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### **Senate Majority Leader Statement on Emergency Board Support in Response to Wildfire Devastation**

SALEM – Today, during the Legislative Emergency Board meeting, Senate Democrats approved funds to support displaced victims of Oregon’s devastating wildfire season and address wildfire fighting costs. In response to the Emergency Board action, Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) issued the following statement:

“Wildfires this year have caused devastation like none we have witnessed before in our state. We have seen a tragic loss of life, homes and livelihoods due to this extreme climate event. Today, the Emergency Board took action to help the Department of Forestry manage fires and protect lives. Our emergency responders continue to provide vital and selfless support to individuals and families across our state and these additional funds from the Emergency Board will assist in those efforts.

“We know low-income Oregonians are hit the hardest when emergencies or disasters occur in our state. The funds allocated today to the Wildfire Damage Housing Program will assist low-income individuals who lost their homes due to the incredibly destructive wildfires across Oregon.

“Oregon’s recovery from this devastation will take time and further support from local, state and federal government. I am grateful for the assistance we have been granted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency thus far, and I appreciate the Senate President and the Speaker of the House including these urgent allocations among today’s Emergency Board actions.”

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