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Community Priorities Drive Democrats' Agendas in Legislative Committees This Week

House and Senate committees meet Jan. 13 to 15 on health, safety, economy, and more

SALEM, OR – While the state legislature has been out of session, Oregon Democratic Senators and Representatives have been deep in their communities, hearing directly from constituents about top priorities for strengthening safety, affordability, and prosperity in Oregon.

Those conversations are the momentum behind committee meetings that will kick off Tuesday in the State Capitol and that will set the stage for an intense short session of the legislature that begins in February. Against a backdrop of federal turbulence and disruption, Democratic legislators will convene this week to build up solutions for health care access, wildfire protection, transportation reliability, and more.

"Everywhere I go in my district and around the state, I hear from families about the issues that keep them up at night: how to afford life's necessities, stay safe from a hostile federal government, and build bright futures in an uncertain world," said **Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (E. Portland, Boring & Damascus)**. "Our committee work this week is the on-ramp ahead of a legislative session that will see bold action on these community priorities."

"This isn't a normal time. This won't be a normal short session," said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D - Tigard, Metzger, & S. Beaverton)**. "The unpredictable and irresponsible actions of the Trump Administration continue to make the job of the legislature more difficult and more important. Our work to protect all Oregonians continues during legislative meetings this week as we gear up for the start of session in February."

Committee agendas are posted at bit.ly/cmte-agendas.

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