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### **House Republicans respond to latest tax and fee hike proposals from Governor Brown's PERS task force**

**Salem, Ore.** – House Republicans issued the following statement in response to the latest proposals brought forward by Governor Kate Brown's PERS task force. [OPB reported Monday](#) afternoon the proposals floated included a 10% surcharge on fees, including hunting licenses and vehicle registrations, higher beer and wine taxes, and other ideas that "could hit Oregonians in their bank accounts."

Statement from House GOP spokesman Preston Mann:

"It's unfortunate that Governor Brown's PERS task force has adopted the myth perpetuated by Democratic leadership that the most effective way to address our unfunded pension liability is through higher taxes and fees. That simply is not true. The best way to reduce our pension deficit is to require current employees to contribute their fair share toward their retirement accounts. This isn't rocket science."

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