



**REPRESENTATIVE GENE WHISNANT
OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE DISTRICT 53**

**WHISNANT NAMED TO KEY COMMITTEES;
WILL VICE-CHAIR JUDICIARY**

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SALEM – State Representative Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) was named Vice Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary on Thursday for the 2007 Legislative Session. He will also serve on the Education Committee and its Subcommittee on Education Innovation.

“I’m glad that I’ll be able to continue working on the issues that I’ve focused on since I went to Salem,” said Whisnant. “I’m honored that Speaker-elect Merkley recognized my knowledge and experience on these important issues and I look forward to helping to pass good legislation to improve our education system and provide quality public safety for Oregonians.”

Since being appointed as State Representative in 2003, Whisnant has served on numerous education committees, including the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee and the Select Committee on Education. He is a passionate advocate for a quality education system, working to increase graduation requirements, provide sufficient funding and looking for innovative solutions for school capital construction.

Whisnant also served on the Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee and on the Interim Committee on Judiciary since he was appointed. His experience and familiarity with these issues give him unique insight into the process and how to improve it.

Whisnant was recently re-elected to the Oregon House and his serving his third term, representing rural Deschutes County.

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