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Statement by House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson on the September Revenue Forecast

"Today's Revenue Forecast shows that Oregon is on a stable economic path. Combined with responsible budgeting and setting aside adequate reserve funds, the legislature's investments in critical services like K-12 schools, higher education, and health care will be protected going forward.

"While we know we have a long way to go to get to the funding levels we all know we need for our schools, the historic \$7.4 billion budget we passed for the 2015-17 school year will help districts add back school days and hire teachers, fund all-day kindergarten, boost support for high-cost disability students and English Language Learners, and ensure that all low-income students get a chance to eat lunch.

"Today's news means we can continue building on these investments so we can give Oregon students the education they deserve."

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