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Kristen Leonard Returns to Port of Portland as Chief Public Affairs Officer

The Port of Portland announced today that Kristen Leonard will return to the Port as chief public affairs officer on Feb. 27, 2017. Kristen left the Port in November 2015 to serve as Governor Kate Brown’s chief of staff. During this time, Bobbi Stedman, the Port’s chief human resources officer, also served as chief public affairs officer.

Executive Director Bill Wyatt said, “Kristen is a highly qualified, talented leader and has extensive expertise on critical issues for the Port of Portland. We are glad she was able to serve the Governor over the last year and we look forward to getting her back on board.”

Kristen joined the Port to lead public affairs in July 2014. Previously, she advised clients on communications and public affairs. Leonard was the co-founder of C&E Systems, a Portland-based company specializing in government relations, financial services, and software development.

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