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**HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER**

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The Honorable Tina Kotek, Speaker of the House

Speaker Kotek:

I read with interest your joint statement issued yesterday regarding the importance of passing funding bills before the constitutional end of this legislative session. The House Republican Caucus broadly agrees with the funding priorities identified in your joint statement.

I have consistently advocated for the scope of bills considered in a short session to be limited to budget bills and minor policy tweaks. The bills included in your statement meet this criteria.

Accordingly, House Republicans will provide a quorum and the rules suspensions necessary to pass these funding priorities on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, before the legislature is constitutionally required to adjourn.

Our intention is to help facilitate the passage of the priorities you specifically laid out in yesterday's statement, which include:

- Housing and Homelessness
- Wildfire and Forest Management
- Disaster Relief and Emergency Preparedness
- Behavioral Health Services and Family Support Services
- Economic Development and Local Infrastructure Support
- Public Safety and Judicial System Enhancements
- University Construction Projects

We would encourage you to include necessary funding to provide resources to support local efforts to prevent, treat and contain COVID-19 here in Oregon. I look forward to working with you on Sunday to pass these mutually agreed upon priorities and to adjourn the 2020 legislative session together.

Sincerely,

Christine Drazan  
House Republican Leader