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## **LEADERS OF REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE REACH BI-PARTISAN AGREEMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL MAP**

(SALEM) – The leaders of the House and Senate Redistricting Committees announced today that they have reached an agreement on a Congressional redistricting map. If passed by both chambers and signed by the Governor, this would be the first Congressional redistricting map drawn by the Legislature and adopted into law since 1981.

Congressional redistricting is required every 10 years to account for shifts in population. Earlier this month, the Legislature adopted a State Legislative redistricting map that was signed into law by the Governor.

"This congressional agreement is the capstone of a historic session on redistricting," said Representative Shawn Lindsay (R-Hillsboro), co-chair of the House Redistricting Committee. "The congressional plan is the product of bipartisan negotiation, perseverance and compromise. It ensures that all Oregonians will have equal representation in Washington, D.C. over the next 10 years."

"I am pleased that once again we have defied the odds and agreed on a Congressional redistricting map that will provide us with a bipartisan path forward in meeting our constitutional duty. It's a great way to end a productive legislative session," said Representative Chris Garret (D-Lake Oswego), co-chair of the House Redistricting Committee.

"This is another example of what the legislature can accomplish when Republicans and Democrats work together. This map is a result of a lot of hard work and thoughtful compromise. As a result we now have legislative and congressional districts that I believe can give every Oregonian good representation," said Senator Chris Telfer (R-Bend), vice-chair of the Senate Redistricting Committee. "This agreement also avoids spending more than a million dollars of taxpayer money in court litigating this issue. One million dollars can go a long way towards helping vulnerable Oregonians in these tough times."

For the first time in nearly a century, we have found bipartisan agreement on a map to ensure fair, Congressional representation for all Oregonians," said Senator Lee Beyer (D-Springfield), who led negotiations for Senate Democrats on the Congressional map. "This is an amazing bipartisan achievement. I am proud of the Redistricting Committee for their hard work on this historic compromise."

Senate Bill 990 will be considered by the Joint Redistricting Committee at 5 p.m. today and is expected to be heard on both Senate and House floors on Thursday. The proposed Congressional

redistricting map can be found at [State of Oregon Redistricting Information](#) or <http://www.leg.state.or.us/redistricting/>.