

Lawmaker Backs Schools in Budget Fight

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Supporting schools is the priority for a northeast Portland lawmaker who will soon go back to Salem to fix a state budget deficit.

Rep. Jackie Dingfelder said schools already require more than 50 percent of the state's general fund and it won't be easy to cut budgets without hurting kids. She said important health and human services and public safety programs make up much of the other expenses of state government.

The Oregon Legislature has been called into special session in the new year to make up a \$700 million budget shortfall.

Dingfelder, a Democrat, received her introduction in the Legislature last spring, when she was appointed to her post upon the resignation of former State Rep. JoAnn Bowman.

She feels her priorities match those of Bowman, a popular voice for minorities and people who are under-represented in state government.

Dingfelder says she will look at compromises when it comes to budget solutions.

She doesn't want to eliminate programs that help schools, kids and crime prevention because they save money in the long run.

She said she would consider raising taxes on a temporary basis to help balance the budget.



Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, northeast Portland's newest lawmaker, wants to make sure schools don't come up short when the Legislature meets in special session in the new year.

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Kafoury Files For Re-Election

Northeast legislator focuses on economy and helping families

Saying that she hoped to remain north and northeast Portland's voice in the legislature, Rep. Deborah Kafoury, filed Friday to run for a third term in the Oregon House of Representatives.

"I am proud of the work that I accomplished during the past two legislative sessions, including additional support for domestic violence prevention, restoring funding for Oregon Project Independence, making a college education more affordable for working families and providing an additional six months of unemployment benefits to certain workers dislocated by the economy," Kafoury said.

The Democrat said lawmakers must turn their attention to expanding the state's struggling economy by expand-



Rep. Deborah Kafoury

ing jobs.

"I plan to focus on helping businesses avoid further layoffs, helping communities by creating more jobs and helping families who are struggling under unemployment," she said.

In July, Kafoury was elected as the House Democratic Leader. She will lead the legislative and political efforts of 28 House Democrats over the 18-month legislative interim.

Kafoury is currently serving her second term representing North and Northeast Portland in the state legislature. She represents the newly-formed House District 43, which was House District 18 before the Secretary of State shifted legislative district boundaries to reflect population changes.

Making Joy for Kids



Eight-year-old Tara Danielle Brigs delivers presents to Dawne Duncan of Emanuel Children's Hospital. The northeast Portland girl was able to start a toy drive at her church that resulted in enough presents for every child at the hospital.

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Tara Danielle Brigs played Santa's little helper when the 8-year-old organized a toy drive for every child at Emanuel Children's Hospital.

Tara's selfless act of kindness was taken to heart by family, friends and members of the Highland United Church of Christ in northeast Portland, under the leadership of Rev. W.

G. Hardy Jr. She accomplished her goal of 160 toy donations by making phone calls and sending emails urging support. When asked, "why do you need 160 toys?" Her reply was that this hospital has 155 beds and she wanted to make sure that every child received a gift. Congratulations, Tara!

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Tri-Met is also encouraging people to use public transportation to the celebration at Pioneer Courthouse Square on New Year's Eve.

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