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### **House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner Statement on Third Special Session**

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland) issued the following statement after Gov. Kate Brown called a third special session:

“I want to thank Gov. Brown, House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney for their work to pull this special session together. Extending the eviction moratorium and providing support for small landlords, helping independent restaurants throughout our state, passing protections for our local school districts and adding \$600 million for urgent COVID-19 and wildfire relief are all important steps in ensuring struggling families can weather this ongoing crisis until the legislature convenes in January.

“It is no secret that House Democrats have proposed a number of other urgently needed COVID relief bills. While I’m disappointed we won’t be able to consider them all in this special session, we stand ready to pass these supports quickly during the 2021 legislative session.

“Furthermore, while our preference would have been to have a remote session, we acknowledge that like so many Oregonians who are working through this pandemic, legislators have an essential duty to show up when our neighbors need it most. I am confident that robust safety protocols will be in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone.”

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