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Legislative Leadership Calls for Special Session to Address COVID-19

Democrats and Republicans are working together to respond to crisis

SALEM, Ore. – Top Democratic and Republican leaders of the Oregon Legislature released the following statement in response to the coronavirus pandemic:

“We recognize the urgent and wide-ranging needs facing Oregonians as the worldwide coronavirus pandemic continues to develop. The Legislature will return for a special session as soon as we have an emergency response package that will address the statewide impacts on families, workers and businesses. The Special Joint Committee on Coronavirus Response will hold its first meeting on Wednesday.

“This is an uneasy time. Democrats and Republicans here in Oregon are working together to keep all of our communities safe. We must take care of each other and we must do all we can to save lives, reduce the spread of the disease, and build greater supports for workers and families.”

House Speaker Tina Kotek (D – Portland)
House Democratic Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D – Portland)
House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R – Canby)
Senate President Peter Courtney (D – Salem)
Senate Democratic Leader Ginny Burdick (D – Portland)

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