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Statement from Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum

SALEM – Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum released the following statement this afternoon following the adjournment sine die of the 76th Legislative Assembly:

“Oregon Senate Democrats faced the state’s financial challenges this session with a clear set of priorities: growing jobs, protecting our children’s future, and looking out for the most vulnerable. Like most Oregonians, we understand the importance of doing more with less. This session, we took this challenge on as we worked to make Oregon a better place to own a small business and raise a family.”

“This session’s budget challenges gave us an opportunity to change the way government works for the people of Oregon. Despite tremendous obstacles, we balanced the budget, passed many jobs and economic development measures, and approved some of the most significant reforms in our state’s history. From health care to higher education to tax credits, the amount of monumental work that was completed in 153 days to improve Oregon’s future is noteworthy and commendable.”

“In tough times, we worked across the aisle while never forgetting whose side we’re on: the side of middle class Oregonians, struggling families, and our most vulnerable. Legislation like the “Cool Schools” bill, the bottle bill expansion, and the historic agreements on both legislative and congressional redistricting maps are shining examples of collaboration. At the same time, we fought for unemployment extensions, loans for small businesses, protections for homeowners, and funding for early childhood education.”

“When we return in February, Senate Democrats will maintain their commitment to improving our economy and looking out for those struggling to get ahead. We are confident of our track record this session and confident of our ability to get the job done in future sessions.”

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