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## **Representative Smola Promoted to Ranking Member of House Ways & Means Committee**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** has been named as the ranking Republican member of the House Committee on Ways and Means in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Representative Smola was appointed to this position by House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and approved by the party caucus. The primary function of the Committee on Ways and Means is the consideration of all legislation affecting the finances of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"I am grateful to Minority Leader Jones and the members of my caucus for their trust and support," said Representative Smola. "I am honored to receive this promotion and look forward to a productive session. We have a challenging budget year that will require some tough decisions. I am eager to work with Governor Baker and his team and excited to get started."

The ranking member serves as the point person on budget and finance matters for the legislators of the minority party of the House of Representatives. The Committee on Ways and Means will begin a schedule of public hearings in March that will take the membership across the state.

"As a former Selectman and a former member of the House Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, Representative Smola has a clear understanding of the many fiscal challenges facing municipalities and the Commonwealth as a whole, and that will serve him well in his new position on the House Ways and Means Committee," said Representative Jones. "I am confident he will do an outstanding job to ensure that the state honors its local aid commitment to our cities and towns while also promoting the fiscal discipline needed to produce a responsible, balanced budget."

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