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On Thursday Speaker Designee Dave Hunt (D-Clackamas County) announced House Committee assignments. Hunt's release is pasted below.

Most OSU and higher education issues will be addressed in five committees:

- The Education Committee, chaired by **Rep. Sara Gelser** (D-Corvallis). This committee will consider substantive legislation affecting education. It is significant that for the first time in years that a Corvallis legislator will chair a committee responsible for education issues;
- The Agriculture and Natural Resources and Rural Communities Committee, chaired by Rep. Brian Clem (D-Salem). Clem a moderate, an OSU alum and former ASOSU President has strong ties to the agriculture community;
- The Sustainability and Economic Development Committee, chaired by Rep. Tobias Read (D-Beaverton);
- The Ways & Means Education Subcommittee, co-chaired by Betty Komp (D-Woodburn). This joint subcommittee will consider all education budgets, including higher education. Komp, a newcomer to the Ways & Means Committee, grew up on a dairy farm, is a graduate of Western Oregon University, and has both been a teacher and an administrator in Woodburn. Also of note, Central Oregon is well represented on this subcommittee which will include newly elected Democrat Judy Stiegler from Bend and Republican Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) who has served on the subcommittee during the 2005 session.
- The W&M Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee, co-chaired by Rep. David Edwards (D-Hillsboro). This sub-committee will consider investments recommended by the Oregon Innovation Council; and
- The W&M Natural Resources Subcommittee, co-chaired by Rep. Bob Jenson (R-Pendleton). Jensen, the longest serving member of the House, is the sole Republican in the legislature to co-chair a Ways & Means Subcommittee. He has been a staunch supporter of the OSU Statewide Public Service Programs. (The budgets for these programs are typically considered in the W&M Education Subcommittee.)

Leadership in both Chambers has also named a Ways and Means Capital Construction and Information Technology Subcommittee. According to information released earlier this week, this subcommittee will be co-chaired by Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) and Rep. Larry Galizio (D-Tigard). It will be responsible for issuing an expedited capital budget within the first weeks of the legislative session to provide and retain construction jobs across the state. State agencies were asked earlier this month to provide a list of near term construction projects for deferred maintenance that the legislature could approve in the opening weeks of the session.

Corvallis Representative Gelser will also serve on the Revenue and Rules Committees. Both committees are significant as one involves raising taxes, while the other is typically involved with end-of-session deals.

Later today I will provide additional information regarding future revenue and budget forecasts gleaned from the annual Oregon Business Council's summit, held yesterday in Portland.

If you have questions, (and corrections) regarding the committee line ups, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Oregon House Committee Assignments Released

Hunt Says Committees Chairs Will Produce Results

SALEM - Speaker-designee Dave Hunt today announced committee assignments for the 2009 Legislative session of the Oregon House of Representatives, calling on House members to focus on producing results for Oregon.

"In the selection of committee chairs and vice chairs, I put a high premium on those members I thought would deliver results. This is a session where we must work to solve the very difficult economic problems facing our state. We've got work to do and I believe these committees will get Oregon back on track," said Hunt (D-Clackamas County).

Joint Ways and Means subcommittees will be co-chaired by a House and a Senate member. Three committees and four subcommittees from last session have been folded into other committees in an effort to reduce legislative costs and work more efficiently.

Democrats, who hold a 36-24 majority in the House, will chair the 16 policy committees and six of seven ways and means subcommittees. Long-time Capitol veteran and Republican Bob Jenson has been tapped by Hunt to lead the Natural
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Resources subcommittee of Ways and Means.

All the chairs, said Hunt, have solid experience in the policy areas they will manage, as well as experience running committees. Each committee has a Republican and Democratic vice-chair.

"With 14 members coming into the House who have never served before in a full session, our committee chairs are going to have to provide leadership and efficient direction to their committees," said Hunt. "Our goal is to begin hearing policy bills very early in the session, and I have asked committee chairs to provide me with work plans that will allow us to get through with the Legislative session by the end of June."

Hunt said one committee that typically does not work until late in the session – the Capital Construction and Information Technology subcommittee of Ways and Means – will at his request be meeting early in the session as part of the efforts to spur Oregon's economy. State Rep. Larry Galizio (D-Tigard) will chair that subcommittee.

Other new committee chairs include:
State Rep. Tobias Read (D-Beaverton), Sustainability and Economic Development
State Rep. Jean Cowan (D-Newport), Veterans and Emergency Services Committee;
State Rep. Brian Clem D-Salem), Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities Committees;
State Rep. Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis), House Education Committee;
State Rep. Jeff Barker (D-Tigard), House Judiciary Committee
State Rep. Ben Canon (D-Portland), Environment and Water
State Rep. Betty Komp (D-Woodburn), Education subcommittee of Ways and Means
State Rep. Tina Kotek (D-Portland), Health and Human Services Subcommittee of Ways and Means;
State Rep. David Edwards (D-Hillsboro), Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee.

The full list of committees appears below.

Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities
Brian Clem, Chair
Suzanne VanOrman, Vice Chair
Wayne Krieger, Vice Chair
Terry Beyer
Vic Gilliam
Arnie Roblan
Mike Schaufler
Matt Wingard

Business and Labor Committee
Mike Schaufler, Chair
Brent Barton, Vice Chair
Kevin Cameron, Vice Chair
Chris Edwards
Sal Esquivel

Paul Holvey
Bill Kennemer
Greg Matthews
Kim Thatcher
Brad Witt

Business and Labor Subcommittee on Work Force Development
Brad Witt, Chair
John Huffman, Vice Chair
Michael Dembrow
Sal Esquivel
Paul Holvey

Consumer Protection Committee
Paul Holvey, Chair
Chuck Riley, Vice Chair
Jim Weidner, Vice Chair
Brent Barton
Jean Cowan
Vic Gilliam
Wayne Krieger
Greg Matthews
Carolyn Tomei
Matt Wingard

Education Committee
Sara Gelser, Chair
Michael Dembrow, Vice Chair
Sherrie Sprenger, Vice Chair
Chris Harker
John Huffman
Betty Komp
Ron Maurer
Arnie Roblan
Kim Thatcher
Suzanne VanOrman

Environment and Water Committee
Ben Cannon, Chair
Jefferson Smith, Vice Chair
Vic Gilliam, Vice Chair
Jules Bailey
Phil Barnhart
Cliff Bentz
Debbie Boone
Bob Jenson

Health Care Committee
Mitch Greenlick, Chair
Chris Harker, Vice Chair

Ron Maurer, Vice Chair
Scott Bruun
Ben Cannon
Chris Garrett
Michael Dembrow
Bill Kennemer
Tina Kotek
Jim Thompson

House Administration Committee
Arnie Roblan, Chair
Bruce Hanna, Vice Chair
Kevin Cameron
Dave Hunt
Betty Komp
Mary Nolan
Andy Olson

Human Services Committee
Carolyn Tomei, Chair
Debbie Boone, Vice Chair
Andy Olson, Vice Chair
Jean Cowan
Brian Clem
Michael Dembrow
Tim Freeman
John Huffman
Ron Maurer
Suzanne VanOrman

Judiciary Committee
Jeff Barker, Chair
Judy Stiegler, Vice Chair
Gene Whisnant, Vice Chair
Brent Barton
Kevin Cameron
Chris Garrett
Wayne Krieger
Andy Olson
Chip Shields
Jefferson Smith

Land Use Committee
Mary Nolan, Chair
Chris Garrett, Vice Chair
Sal Esquivel, Vice Chair
Brian Clem
Jean Cowan
Mitch Greenlick
Bruce Hanna

Matt Wingard

Sustainability and Economic Development Committee
Tobias Read, Chair
Larry Galizio, Vice Chair
Scott Bruun, Vice Chair
Jules Bailey
Vic Gilliam
Chris Harker
Matt Wingard
Brad Witt

Transportation Committee
Terry Beyer, Chair
Nick Kahl, Vice Chair
George Gilman, Vice Chair
Jules Bailey
Cliff Bentz
Vicki Berger
Debbie Boone
David Edwards
Mike Schaufler
Jim Weidner

Revenue Committee
Phil Barnhart, Chair
Jules Bailey, Vice Chair
Cliff Bentz, Vice Chair
Chuck Riley
Sara Gelser
Tobias Read
Nick Kahl
Sherrie Sprenger
Scott Bruun
Vicki Berger

Rules Committee
Arnie Roblan, Chair
Chris Edwards, Vice Chair
Vicki Berger, Vice Chair
Bill Garrard
Sara Gelser
Bob Jenson
Mary Nolan
Tobias Read

Veterans and Emergency Services Committee
Jean Cowan, Chair
Greg Matthews, Vice Chair
Tim Freeman, Vice Chair

Debbie Boone
Sal Esquivel
Betty Komp
Chuck Riley
Jim Weidner

Joint Committees

Joint Ways & Means Committee
Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Nancy Nathanson, Vice Chair
David Edwards
Larry Galizio
Bill Garrard
George Gilman
Bob Jenson
Betty Komp
Tina Kotek
Dennis Richardson
Chip Shields
Greg Smith

Capital Construction and Information Technology Subcommittee
Larry Galizio, Co-Chair
Bill Garrard
Dave Hunt
Bob Jenson
Nancy Nathanson
Chuck Riley

Education Subcommittee
Betty Komp, Co-Chair
David Edwards
Larry Galizio
Greg Smith
Judy Stiegler
Gene Whisnant

General Government Subcommittee
Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair
Bill Garrard
Chris Harker
Dennis Richardson
Jefferson Smith

Health Human Services Subcommittee
Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
Mitch Greenlick
Bill Kennemer
Carolyn Tomei

Dennis Richardson

Natural Resources Subcommittee
Bob Jenson, Co-Chair
Peter Buckley
Ben Cannon
Brian Clem
Chris Edwards
Jim Thompson

Public Safety Subcommittee
Chip Shields, Co-Chair
Jeff Barker
Tim Freeman
Nick Kahl
Nancy Nathanson
Greg Smith

Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
David Edwards, Co-Chair
Terry Beyer
George Gilman
Mike Schaufler
Kim Thatcher
Brad Witt