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## **\$100 Million Rural Oregon Infrastructure Package Unites Legislature**

*Bipartisan Investments to Support Local Economies Across the State*

SALEM – In a historic marker of bipartisan collaboration, the Oregon Legislature is on track to approve a \$100 million investment package to support infrastructure projects and economic development in rural Oregon for many years to come.

A bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators is developing recommendations to address urgent infrastructure and economic development needs facing their communities. The workgroup includes legislators representing the Coast, Mid-Willamette Valley, Central Oregon, Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon, and Northeastern Oregon. These investments will create jobs across the state while supporting Main Street economies and the small businesses that make up the backbone of Oregon’s economy.

“It’s a good day when Republicans and Democrats can come together for the good of all Oregonians,” said Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend). “This money will help move forward important public projects throughout Oregon.”

“These will be transformational investments to improve rural communities for generations and create hundreds of good paying jobs,” Rep. David Gomberg (D-Central Coast) said. “As our infrastructure ages, small town are looking at big price tags to replace or repair water and sewer

systems, bridges, and public buildings. Now with the state's help and federal dollars on the way, we can bring lasting change to rural communities across our state.”

House Speaker Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) and Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) have prioritized funding for these projects, in addition to investments made in every community across Oregon, including affordable housing, education, behavioral health, and more.

More details of the investment package will be available in the final week of the 2022 legislative session.

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