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Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick Comments on June Revenue Forecast

SALEM – This morning, the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue met jointly with the House Committee on Revenue to hear the June Revenue Forecast. Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick (D-Portland) released this statement in response:

“There is no doubt that Oregon’s economy is in a difficult place. COVID-19 has caused economic fallout at the local, state and national levels. Individuals and families face a great deal of uncertainty. As we consider the challenges ahead due to this public health crisis, it is prudent that we focus on funding for the critical services Oregonians depend on.

“As the Legislature works through difficult budget decisions it is important that we prioritize investments in the education of our children, the health and safety of Oregonians across our state and the resources and programs necessary to help pull our state out of this public health and economic crisis.

“In recent years, Democratic leadership has prioritized substantial investment in our reserve funds. This means our state will be well-positioned to maintain many of the resources individuals and families across Oregon deserve and rely on. Those careful budgeting decisions must continue going forward.

“Oregon will also need federal support. Some small businesses and families have received funds to help them stay afloat a little longer, but the economic impact of this crisis will be lasting. Additional funds would help ensure our budget reductions go no farther than absolutely necessary while maintaining our vital emergency dollars.

“We knew tough news was coming and I am grateful for the prudent financial decisions we have made, which will help lift Oregon through this crisis. There are extensive challenges ahead as we begin down the lengthy road to recovery. My colleagues and I are dedicated to making certain our state will not only weather this crisis but will come out stronger.”

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