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Legislature approves full audit of TriMet *Oregon lawmakers call for audit of state's largest public transit agency*

TROUTDALE – Today the Oregon Senate gave final legislative approval of a bill that calls for an unprecedented audit of TriMet's operations and finances.

"This is a victory for TriMet riders," said Representative Chris Gorsek (D – Troutdale). Gorsek has been fighting for greater accountability from the public transit agency for over a decade. Now in his first term as a state legislator, Gorsek has focused his energy on increasing transparency at TriMet and improving service for public transit riders.

"I've heard so many questions and concerns about TriMet's operations and finances. This audit will finally give people the answers they deserve," Gorsek said.

TriMet has faced accusations from riders of financial mismanagement, an unresponsive governance structure, and lack of transparency. The audit by Secretary of State Kate Brown will examine and report on each of these areas and make recommendations regarding any significant issues identified during the audit.

"Passing a bill to help riders in my district has been one of my top priorities this session," said Gorsek. "This audit will provide the necessary information to improve the agency and its operations in the future."

The bill will now be sent to Governor John Kitzhaber for his signature.

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