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Statement by Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick on settlement with Bureau of Labor and Industries

SALEM – Oregon Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, released the following statement today regarding release of the Bureau of Labor and Industries settlement:

"Discrimination and harassment have no place at the Oregon State Capitol. Our workplace must be an environment where Oregonians of all backgrounds can come together to participate in their government. As co-chair of the Capitol Culture Committee, I am working hard with a bipartisan group of colleagues to improve our workplace by enacting the recommendations of the Oregon Law Commission Work Group's report. Our new laws and rules will make the Capitol more inclusive, equitable and accountable."

"But the changes we make this session must go beyond legislation and rules. The work group's report emphasized one key point: 'The strongest policy imaginable will ultimately be ineffective unless and until there is a genuine and sustained effort to change the Capitol culture.'"

The Senate Democrats will continue working at all levels for the culture change that Oregonians deserve in their State Capitol.

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