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PRESIDENT COURTNEY RELEASES STATEMENT REGARDING SPECIAL SESSION

SALEM—Senate President Peter Courtney today released the following statement regarding the recent call by a state senator and state representative for a special session:

“This call for a special session triggers a process that could, if supported by a majority of both chambers, convene the legislature in a few weeks. We are not ready for that. I support going into special session, but only when we have a solution for the Department of Human Services budget shortfall. We want to develop a bipartisan solution, but we aren’t there yet. We know we don’t want to cut programs and services for the needy so we’re working hard to get good numbers in terms of caseload and other matters. Until we have a solution, the timing is not right to convene.”

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