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**Speaker Kotek and President Courtney issue
statement on legislative staff union vote**

SALEM – House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney today issued the following statement in response to the vote by legislative staff members to unionize:

“We are committed to supporting the needs of the Legislature’s dedicated staff. The people’s work could not be done without them. Today, Oregon legislative aides took the historic step of becoming the first union of legislative staff in the country. We respect their decision, hear their voices and look forward to bargaining in good faith with their new union.”

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Desk of Senator Boquist