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Senate President Pro Tempore James Manning Statement on the Accomplishments of the 2022 Legislative Session

EUGENE – On Friday, March 4, Oregon’s 81st Legislative Assembly adjourned the 2022 Legislative Session. [Senate President Pro Tempore James Manning](#) (D-Eugene) made the following statement on his accomplishments from the 2022 Legislative Session,

“I’m proud of the work we accomplished during the 2022 Legislative Session. We moved legislation that will address homelessness by helping Oregonians into safe and stable housing. We passed bills that will help kids and teachers do their best in Oregon’s public schools. We advanced policy and investments to keep Oregonians safe and help law enforcement do their jobs effectively, and much, much more.”

“Homelessness and the lack of affordable housing are issues that affect too many communities across Oregon. That’s why I joined with my Senate Democratic colleagues to provide an immediate, coordinated response to reduce homelessness and address the affordable housing crisis by passing a \$400 million investment package. We also passed legislation that will fund local governments and nonprofits who will be able to nimbly and effectively create a homeless response system. There’s more work ahead to make sure all Oregonians have safe, stable housing, and I look forward to continuing to meet those challenges moving forward.”

“I know times are tough, so as we entered the 2022 Legislative Session, we took action to strengthen the economy, support small businesses and bring down the cost of living. This meant investing in skills training, helping folks find good paying jobs, reducing barriers to people starting small businesses and addressing areas to drive down costs for everyday Oregonians. We passed Future Ready Oregon, a \$200 million program to invest in skills training in targeted areas to help Oregonians find rewarding career pathways. I also joined with my Democratic colleagues and spearheaded a \$100 million investment to expand access to affordable child care and help Oregon’s child care workforce. For too many families, covering monthly and even daily expenses like rent and childcare have become

a challenge, so we made targeted investments to drive down the cost of everyday necessities that eat up the largest portion of Oregonian's paychecks."

"We also had many successes improving and investing in public education. We moved a \$100 million package of investments to assist with recruiting and retaining education staff, providing schools with the support they need to overcome teacher burnout and shortages. We also worked to make sure that school environments are free and safe from intimidation and harassment by passing legislation to preserve stability in school district leadership. Giving our teachers, staff and administrators the tools they need to be successful is critical to helping schools stay open for in-person learning five days a week because it's what's best for kids and families. "

"We moved forward on legislation to help reduce crime, restore trust and improve public safety in communities around the state. We know communities need police to be able to focus on preventing and solving crimes, especially violent crimes. That's why I carried legislation to reduce traffic stops that can be dangerous for both police and motorists, while improving law enforcement best practices and distributing funding to culturally specific, community-based organizations. Our accomplishments also include smart investments in public safety, including violence prevention, public clean-up efforts, crime victim support and more."

"Last, but not least, I took action to help preserve Oregon's natural spaces and conserve resources. I put forward legislation to establish a mattress stewardship program to collect and manage discarded mattresses. Currently, it is difficult for Oregonians to dispose of old mattresses, leaving most to end up in landfills or worse, on the side of the road. This measure is an excellent opportunity to reduce waste, as well as employ up to 100 Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities to assist with the recycling process."

"I'm honored to have had the chance to do this work during the 2022 Legislative Session, and ready to continue representing our community throughout the year. We have many challenges ahead and I'm confident that we've set the groundwork to continue to lead towards a better future for all Oregonians."

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