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Senate Majority Leader Statement on the Close of the Third Special Session of 2020

SALEM – Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) issued the following statement on the adjournment sine die of the Third Special Session of 2020:

“I am proud that Oregon’s leaders came together today to pass urgently needed policies to support individuals and families across Oregon.

“As we close out this historically challenging year, Senate Democrats have been unwavering in their commitment to Oregonians. Today, we ensured thousands of Oregonians stay housed, and provided support to landlords who are also challenged by the sweeping impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

“We also voted to allow restaurants to expand their business by authorizing additional pick-up and delivery options during the pandemic. Our restaurants have innovated to overcome the ever-changing realities of the pandemic. I’m hopeful our actions today will help them withstand this ongoing challenge while we all work to defeat COVID-19.

“Senate Democrats voted to restock Oregon’s Emergency Fund so we can continue to respond to developments during the COVID-19 emergency as well as wildfire recovery. The COVID-19 crisis and devastating wildfires have made more and more apparent existing inequities in our state, and we must continue to keep equity at the forefront of our actions as we go into the new year and continue to rebuild and recover.

“I’m grateful that another federal relief bill may be coming, but there is no doubt that further support will be necessary. I remain hopeful our new presidential administration will make it a priority to support state and local governments. On behalf of the Oregon Senate Democrats, I appreciate the work of all my colleagues today and the dedication of the Oregon Senate Democrats to their communities and Oregonians everywhere.”

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