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**Statement from House Republican Leader Christine Drahan on
Emergency Board Actions**

SALEM, Ore. – Today the Joint Emergency Board met virtually with plans to allocate nearly \$32.5 million in funding to address needs across the state due to COVID-19. House Republican Leader Christine Drahan (R-Canby), who serves on the committee, released the following statement:

“I was pleased to see the legislature take bipartisan action to provide much needed support for domestic violence survivors, small businesses and frontline home health care workers. While loans that are targeted to certain businesses were approved, the state has not done enough—and should do more—to support job retention and family stability.

When Main Street businesses come to the legislature detailing layoffs and asking for relief to keep employees on payroll, the legislature should act quickly to temporarily smooth payments, reduce taxes and offer regulatory relief. Direct support of Oregonians is valuable and necessary, but it is the long-term stability that comes from holding onto a job that keeps the stress and fear of this economic crisis from taking over a heart and a home. We cannot ignore the value of a balanced approach in responding to this crisis. Investments in Oregon businesses are investments in the lives of Oregonians.”

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