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State Rep. Dirk Deaton Named Chair of House Budget Committee

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Missouri House Speaker Jon Patterson today announced the selection of State Representative Dirk Deaton, R-Noel, to serve as the chairman of the House Budget Committee for the 103rd General Assembly. Deaton, who for the last four years has served as the vice chairman of the powerful committee, will lead the House as it works to craft a multi-billion-dollar state operating budget during the 2025 legislative session.

“Representative Deaton has proven himself to be a capable steward of Missourians’ hard-earned tax dollars and a man of integrity and principle,” Speaker Patterson, R-Lee’s Summit, said. “Dirk’s experience, hard work, and leadership in the budget process during his time here in the legislature have prepared him to lead our members as they work to craft a state operating budget that works for Missouri families while ensuring that every hard-earned dollar is used wisely. I have complete confidence in his abilities and look forward to working with him in this new role.”

“His experience, hard work, and leadership in the budget process during his time here in the legislature have given him all of the skills and knowledge he will need to lead our members as they work to craft a state operating budget that works for the people of Missouri while ensuring that every hard-earned dollar is used wisely and to the maximum benefit of the state. I have complete confidence in his abilities and look forward to working with him in this new role.”

Deaton comes into the role after the Missouri General Assembly approved a state operating budget of approximately \$50 billion for Fiscal Year 2025 in the previous legislative session. As chairman of the Budget Committee, Deaton will oversee the appropriations process in the House. He will have the responsibility of filing all appropriations bills and working with his various appropriations committee chairs to craft a fiscally responsible spending plan. Once the budget bills have received House approval and moved to the Missouri Senate, Deaton will serve as the lead negotiator to maintain the budget priorities of House members.

“I want to thank Speaker Patterson for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading our budget process. I firmly believe that our goal in crafting a fiscally responsible budget should always be serving as a good steward of taxpayer dollars while protecting the interests of Missouri taxpayers. I

look forward to beginning the work with my colleagues in the House to guide our passing a responsible and balanced budget,” Deaton said.

Representative Deaton represents McDonald and Newton counties (District 159) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018 and re-elected in 2020, 2022, and 2024. For more information, contact Rep. Deaton’s office at 573-751-9801 or by email at Dirk.Deaton@House.Mo.Gov.

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