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Republicans offer cost-effective PERS and Education solutions

Democrats refuse to consider legislation that will reduce escalating PERS costs

SALEM, Oregon – House Republicans today submitted bills addressing PERS reform and education priorities that were dismissed without consideration by the Democrat supermajority.

- House Joint Resolution 19 seeks to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would require the Legislature to approve public education funding before passing any other budget measure.
- House Bill 2993 would allow judges and other statewide elected officials to opt out of PERS so that they won't have conflict of interest.
- House Bill 3128 would effectively end new PERS enrollment in 2020.

"Legislative session after session, Democrats refuse to seriously address the bloated PERS debacle. Republicans, however, are committed to taking on PERS and we stand ready to work with the supermajority. Democrats have once again showed they aren't really putting the education of Oregon's children first," said House Republican Leader Rep. Carl Wilson (R-Grants Pass).