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Majority Leader Fahey Calls for Investments to Drive Down Cost of Living and Address Homelessness Following Latest Revenue Forecast

SALEM – Today, Oregon <u>House Majority Leader Julie Fahey</u> (D-West Eugene/Junction City) issued the following statement after the release of the latest quarterly state economic and revenue forecast:

"Today's revenue forecast will allow us to invest in the critical programs and services Oregonians need to drive down the cost of living and address our state's homelessness crisis.

"For too many working families, covering monthly expenses has become a challenge. We'll fight to drive down costs by investing in affordable childcare, housing, and healthcare so that Oregonians don't have to struggle to make ends meet.

"Solving Oregon's homelessness crisis will require us to lead with compassion and invest in solutions that work. This session we support investing in a coordinated response to homelessness by partnering with local cities and counties across Oregon. We'll also look to fund programs like Project Turnkey, an innovative model that buys and turns hotels, motels and other buildings into shelter and supportive housing units. "Right now we have the means and the vision to help Oregonians and tackle some of our state's biggest challenges. I stand committed to a robust, equitable recovery that reaches every corner of the state."

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