

State Sen. Kim Thatcher announces run for District 11

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Keizer's Republican state Sen. Kim Thatcher announced Monday, Jan. 9 that she will running for election in the newly drawn District 11.

"The last few years have shed light on the true consequences of run-away government overreach. Problems facing Oregon families continue to get worse, while Portland politicians continue to push their radical agenda," Thatcher said in a statement. "Salem needs balance, I look forward to bringing my message to my current constituents and my new neighbors in the Woodburn and Salem area."

Thatcher has served as the senator for District 13 since 2015 and was a state representative for 10 years before that. She also ran for secretary of state in 2020, losing to Shemia Fagan.

As a result of redistricting earlier this year, Keizer, where Thatcher lives, was moved from Senate District 13 to District 11. The newly drawn District 11 includes the I-5 corridor from Keizer to Woodburn as well as part of Salem.

Thatcher's press release said that she planned on introducing legislation in the upcoming session that would require school districts to post education plans

and curriculum on a publicly available website.

"This legislation is about putting parents in the driver seat of their children's education and making local government more transparent and accountable to them. Parents deserve to know what is going on in their children's classrooms," Thatcher said.

Thatcher has been a strong opponent of vaccine mandates, and in June of last year, she introduced a bill that would have prohibited public and private entities from denying services based on COVID-19 vaccination status.

In September of 2021, Thatcher joined 138 other Republican state legislators from multiple states in signing a letter that called for a 50-state audit of the 2020 election. In an interview with the Keizertimes, Thatcher said that if "every fraudulent claim" from the 2020 election were investigated, "Americans would not have a reason to doubt who is sitting in the Oval Office."

Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, the state's longest-serving lawmaker, has been the state senator for District 11 since 2003. Courtney announced in a text message to colleagues last week that he would be retiring.



State Sen. Kim Thatcher at the Keizer at the KeizerFEST Parade in 2019.

File photo.

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Cat of the Week

Name: MISSILY
Age: 12

HISTORY: Missily is a domestic shorthair mix. She is currently in foster care and her information can be found at sfof.org

PREFERRED HOME: This cat is shy and needs a patient owner. Missily prefers a quiet home with no dogs or kids under 15.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: Enchanted Oaks land acquisition to protect fish and wildlife in western Oregon

The Bonneville Power Administration is working with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde to acquire a 467-acre property located about five miles south of Salem in Marion County, Oregon. When the purchase is complete, the CTGR would own and manage the property for conservation purposes, and the United States government, through BPA, would hold a conservation easement to ensure permanent protection of the habitat on the property.

BPA would fund the acquisition of this property to satisfy some of BPA's commitments made in the 2010 "Willamette River Basin Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Wildlife Habitat Protection and Enhancement between the State of Oregon and the Bonneville Power Administration."

Information describing BPA's environmental review requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act is available at www.bpa.gov/efw/Analysis/CategoricalExclusions/Pages/2021.aspx. A map and fact sheet mailed to local area landowners will be available at www.bpa.gov/efw/FishWildlife/Land/Pages/Land-Acquisition-Announcements.aspx, BPA's Land Acquisition Announcements page, once the transaction closes.

For more information, call BPA project manager Tori Bohlen at 503-230-3506, or email vlbohlen@bpa.gov. You can also call the BPA Communications department toll-free at 800-622-4519; please refer to the Enchanted Oaks land acquisition.

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