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Deputy Leader Tim Knopp making strides this session

SALEM, Ore.-Today, Senate Republican Deputy Leader Tim Knopp is making tremendous progress this session with another series of bills receiving public hearing.

"Senate Republicans are making progress on advancing a message here in Salem that I think resonates with voters on both sides of the aisle. Oregonians want to see responsible spending and a taxpayer-first tax policy," said Knopp.

A key piece of legislation, [Senate Joint Resolution 32](#), protects taxpayers by proposing an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to require tax hiking measures to receive three-fifths majority vote in each legislative chamber for passage.

"Oregon's government needs to treat all businesses equally under the law," Knopp said.

[Senate Bill 631](#) expands the policy of qualifying investment contracts by eliminating the \$150 million minimum investment and the minimum requirement of at least 500 additional full-time equivalent Oregon employees. The bill requires the governor and the Oregon Department of Revenue to negotiate the minimum amount of investment and number of full-time equivalent employees required.

[Senate Bill 593](#) addresses the costs of raising children and seeks to make child care more affordable by creating a personal income tax credit of \$250 per dependent for taxpayers with income up to \$50,000 for single filers, or \$100,000 for joint filers.

"We can use common-sense tax policy to help moms and dads across the state better afford child care. In some cases, child care has become more burdensome than housing," added Knopp.

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