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House Speaker Tina Kotek on Governor Brown’s call for a special session

“I support the Governor’s call for a special session next week to address coronavirus relief and police accountability reforms.

“Oregonians need more support to address the economic fallout of the pandemic, including housing protections. And, across the state, we’ve seen the public take to the streets for weeks demanding police accountability reforms to address the tragic prevalence of police brutality and racial injustice in our society.

“These issues demand urgency.

“The state’s budget shortfall must also be addressed soon, although my hope is the federal government will pass another coronavirus relief package to help state and local governments before the Legislature convenes to rebalance the budget.

“Legislative leadership is working with public health officials to ensure safety of all members and essential staff that convene in the Capitol for a special session.”

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