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Senate Majority Leader Wagner Statement on Third Special Session to Address Oregonians' Needs

SALEM – Today, Governor Kate Brown announced that she will call an emergency Special Session of the Legislative Assembly on December 21, 2020. Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) released the following statement:

"Senate Democrats will answer the Governor's call for action. We will work together to aid Oregonians as our state faces the most challenging months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We must act now to provide shelter and safety for countless Oregonians by extending the moratorium on tenant evictions into next year. We will vote to provide economic relief for small businesses and restaurants. We will allocate funds for the Emergency Board to authorize payments for urgent services and respond to the ongoing public health and economic crises caused by COVID-19.

"It is inexcusable and reprehensible that the federal government has not passed COVID-19 support – or any relief funds – since March. Federal action is long overdue, and I renew my consistent calls to action for the Republican-led U.S. Senate to find whatever motivation it needs to simply do its job and come to the assistance of Oregonians and people across our great nation."

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