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House Republican Leader Carl Wilson Reacts to Governor's Proposed Budget *Governor's proposal calls for spending over \$3 billion more of Oregonians' tax dollars.*

Salem, Ore. – House Republican Leader Representative Carl Wilson, (R-Grants Pass) reacted today to Governor Kate Brown's proposed budget. The Governor's proposed \$23.6 billion General Fund (\$83.5B overall) budget includes record revenues of in excess of an additional \$1 billion over the current budget as well as a challenge to the Legislature for an additional \$2 billion in spending.

Leader Wilson's statement on the Governors proposed budget:

"Despite record tax revenues to the tune of more than \$1 billion over the current budget, the Governor today 'challenged' the Legislature to spend an additional \$2 billion on top of that. This is not a challenge to the Legislature, it is a challenge to the wallets and pocketbooks of hardworking Oregonians. This is a call to drastically increase taxes on everyday Oregonians."

"Governor Brown's budget proposal is a letdown for working Oregonians and their families. Warmed-over policies that ignore the chronic waste of tax dollars, the PERS crisis, outdated housing policies, and the rising cost of living are not what Oregonians voted for this past election. The Governor and her party have complete control of the legislative process. Should they decide to use that power to reward special interests on the backs of taxpayers, House Republicans will hold them accountable. Now is not the time for a victory lap by Governor Brown paid for by seniors, working families, and small businesses. Now is the time for real leadership that will get Oregon back on the right track."

"We have a longstanding saying regarding the budget that the Governor proposes and the Legislature disposes. Oregonians should be worried that this year, the Governor proposes and the Legislature imposes massive tax increases on them."

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