



Richardson honored for health work

Rep. Dennis Richardson (R-Central Point) has been honored by the Oregon Health Forum for his health-care reform efforts during the second biennial Legislative Achievement Awards ceremony in Salem.

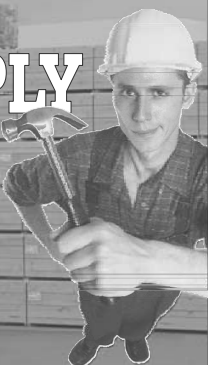
The forum noted Richardson's reputation for "asking tough questions on public policy proposals" to ensure the adequacy and stability of Oregon's budget and health-care programs. As part of the award, a donation will be made to La Clinica del Valle Family Health Care Center in Central Point on behalf of Richardson.

"I am honored to be recognized by the Oregon Health Forum," Richardson said, "Working for greater government efficiency allows precious revenues to be focused where they can do the most good for Oregon's most needy citizens."

Richardson currently serves as vice chairman of the House Health Care Committee and vice chairman of the Health Care Access Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Senior and Disability Caucus. Previously he served as chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services, chairman of the Interim Task Force on DHS Review, and chairman of the Emergency Board Human Services Subcommittee.

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