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## House Democrats Kill Bills Aimed At Economic Growth And Job Creation Measures Sought To Support Working Families And Local Employers

**Salem, OR** – Right before considering another costly government mandate on Oregon's employers and local shops, House Democrats voted down seven measures aimed at growing Oregon's economy, creating jobs, investing in research and development, and supporting local employers and small businesses.

On nearly party-line votes, House Democrats rejected House Republican attempts to pull common-sense measures to the floor for a vote, including House Bills 2390, 2242, 3313, 2245, 3457, 3055, and 2752. House Democrats, including House Majority Leader Val Hoyle and Representatives Paul Evans, Tobias Read and Brian Clem, sponsored several of these measures.

"House Republicans today stood with Oregon employers and local job creators by moving forward these common-sense bills to grow our economy and bring jobs into our communities," said House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte). "It's unfortunate, but not surprising, that Democrats voted down every single one of these measures as they continue to create a roadmap that destroys Oregon businesses."

The bills that House Republicans pulled to the floor today include:

- HB 2390, which creates a subtraction from federal taxable income for up to \$300 in cash dividends paid by an employer to an employee for participation in a workplace wellness program. (Failed 25-32)
- HB 2242, which establishes a personal income tax credit of \$250 per dependent child (Failed 26-31)
- HB 3313, which designates certain lands in Clackamas County for the purposes of economic development (Failed 25-32)
- <u>HB 2245</u>, which increases the crop donation tax credit so that growers are encouraged to donate additional food products to charitable organizations and food banks (Failed 26-31)
- <u>HB 3457</u>, which creates an income tax credit for investment in business that hires employees in rural areas (Failed 27-30)
- HB 3055, which directs the Legislative Revenue Office to report to the Legislature on how taxpayers use the deduction for business expenses (Failed 25-32)
- HB 2752, which increases the maximum amount of corporate excise tax credit allowed for qualified research activities (Failed 25-31)

Democrats that supported at least one of the bill pulls included Representatives Tobias Read, Brian Clem, Caddy McKeown, Shemia Fagan, Paul Evans, Carla Piluso and Susan McLain.