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## Protect Critical Services, Address Urgent Issues: Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber Responds to 2023 - 2025 Budget Framework

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Ways and Means Committee released their 2023 - 2025 Budget Framework. **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton)** issued the following statement in response, calling for the protection of critical services and smart, targeted investments in fixing the most urgent issues facing Oregon today:

"Oregon is facing a lot of uncertainty, and if we hit a rough patch, the people of Oregon will be counting on us to protect critical services and provide the security they need to weather the storm.

"We're going to make sure every dollar is used efficiently and effectively to meet those needs and make smart, targeted investments to strengthen our communities. Addressing urgent issues like affordable housing, homelessness, behavioral health, and community safety will safeguard us now and help us reach our goals in the future.

"We are confident that we can pass a fiscally responsible, balanced budget and build a better life for every Oregonian."

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