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Republican Leaders on special session: Governor Brown's election-year stunt

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Gov. Brown declared an emergency and is calling lawmakers back to Salem on Monday for the first special session since 2013. So, what's the emergency?

The real "emergency" is that Brown signed Senate Bill 1528 in March, which was passed without bipartisan support. If she hadn't signed it, Oregon small business would be paying \$1 billion less in taxes. She created this "emergency" and now she's hoping to cover it up with political theater.

Brown's acting skills will be on display as she gives a small tax break (\$11 million per year) to a relatively small group of sole proprietorships, while happily pocketing more than \$230 million this biennium in taxpayer dollars that she and other Democratic lawmakers grabbed in March.

[As The Oregonian/OregonLive Editorial Board correctly pointed out](#), the governor's "epiphany" is nothing more than an election-year Hail Mary pass to stop her free-falling approval rating. We know Oregonians will see straight through this stunt.

Even though Oregon has more taxpayer dollars than ever before, Brown and Democratic lawmakers still chose to force Oregon small businesses to pay \$1 billion more under SB 1528.

If Brown really wanted to do the right thing, she'd use this special session to repeal the whole tax increase instead of giving back just \$11 million. Instead, it's like she is taking a dollar from small businesses and giving them back a dime.

The real way to help small businesses is to repeal SB 1528 and get our tax laws working for our communities that depend on those businesses. That is the real emergency. This special session is a waste of time and taxpayer money.

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