

Smith to Lead Workforce Panel During Dorchester Conference

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State Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) has been selected to lead a panel on workforce development and apprenticeships at the Dorchester Conference on Saturday, April 27 at Mt. Hood Resort in Welches.



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Smith will facilitate the discussion focused on enhancing apprenticeship opportunities to strengthen Oregon's workforce.

Smith will lead a discussion with esteemed experts, including:

- Tricia Mooney, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hermiston School District
- Jimbo Anderson, Business Manager, Operating Engineers Local 701
- Todd Mustard, Chapter Manager, National Electrical Contractors Association

- Michelle Fussell, State/Local Government Relations, Ironworkers Local 29
- Jed Hartley, MBA, Director of Training and Development

Mooney is currently spearheading the development of the Columbia Basin Apprenticeship Center. The discussion will delve into successful strategies for integrating apprenticeship programs within public and private sectors, highlighting the critical role of partnerships in fostering a skilled workforce that can meet the evolving demands of the economy.

“It is an honor to lead this important discussion at the Dorchester Conference,” Smith said.

“Apprenticeships are crucial for building a skilled workforce and supporting sustainable economic growth. I look forward to sharing insights and strategies that can help expand these opportunities statewide.”

The invite-only Dorchester Conference is the oldest annual political conference in the U.S. and provides a unique platform for policymakers, industry leaders, and educators to collaborate and discuss pressing issues facing our communities today. This panel is expected to offer valuable perspectives and actionable solutions to enhance workforce development initiatives across the country.

For more information about the 2024 Dorchester Conference, visit its [website](#).