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Senator Bates to Co-Chair 2009 Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services

SALEM – In an announcement from the Senate President’s Office, Sen. Alan Bates (D-Ashland) was appointed co-chair of the joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services for the 2009 session.

“Given our current revenue outlook, it’s crucial to have someone who understands our health care systems and the impact that their services have on Oregonians,” said Bates. “As a physician who has advocated for health care reform for 25 years, I look forward to these important discussions on health care and other crucial human services.”

As co-chair, Bates will be responsible for overseeing the development of the human services budget for the 2009-2011 biennium. In addition to serving as co-chair, Bates was appointed as a member of the full Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Committee on Health Care & Veterans Affairs.

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