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House Republican Leader Statement on Oregon's role in the Removal of Klamath Dams

Salem, ORE. – Today, House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) released the following statement on the recently announced agreement to remove Klamath dams and transfer liability to Oregonians:

“It is critically important as complex water issues in the Klamath basin continue to impact tribal members, water users and stakeholders, that we don't forget all Oregonians who are depending on us to maintain a commitment to good government.

Any executive branch agreement must include protections for tax dollars currently dedicated to funding our safety net.

During this period of economic uncertainty Oregonians cannot afford to allow the governor to simply write a blank check.

This agreement has no protections against cost overruns and is being entered into within an uncertain litigious and regulatory environment, which will impact state budgets for years to come.

As discussions of the removal of additional dams continue within the Brown administration, the importance of hydropower to Oregon's economic strength and growth cannot be overstated. Hydropower remains a reliable, clean, emission-free energy source which we must not abandon.”

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