

## **Jeff Golden (D-Rogue Valley) to remain in State Senate**

When people ask for advice on running for a particular office, I have only one thing to say: **make sure you really want the job**. Campaign races are studded with rough and discouraging moments, and you won't enjoy the process—or, probably, win—if you don't have fire in your belly to serve.

In recent weeks I've been close to ignoring my own advice. A few dozen conversations, patient counseling from friends and long hours of reflection have brought me to a clear conclusion: more than serving as Treasurer, I want to continue working in the State Senate for stable wildfire funding, campaign finance reform and programs that grow opportunities for struggling Oregonians.

My urge to run wasn't about becoming State Treasurer as much as shining a spotlight on one message: **it's time for the Treasury to stop investing money in activities that clearly hurt Oregonians**. Fossil fuels, a primary driver of our ferocious wildfire crisis, are the obvious example. There seem to be others with business models that push housing and rental prices higher, though the secrecy shrouding much of state investment portfolio makes it difficult to know.

I've been preparing to ask many people for their valuable time and money to help me win the office of Treasurer. That's not a responsible thing to do unless I wholeheartedly want it.

I hope our next Treasurer strives to reduce investments harmful to Oregon in ways that fulfill his or her fiduciary obligation. I will actively support that effort as a State Senator and concerned citizen.

My thanks to all who have warmly encouraged me in the last few weeks.

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