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Statement on the December Economic and Revenue Forecast from House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland) issued the following statement on the release of the December Economic and Revenue Forecast:

“We are reminded today how tenuous our state’s recovery is as COVID-19 cases surge in every corner of Oregon. While there are positive signs in here, as we have heard time and again from our state’s economists, it is critical for our economic recovery that we get this pandemic under control. I applaud Gov. Brown for taking decisive action to keep Oregonians safe and healthy.

“I’ve been dismayed at Republicans across the state calling for individuals to defy public health protocols. We all want to be able to go about our lives as they were before the pandemic, but that cannot happen if individuals refuse to do their part to slow the spread of this virus. We desperately need our Republican colleagues to join us and start taking this pandemic seriously. This isn’t about politics – it’s about peoples’ lives and livelihoods. As we have seen in places like Iowa and North Dakota, prematurely reopening the state would be wildly irresponsible and have deadly consequences.

“As we have from the start of this tumultuous year, Oregon House Democrats remain committed to standing up for every Oregonian, prioritizing funding for critical programs and services people are counting on, ensuring historically marginalized communities in this state are not yet again sidelined in the next economic recovery, and helping all those affected by wildfires and the COVID-19 crisis recover.”

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