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Fact Checking Oregon House Republican Leader Christine Drazan

SALEM, Ore. – Earlier today, the House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) led her caucus out of the Oregon Capitol, walking out on their constituents and their constitutional duty. [See below for a fact check of Rep. Drazan’s statement:](#)

Statement: “From the first day of this short session it has been clear that Governor Brown and the majority party have not had an interest in respecting the legislative process and have repeatedly refused to compromise.”

Fact: Republicans have been a respected part of the legislative process.

So far this session:

- Total Bills Passed: 59
- Number of partisan votes: 3
- Number of Republican Minority Reports Adopted: 1
- Number of bills with at least five Republican “aye” votes: 53
- Number of unanimous votes: 28
- Number of bills passed with at least one Republican Chief Sponsor: 24
- Number of bills passed with at least one Republican Co-Sponsor: 28

When Republicans asked for additional time to consider the carbon bill, House Speaker Tina Kotek created an alternate version of the bill for House Republicans to have additional hearings. Between this year and last year, there have been nearly 35 hours of public hearings on the bill, a statewide tour, and countless hours of negotiations between legislators and the Governor.

Statement: “Each and every amendment we offered on Cap and Trade in committee has been rejected.”

Fact: Republicans have played a significant role in shaping the cap and trade legislation. During the 2019 session, they helped craft the initial policy as members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, after the session they were active members of the discussions involving Gov. Kate Brown and the Senate Democrats. As has been widely reported, their ideas have significantly shaped the bill that is before the Oregon Legislature today. In fact, just two weeks ago, a Salem Reporter story titled, “New amendments to cap and trade bill borrow from Republicans, Timber Unity,” noted how much the new amendments for Senate Bill 1530 borrowed from the ideas of Republicans and Timber Unity.

Statement: “I had remained optimistic up until yesterday that a compromise could be reached. Unfortunately, our attempts to achieve a bipartisan consensus that would take into account the views of all Oregonians were denied.

Fact: Oregon House Democrats represent diverse communities in urban and rural parts of Oregon. We are committed every day to ensuring that the legislation that we pass serves the greater good of every Oregonian, regardless of their political party or where they live. Hundreds of Oregonians from across the state have weighed in on the bill, and many of those views have been incorporated.

Statement: “Oregon House Republicans are taking a stand, with working families, in opposing Cap and Trade and this rigged process. We will continue to keep all lines of communication open. I call on Governor Brown and the majority party to refer Cap and Trade to the people.”

Fact: In walking out of the legislative session, House Republicans are putting working families in jeopardy. Not only are they holding up legislation to address climate change but money and legislation to address our homeless crisis, a historic timber deal, money to fight wildfires, money for child welfare programs, money for mental health, money to prepare the state for an earthquake, legislation to help small business owners, and so much more.

Rep. Drazan herself said in the House Committee on Rules on Friday: “I think that when we legislate at the ballot box, it is not beneficial to Oregonians.”

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