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## **Garrett Named to Health Care Committee, Two Other House Panels**

### **New Representative will also Serve on Judiciary, Land Use Committees**

(Salem) House Speaker-designee Dave Hunt has appointed Representative-elect Chris Garrett to three key committees for the 2009 legislative session, including the Health Care Committee. Rep-elect Garrett, elected last month to represent Lake Oswego and portions of SW Portland, will also serve as vice-chair of the House Land Use Committee and as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

"Rep-elect Garrett's knowledge and first-hand experience on a broad range of issues, from health care to land use are assets that will lead to concrete accomplishments for his district this session," said House Speaker-designee Hunt.

The Health Care Committee is expected, among other things, to take up the recommendations of the Oregon Health Fund Board, created by the 2007 Legislature to develop a plan for achieving universal health care in the state. A major task of the Land Use Committee will likely be to consider recommendations of the "Big Look" task force, established in 2005 to comprehensively review Oregon's landmark system of land-use planning.

"I said throughout my campaign that the Legislature's top priority for 2009 should be to expand access to affordable health care," said Rep-elect Garrett. "I look forward to helping make that happen. Serving on the Land Use and Judiciary Committees will also allow me to play a key role in preserving Oregon's quality of life. "

Rep-elect Garrett was elected in November to succeed Rep. Greg Macpherson in House District 38. He is an attorney with Perkins Coie LLP in Portland. He previously served as senior policy advisor to Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney and as a legislative aide to Senate Majority Leader Richard Devlin. Garrett is a graduate of Reed College and The University of Chicago Law School.