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Week Two

Welcome to my first Legislative Newsletter and thank you for subscribing. The first two weeks of session have been very busy. I have been blessed to have been appointed to four House Committees and the work in these committees is critical to our District in Southwest Oregon. These House Committees are:

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I am working on a number of bills in Committee, for our District and the State of Oregon. Some of them are good bills, such as our bill [HB 2496](#), which will begin a sediment study of the Rogue River. Others include [HB 2038](#), which “Appropriates moneys to Department of Education for grant programs that allow school districts to purchase Oregon food products and to pay for costs related to food-based, agriculture-based and garden-based educational activities.” [HB 2377](#), which “Authorizes city or county to adopt ordinance or resolution granting exemption for newly rehabilitated or constructed multiunit rental housing. Allows credit against net income taxes for portion of eligible costs of newly rehabilitated or constructed single-family dwellings that sell for price related to average annual per capita income and annual median household income in county.” [HB 2500](#), which “Directs Department of Human Services to develop and implement training and continuing education curriculum for department caseworkers that informs and instructs caseworkers on their roles in juvenile dependency proceedings. Requires curriculum to include presentations by judges and certain attorneys and to address circumstances under which caseworker may be engaging in unlicensed practice of law. Requires continuing education for caseworkers every two years.”

There are some bad bills as well, although not many at this time yet in the session. One bad bill however, is [HB 2877](#), which “Requires registered owners of vehicles 20 years old or older to pay \$1,000 every five years.” This is one example of how some bills make little to know sense at all.

This last week was there was a League of Oregon Cities Meeting in Salem. I want to thank Coquille Mayor Simonetti and her City Councilors for visiting me at your Capital Office to discuss ways we can improve the Coquille Community. I also want to thank Gold Beach City Councilor Tamie Kaufman for visiting as well. It is an honor and a privilege to work for you and I thank you for the opportunity. Please [Click Here](#) for my Week Two Video Update. Thank you, God Bless and don't hesitate to reach out.

Very Respectfully,

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