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Legislature Approves Infrastructure Project in Springfield Rep. John Lively Worked to Secure

Salem, Ore. – The Oregon Legislature passed Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package, a historic housing package to build more housing, bring down housing costs, and house more Oregonians. The package included three bills, <u>SB 1530</u>, <u>SB 1537</u>, and <u>HB 4134</u> and included \$94.2 million for shovel ready infrastructure projects across the state. One of the projects on the list is \$3 million to extend the Glenwood sewer main line to unlock land previously unable to be developed.

"This extension is essential for the growth and development of Glenwood," said **Rep. John Lively (D-Springfield)**, one of few legislators who also served as Mayor and knows what it means for cities like Springfield to get support like this from the legislature. "I am proud to have worked on this bipartisan package and support these important investments in infrastructure and housing on all levels."

The extension of the Glenwood Sewer main line is the start of a 30-acre housing development project that will eventually accommodate a density of 50 units per acre. At least 80 of the units will be affordable housing.

Lively worked with local leaders to identify this project, worked with other legislators to demonstrate how important it was, and brought the money home to the district.

"Glenwood is an economic and housing priority for the City of Springfield. The money will help us continue to invest and develop the area. Thank you, John, for your advocacy of Springfield's priorities and looking for practical investments in infrastructure that will improve this community," said Springfield Mayor Sean VanGordon.

The Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package passed the House and Senate with bipartisan support and will be signed into law by the Governor. Lively will work with local leaders to ensure the effective implementation and planning of infrastructure work.