow, and welcomed the program's strengthened connection to CSG's national membership engagement team under Senior Director Ann Pardalos.

“I am honored to join CSG Executive Director and CEO David Adkins and leaders from across the country, as I have dedicated my life in public service to build teams, and bridges, to solve problems,” **said Senator Brock Smith.** “As Oregon continues to confront complex issues, from wildfire preparedness and coastal resilience to public safety and economic development, the partnerships fostered through CSG and our work across the nation, is invaluable. I look forward to representing our state and continuing this important bipartisan work with colleagues across the country. Our collaborative efforts for our residents will only strengthen our beloved Oregon and our great United States,” **concluded Senator David Brock Smith.**

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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