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Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner Statement on the December Revenue Forecast

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

“Oregonians have been hit hard. Our challenges are ongoing, and the months ahead will be some of our most difficult yet.

“Our state continues to rebuild and repair from wildfire devastation and face uncertainty as we navigate through the COVID-19 crisis. While it is heartening to see an increase in our revenue forecast, our recovery – and our ability to get Oregonians back to work – is tied to the public health of our state and our communities. Doing all we can to protect ourselves and our community is critical.

“We also cannot deny the disparate impact COVID-19 and the corresponding recession has had on low income Oregonians and marginalized populations. We must prioritize their needs as we work toward recovery and do everything possible to retain vital services and equitable delivery of those services.

“Congress needs to put the needs of the American people at the top of their to do list immediately. With federal assistance, we can adequately respond to this public health emergency and deliver financial lifelines for Oregonians in every corner of our state.”

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