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**Senate Unanimously Passes Session's Most Bipartisan Bill**

*Senate Bill 853-A Bans Taxpayer Funded Out-of-State  
Travel Reimbursements for Government Employees*

**SALEM, Ore.** – Earlier today, the Oregon Senate unanimously passed [SB 853-A](#) – introduced by Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend) – which ends the harmful policy of reimbursing travel expenses for out-of-state, highly paid state workers at taxpayer expense. It is the only piece of legislation this session sponsored by all 30 Senators and has an impressive bipartisan list of sponsors in the House.

“It is important for us to be equitable in our policies as it relates to financial matters, and that we be sensitive to Oregon taxpayers,” **said Knopp on the Senate Floor.** “Today we get to pass the most bipartisan bill of this session. It would be great if there were other bills that follow suit having such consensus and collaboration. I appreciate [my colleagues] for signing on.”

[SB 853-A](#), now awaiting its first reading in the House, is part of the Senate Republican Caucus's [Equitable Oregon](#) agenda. It can be found under ‘Promoting Freedom & Prosperity for All Oregonians’.

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SB 853 A

Knopp

3rd Reading

Yea 29

Nay 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

ANDERSON

FREDERICK

HAYDEN

MEEK

STEINER

BONHAM

GELSER BLOUNT

JAMA

PATTERSON

TAYLOR

BOQUIST

GIROD

KNOPP

PROZANSKI

THATCHER

CAMPOS

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