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Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner Statement on Special Session for Policy Proposals

SALEM – Today, Governor Kate Brown announced she will convene a Special Session for the Legislature to consider specific policy proposals beginning June 24, 2020. Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) issued the following statement in response:

“Senate Democrats stand ready to advance legislation on police accountability and to address the COVID-19 pandemic in next week’s special session. Let’s get to work so that we can ensure safety, fairness and justice for all Oregonians and address the struggles that individuals and families across the state are facing as a result of the pandemic.

“We have the opportunity to listen to our colleagues in the People of Color Caucus and the tens of thousands of Oregonians calling for an end to police brutality and systemic racism. We must start that work now.

“It is also clear that the Legislative Assembly can play a role in stabilizing Oregonians’ lives during this pandemic. The Legislative Coronavirus Response Committee made a comprehensive set of recommendations for helping our communities and the time has come for us to take action and deliver help.

“Oregon is also facing a significant budget shortfall as a result of our public health crisis, one which will take years to fully recover from. I continue to call for swift action on financial assistance to states from the federal government so that Oregon can protect vital public services and help Oregonians who desperately need assistance during this crisis.”

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