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Senate President Wagner Appoints Senator Lieber as Co-Chair of Joint Committee on Ways and Means

SALEM, Ore. – Today, **Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego)** appointed **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton)** as the next Senate co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means following the resignation of **Senator Elizabeth Steiner (D-Portland)** effective July 15.

President Wagner is releasing the following statement:

"I want to offer my most sincere appreciation to Senator Steiner for the dedication, ingenuity, and hard work she has demonstrated as Senate co-chair for the past six years. Under her leadership, the Ways and Means Committee's process has been inclusive and bipartisan, the Legislature has invested wisely across Oregon, and we have set aside enough funds to give the state a buffer during the next economic downturn.

I have accepted her resignation knowing that she is once again acting with the best interests of the people of Oregon at the forefront of her mind.

I also have the privilege today of appointing Senator Kate Lieber as the next Senate co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Since joining the Senate, Senator Lieber has shown a propensity and acuity for the budget process, including taking a leading role in guiding millions of dollars in behavioral health investments in the 2024 legislative session. She is a thoughtful legislator who cares about

making sure all sides and perspectives are taken into consideration before a final decision is made. She understands the responsibility of the Ways and Means co-chair and knows there are urgent challenges that she will face in taking this position.

I have full confidence that Senator Lieber will deftly lead our budgeting process as Senate co-chair and ensure the state's resources are being responsibly invested to benefit all Oregonians."

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