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House Republicans join Senate Republicans in call for hiring freeze

Salem, Ore. - Today, House Republicans joined Senate Republicans in calling for a targeted state government hiring freeze. House Republicans called the move necessary as lawmakers continue their work to develop a balanced budget this session.

“The budget environment we are facing is nearly unprecedented in our state’s history,” said House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte). “We have record and growing revenues, yet Democrats are saying we do not have enough money to pay our bills. In light of this, and in light of legislative Democrats’ hesitation to move forward with significant and comprehensive structural spending reforms, Republicans are asking Governor Brown to immediately implement a targeted state employee hiring freeze. This action has the potential to save hundreds of millions of dollars, providing protection to funding for education and other core services in the process.”

“The hiring freeze should exempt positions considered critical to education, public safety and other core services that vulnerable Oregonians rely on. I hope the Governor will work together with the Legislature in good faith to implement this commonsense cost saving strategy.”

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