



## Senator Herman Baertschiger

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### **Baertschiger: K-12 funding should have been more**

**Salem, OR** – The Senate passed the two year budget for Oregon schools on Wednesday. Senator Herman Baertschiger (R-Grants Pass) voted against the bill, saying that classrooms need more money after years of underfunding.

“We have some of the highest class sizes in the nation and bottom-tier learning outcomes because the legislature has consistently failed to give classrooms the resources they need to succeed,” said Baertschiger. “We had an opportunity to do so much more for schools this year, but this budget failed to capitalize on that opportunity.”

Baertschiger and other Senate Republicans have pushed all session for significant reforms to a broken state retirement system that is leaching money out of classrooms. Republicans pushed a budget that would have given classrooms more than \$7 billion and helped lower class sizes.

“This budget lets our schools down,” said Baertschiger. “I am deeply disappointed that partisan politics got in the way of our students and teachers.”

Baertschiger has served on several county boards and tasks forces. He and his wife have raised their two sons on a ranch west of Grants Pass. He is an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoys horseback riding and is a private pilot.

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