



## **SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE**

Oregon State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon

### **PRESS RELEASE**

September 23, 2020

CONTACT: Amanda Kraus, 503-986-1074

[Amanda.Kraus@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Amanda.Kraus@oregonlegislature.gov)

### **Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner Statement on the September Revenue Forecast**

SALEM – This morning, the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue met jointly with the House Committee on Revenue to hear the September Revenue Forecast. Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) released this statement in response:

“Oregon’s economy remains in a difficult place. The COVID-19 public health emergency has caused extraordinary difficulties for families and our economy. In addition, Oregonians have been devastated by a tragic wildfire season that is not over yet. It’s clear that Oregon still faces great challenges ahead.

“I am heartened to see the strides Oregon has made toward economic recovery. Because of COVID-19, our state’s economic health is intrinsically tied to our public health. That’s why it is critical that we all do what we can to follow health and safety recommendations and prevent a surge in COVID-19 infections.

“I know we have tough decisions ahead. I will prioritize the preservation of vital services for our most vulnerable Oregonians as well as equity in service delivery. Because Democrats have worked to make prudent investments in reserve funds, we have been able to maintain the critical resources and services that Oregonians everywhere rely on.

“I continue to be disappointed by Congressional inaction and their failure to provide further pandemic relief to individuals and states. State and local financial support would help our efforts to keep Oregonians housed, safe and able to access health care. That need is even more urgent as wildfires have exacerbated this public health crisis and Oregonians across the state have lost their homes and livelihoods.

“As we address our many challenges ahead, I am committed to working with my colleagues to do what’s right for Oregon – the safety and well-being of our people, and the health of our economy. Together, we will make it through.”

###