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### **Coba's Capitol Comments**

**Governor Kate Brown** has called a special session for next Wednesday, June 24 to work on policy issues only. The main issue will be policies around police accountability, but a number of other issues are being teed up including CAT edits, super siting authority, hotel limited liability for COVID-19, virtual schools and others. The details of how the session will run are yet to be announced but may include some in-person and online legislative voting. The Capitol is not expected to be open so testimony and lobbying will be done remotely.

In mid to late July a second special session will be held to deal with budget issues. Legislative leadership continues to count on a significant federal funding package dedicated to state and local agencies that will assist in keeping key budget areas like schools, prisons and health care whole. Since the second half of the biennium begins on July 1 it is important to make the decisions as soon as possible so that potential cuts don't have to be even more drastic later in the biennium.

Yesterday the State Debt Policy Advisory Commission met to hear an update on the huge revenue shortfall from lottery gaming especially video poker since bars and taverns have been closed. The impact of the shortfall will almost certainly be a cancellation of the bond sale in the spring of 2021 for \$305 million of projects that were included in the lottery bond list at the end of the 2019 session. These projects were distributed across the state and inclusion in the lottery bond list is an extremely competitive process each session as the need far surpasses the available funds. Projects impacted include many water projects, an indoor horse arena in Pendleton, \$5 million for the Oregon Coast Aquarium and dozens of others. If the revenue ticks up by the September or November update there is a slight chance that a limited list could be funded but most likely it will be delayed until the spring of 2022 or 2023. If it is delayed, it will most likely be a new list as a new legislature will have the authority to supersede the list done by a prior legislature.

**Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward** made a very brief comment about the general obligation bonding authority of the state. She said the standard practice for Oregon has been to bond about 5 percent of the available capacity but she has learned that other states bond up to 14 percent of their capacity. Her contacts in the bond world think that with low interest rates and the great need to jump start the economy that Oregon should look to raise the 5 percent threshold and look to bond significant infrastructure projects that have been waiting for funding. ACEC will be an active participant in this issue.

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