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Governor asks Winters to lead regional economic development team

Salem, OR – Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem) will serve as a convener of an economic development team tasked with creating job growth. Governor John Kitzhaber (D) asked Winters to serve on a task force working on economic health in the Willamette Valley.

“I’m passionate about building a strong, thriving local economy,” said Winters. “This is the type of collaborative, on-the-ground problem solving that I enjoy and believe it is one of the most effective ways we can grow local job opportunities.”

The Governor created Regional Solutions Teams around the state, staffed by state agencies, that work with Regional Advisory Committees. The committees are comprised of representatives of private and civic sectors, local government, and institutions of higher learning and members work together to assist with economic and community development projects.

Winters will serve as the convener of the Mid-Willamette Valley Regional Advisory Committee. The committee will work to improve the economy and community health in Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties.

As a member and convener of the committee, Winters will help the Regional Solutions Team to identify priorities for the counties in the region and to help connect resources that will solve problems and complete projects.

Winters is a retired small business owner and has served in the state legislature since 1998, when she was elected to the House of Representatives. She was elected to the Senate in 2002.

Jackie has lived in Salem for 42 years.

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