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## House Republican Leader Calls on Speaker Kotek to Allow for Public Hearings on Cap and Trade Bills

Salem, Ore. – Today, Democrats moved the House version of cap and trade, <u>House Bill</u> 4159, to the Rules Committee without a single public hearing. This comes hours after Senate Democrats dropped an 177-page amendment to their version of cap and trade, <u>SB 1530</u>. Both bills are deeply flawed proposals that would harm Oregonians across the state.

"This move denied Oregonians the opportunity to provide testimony and discuss this very complicated legislation," said House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby). "The cap and trade proposals currently in front of the legislature give unelected bureaucrats the power to raise costs for businesses and Oregon families. I am calling on Speaker Kotek to schedule public hearings on this bill to give Oregonians an opportunity to be heard."