

State Representative Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer)



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Thatcher Named to Accountability Committees for 2007 Session

(Salem) [State Representative Kim Thatcher](#) (R-Keizer) was named to two important legislative committees for the 2007 Legislative Session by incoming House Speaker Jeff Merkley (D-Portland) today. Thatcher will serve as a member of the House Committee on Elections, Ethics, and Rules. She was also appointed to the Government Accountability and Information Technology Committee.

"These two committees are a great fit for me," noted Thatcher. "I have been working on a variety of issues to instill more accountability in our state agencies and these assignments give me the opportunity to expand those efforts."

Thatcher pointed out, "the legislature as an institution continues to lose credibility with voters, especially given some of the recent headlines. I hope the Elections, Ethics and Rules Committee will be able to restore some of the public's trust in the legislative process." Thatcher was Vice Chair of the Elections and Rules Committee in the House in the 2005 Legislative Session, as well as a member of the subcommittee on Campaign Finance Reform. She was the Chief Co-Sponsor of a [bill to improve ballot security and integrity](#). The measure passed the House but died in the Senate. She plans to re-introduce that measure and hopes it will be successful the second time around.

"I want to continue the work I started in 2005 to help businesses and others maneuver the administrative rules process in our state government programs. I'm hopeful the Committee on Government Accountability and Information Technology will look at that area and similar issues," said Thatcher. During the 2005-07 interim Thatcher served on the Real Estate Agency Oversight Taskforce which was charged with overhauling the operations of that program.

Representative Thatcher does have one disappointment with the Committee Appointments. "I was [pushing for the formation of a special committee on immigration reform](#)," explained Thatcher. "Apparently the new House Speaker Elect isn't interested in that so we'll have to work on individual immigration bills spread out in a variety of committees."

Also during the interim, she was a member of the House Transportation and Economic Development Committees. In addition, Thatcher serves on the Oregon Commission for Women.

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