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### **Statement on Governor Kotek's Recommended Budget**

*Senate will work with Governor and all members to address urgent needs, pursue efficiency, achieve a balanced budget*

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, Senate President Rob Wagner and Ways and Means Co-Chair Senator Elizabeth Steiner released the following statements in response to Governor Tina Kotek's recommended budget for the 2023-2025 biennium:

"I truly appreciate the Governor using her recommended budget to directly address our most urgent needs, especially fixing the housing and homelessness crisis, keeping Oregon communities safe, and stabilizing our economy. We take these recommendations seriously, and we will work with the Governor and our Republican colleagues to pass a balanced budget that makes Oregon work for everyone," **said Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego).**

"We are facing a complex budget year that will require us to make some hard choices. I am glad we are aligned with the Governor on the priorities that must be protected as we work to craft a balanced budget that funds the programs Oregonians urgently need while consolidating where we can to make sure the state is running effectively and efficiently," **said Ways and Means Co-Chair Senator Elizabeth Steiner (D-Portland).**

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