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Senate Majority Leader Statement on Emergency Board Action to Provide Pandemic, Wildfires and Economic Support

SALEM – Today the Legislative Emergency Board met and approved funds to support vulnerable communities in Oregon. Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) issued the following statement in response:

“Ongoing and overlapping emergencies in Oregon have had a disproportionate impact on our marginalized and underserved communities.

“The action by the Emergency Board today will directly support some of our most vulnerable community members. We added funds to the Worker Relief Fund, which supports Oregonians that the federal government deliberately left out from accessing relief dollars. We have a plan to provide housing to our growing houseless population by investing responsibly in existing facilities. We also approved measures to make certain we maximize FEMA dollars and we granted funding for additional testing capacity in locations with increased spread of COVID-19.

“As Congress returns following the election, I again call on the federal government to take further action to approve emergency relief funding for states and local governments. We need those funds now to ensure we can maintain vital services Oregonians everywhere rely on.”

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