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Statement by Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick on 2018 Legislative Session Sine Die

SALEM – Oregon Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, released the following statement today regarding Sine Die of the 2018 Session of the Oregon Legislature:

“This session we were able to do exactly what Oregonians sent us here to do. We fixed parts of the state tax code in response to federal changes late last year that affected Oregon’s budget. We protected education, health care and public safety from those federal impacts. We also helped small businesses by establishing a loan program to help them get the capital they need to grow, thrive and put Oregonians to work.

We also strengthened the state’s gun laws by closing the intimate partner and stalker loopholes. In a short time, we made significant progress on big picture priorities for future sessions. Perhaps most notable among those is the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. We are looking forward to continuing that work toward a bill that makes sense for all of Oregon; lowering carbon emissions and creating a stronger clean energy economy.

We also will continue working on improving our state’s education system, through the work of the Joint Committee on Student Success. We accomplished a lot for 35 days, and we’ve begun setting the groundwork for a productive 2019.”

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