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COVID-19, Wildfire Relief for Oregonians Clear Third Special Session

Extension of eviction moratorium, restaurant relief among legislation

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Legislature reconvened today to provide critical relief to Oregonians still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and dealing with the recovery from destructive wildfires that burned earlier this year.

Legislation passed includes:

- [House Bill 4401](#) – An extension of the eviction moratorium and creation of a \$200 million fund to support small landlords and tenants.
- [Senate Bill 1801](#) – a relief package for independent restaurants throughout the state.
- [\\$600 million to support additional COVID-19 and wildfire recovery.](#)
- [House Bill 4402](#) – legislation to incentivize schools, administrators, and teachers to follow health directives and best practices.

House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland) issued the following statement:

“For the Oregonians who are worried about whether or not they will have a safe place to call home, for the independent restaurant owners who are working to keep their doors open, for the individuals in desperate need of support during the multitude of crises we face, today’s special session will hopefully provide some measure of relief.

“I hear from people every day who are struggling to get through this pandemic. People are scared and angry. And we know BIPOC communities and low-income individuals are disproportionately feeling the impacts. There is a lot more work to be done to ensure everyone is able to recover. In order to do that, we must all come together. And we must make clear that we will not be bullied by a few extremists who brought their hate and violence to the Capitol today.

“Oregon House Democrats are ready to get back to work next month when the legislature reconvenes to continue making desperately needed progress for our neighbors.”

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