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Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner's Statement on Emergency Board Action to Further Support Oregonians amid COVID-19 Pandemic

SALEM – Today, the Joint Emergency Board convened in a virtual meeting in order to approve additional funding to support Oregonians during the coronavirus pandemic. The Emergency Board approved over \$247 million in funds to support the greatest needs of Oregonians. Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) issued the following statement in response:

“Oregonians are struggling and need all the help we can give. Today, the Emergency Board allocated critical funds to support individuals and families throughout the state. I am grateful for the thoughtful and targeted decisions they made to send resources where they are needed most. I know this is just a portion of the assistance Oregonians need to get through this crisis. I continue to support the call for federal relief in order to maintain the resources Oregonians everywhere rely on.

“The public health crisis has deepened and exacerbated inequities in our systems, and we must make certain that this knowledge guides the decisions and investments we make on the path to recovery. By allocating specific resources to housing, victims of domestic and sexual violence and to individuals who may not otherwise qualify for pandemic-related assistance we are following through on our commitment to thoughtful and deliberate action.

“We have a lot more work to do and a long road ahead. Today, we took an important step forward.”

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