



The Honorable Greg Smith
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Representative Greg Smith to Bring Ways & Means Budget Committee to Hermiston Public Testimony Welcome

SALEM – [Representative Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#) is bringing the Joint Ways and Means Budget Committee to Hermiston as part of its “road show.” Every two years the committee travels to six cities around the state to hear from Oregonians on budget priorities. The committee’s willingness to travel to Hermiston is a direct result of Representative Smith’s hard work.

“The Hermiston School District is delighted to host the Ways & Means Committee,” **Fred Maiocco, Superintendent of Hermiston School District**. “We appreciate Representative Smith and the Committee in considering Hermiston for this important event.”

“We appreciated the willingness of the Ways & Means Committee members to come and learn about our priorities,” said **Steve Eldrige, General Manger/CEO of Umatilla Electric Cooperative**. “We also thank Representative Smith and his leadership in making this happen.”

The public hearing will take place on April 20th, at Hermiston High School with the exact time to be announced. This event provided the public an opportunity to provide testimony and input to the committee members regarding budget priorities. Citizens from the Pendleton and La Grande areas will be able to participate in video conferencing for the event. More information on accessing the video conferencing will also be forthcoming.

Debbie Pedro, Executive Director of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce said, “We thank Representative Smith for all his hard work to bring the Ways & Means Committee to Hermiston. This is very important to us.”

“This event is important to our region,” said **Gary Neal, General Manager of the Port of Morrow**. “We look forward to welcoming the committee and appreciate Representative Smith’s hard work.”

Representative Smith is the ranking House members of the Joint Ways & Means Committee.

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