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Subject: Request for elements to be included in coronavirus response legislation

Dear Senator Steiner Hayward,

I am writing to you on behalf of Mayor Denny Doyle in your role as a member of the Special Joint Committee on Coronavirus Response and a member of the Beaverton delegation, to ask that you include a few elements in the Measure 77 special session legislative package that can help local jurisdictions more effectively respond to the coronavirus pandemic and serve their communities:

- 1:1 State match for all local jurisdictions that have set up business and renter assistance programs, up to \$5 million/jurisdiction (recognizing the 30-day timeframe for deployment, per Measure 77.) Both Beaverton and Hillsboro have such programs in place, and there are likely other local jurisdictions that have or are about to launch assistance efforts.
- Flexibility in allowing local jurisdictions to reallocate prudent amounts of non-discretionary resources to our assistance programs during the emergency. For example, some jurisdictions have resources in certain enterprise funds that are not critical to supporting the enterprise and can't be accessed to help the community during the emergency.
- Emergency assistance (rent, grants or loans) to individuals and businesses made non-taxable in Oregon.

We also support previously submitted requests from local jurisdictions for flexibility from current local budget laws and land use decision processes that require public notice and hearings with the ability to testify, which could put the ability to conduct essential infrastructure services, or expend local funds past June 30 at risk.

The demands of this pandemic cover many issues and critical needs for many vulnerable populations, and local jurisdictions are trying to do their part in collaboration with the State. These elements will significantly assist in making those efforts effective.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you so much for all you are doing to help all of Oregon in these difficult times, both as a legislative leader and a health care provider. gb

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