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### **Statement from Senate Majority Leader Richard Devlin on Passage of Revenue Package:**

“Today we fulfill a promise we made to the people of Oregon to fight for tax fairness and equity for our families. This legislation protects the middle class by ensuring that households making less than \$250,000 a year will not pay any additional taxes and it protects small businesses by focusing the increase on large corporations, some of which have long used loopholes to avoid paying their fair share.”

“Senate Democrats could no longer justify facing our constituents and saying ‘it’s okay for a big corporation to pay less in taxes than your family’ – while at the same time being forced to layoff teachers, slash public safety, and take away programs that help the most vulnerable.”

“Our focus all session long has been looking out for Oregonians who are struggling to make ends meet. To that end, we also passed an important provision today, included in House Bill 2649, which exempts the first \$2400 of unemployment insurance from taxes. This should help put a little more money in the pockets of out-of-work Oregonians who need to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads.”

“These bills don’t solve all of our problems, but they are part of a balanced approach to getting us through this recession and on the road to recovery. Along the way, we’re fighting for a tax system that more equitably distributes the responsibility of caring for this great state and future generations of Oregonians.”

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