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Representative David Brock Smith appointed to the State Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development

SALEM – Representative David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) has been appointed by Legislative leadership to serve on the Maritime Sector Workforce Development Task Force. The task force was established with the passage of SB 867, of which Rep. Brock Smith was a chief sponsor during the 2017 session. “I’m honored to have the opportunity to represent the south coast as part of this task force,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “I want to thank legislative leadership for helping me shepherd this needed bill through the Legislature and for allowing me to continue working on this important effort. I am hopeful for what this task force could mean for our communities.”

Although a large sector of Oregon’s workforce that contributes billions to our states economies, the Maritime sector has never been evaluated to this degree. The Task Force will encompass Maritime sector industries and their workforce including, but is not limited to:

- (a) Enterprises engaged in the design, construction, manufacture, acquisition, operation, supply, repair or maintenance of marine vessels or component parts of marine vessels;
- (b) Enterprises engaged in managing or operating shipping lines;
- (c) Customs brokerage services, shipyards, shipping and freight forwarding services, dry docks, marine railways and marine repair shops;
- (d) Enterprises engaged in commercial or recreational fishing;
- (e) Enterprises and academic institutions engaged in scientific research of ocean processes, marine life or other ocean resources; and
- (f) Enterprises engaged in marine tours or travel, water sports or other marine leisure activities

“The Maritime Sector is integral driver of not only our local economies, but that of the entire Oregon coast and the state as a whole,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “This work, my work on the Sudden Oak Death Task Force, our workgroup on land use/wetlands that negatively impact residents, and others, all coincide with my PNWER, OCSSRC, natural resource and economic development legislative committee appointments, and will allow me to continue our work in these areas and my commitment to the people of our communities and the industries that support them during the interim. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you, our colleagues, and industries on these and other issues, so that we may better the lives of our residents.”

Rep. David Brock Smith represents House District 1, which includes Curry, Coos, Douglas and Josephine counties. This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Rep. David Brock Smith’s office are available on the web at: www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd.

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