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Johnson named Vice-Chair of Ways and Means, chair of Subcommittee on General Government

SALEM – In an announcement from the Senate President’s Office, Senator Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) was named Vice-chair of Ways and Means, the Legislature’s chief budget-writing committee, and Co-Chair of the Ways and Means subcommittee on General Government for the 2011 Legislative Session.

“We have a lot of hard work in front of us to balance Oregon’s budget and set a path for economic recovery,” said Johnson, who also served as Vice-Chair of Ways and Means during the 2009 Legislative Session. “I look forward to using my Ways and Means experience to find ways to cut spending while protecting critical services. Oversight and government accountability will be key as we work to close our budget deficit and restore confidence in state services.”

As vice-chair of Ways and Means, Johnson is responsible for working with the Co-Chair in crafting the overall state budget. In her role as co-chair of the Subcommittee on General Government, Johnson will oversee the budgets for the Legislative branch, the State Treasurer, the Secretary of State, Department of Revenue, the Governor, and several others state agencies.

In addition to being named co-chair, Johnson will serve on the Ways and Means subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development.

The 76th Oregon Legislative Assembly will convene on January 10th. Committees will begin meeting for legislative business on February 1st.

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