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National Academy taps Oregon's benefit boards administrator
Joan Kapowich will serve three-year term help, steer state health policies

Salem—The National Academy for State Health Policy has tapped a state administrator to serve on its national health policy committee, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) announced Friday.

Joan Kapowich—administrator of Oregon's benefit boards for public employees and education-system employees—will serve a three-year term on the Academy's Health System Performance and Public Health Steering Committee.

The academy selected Kapowich for her expertise and leadership in state health policy. She will help the steering committee develop and manage projects that advance innovative state health policies.

“Joan is an excellent choice to serve on this committee,” said Kris Kautz, DAS deputy director. “She has an outstanding record of keeping costs down for public employees' health insurance while providing excellent care. I know she will use her knowledge to help fashion state health policies across the nation.”

Kapowich will continue to administer the Public Employees' Benefit Board and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board. The two boards annually contract for a combined \$1.2 billion in healthcare benefits for employees of Oregon state agencies, universities, education service districts, community colleges and K-12 school systems.