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Attached is a document that lists all of the major party legislative candidates for the state legislature following yesterday's primary. Most of the attention as Oregon heads into the November general election will be on the Oregon House where there is a large degree of turnover and a narrow margin of control. Democrats are seeking to increase their 2-vote majority, while Republicans are seeking to retake the control they lost last election.

On the Republican side of the House, 8 seats are being vacated by incumbents who are retiring or are moving on to other political positions. An additional 3 seats are currently held by legislators who were appointed to vacancies that were created since the last election. Six Republicans have no general election opponents, including one of the appointed incumbents.

House Democrats have 5 open seats, all due to legislators who have moved on to seek higher office. Three of these seats have no Republican opponents in the general election. A total of 18 out of the 31 Democrats running for the House have no general election opponents, including 3 first-term Democrats who defeated Republican incumbents in 2006.

Democrats are seeking to pick up 5 seats -- without losing any -- in order to achieve a "super" majority of 36-24. Super majorities are needed to pass revenue increases and to gain access to such contingency funds as the Rainy Day Fund and Education Stability Fund.

Note: due to a miscommunication with the Secretary of State's office my recent account of how the vacancy created in the House by Susan Bonamici's appointment to the Senate was in error. For the political junkies, the procedure by which that vacancy will be filled is outlined in footnote 18 on page 4 of the attachment.

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

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