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Girod moves to upper-chamber

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Former Representative sworn-in as State Senator

Salem – Senator Fred Girod (R-Lyons) was sworn-in Wednesday as the new State Senator from District 9. Oregon Supreme Court Justice Martha Lee Walters administered the oath of office to Girod in the Senate chamber. Girod replaces Senator Roger Beyer (R-Molalla) who stepped down earlier this month.

"It truly is an honor to represent the most beautiful Senate District in the state," said Girod. "I will strive to continue the legacy of Roger Beyer as I serve and represent my constituents. I am excited to get to work."

Girod's committee assignments have not yet been announced, but he plans on continuing work on the priorities he championed as a representative.

"My top priority is making sure the needs of rural Oregon are represented," said Girod. "I will continue fighting for 24/7 state police coverage and a policy that makes sense when it comes to utilizing our state and federal forest lands."

Girod was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Marion, Linn and Clackamas County commissioners to complete the remainder of Beyer's term.

Girod has owned a dentist practice in Stayton for 26 years. He graduated from Stayton High school and Oregon State University, earned his DMD from Oregon Health Sciences University and received a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University. Girod was elected to the House of Representatives in 2006. He has two children and two grandchildren.

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