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DEMS DO THE JOB: Senate Democrats Advance Critical Drought Budget, Tax Credit for Oregon Families, Investments in Semiconductor Industry

By refusing to do their jobs, Senate Republicans are putting these bipartisan solutions in jeopardy

SALEM, Ore - Senate Democrats are doing their jobs for the people of Oregon. All 17 members showed up to the Senate floor today, ready to vote on critical legislation.

Today, in the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures, Senate Democrats are working with their colleagues to move bills forward that will:

- Provide breathing room for Oregon families with a \$75 million child tax credit ([HB 3235](#))
- Grow Oregon's economy with a tax credit for the semiconductor industry ([HB 2009](#))
- Omnibus bill to lower costs for working families, including establishing tax credits for affordable and workforce housing and exempting Oregon National Guard members' active duty pay from taxation ([HB 2071](#))
- Work to improve accuracy of highway cost sharing between light and heavy vehicles ([HB 3406](#))

In the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Senate Democrats are moving legislation that will:

- Invest \$110 million to make sure there is a fresh, clean and safe water supply for Oregon families, farms, fish and wildlife in every corner of the state ([HB 2010](#))
- Bring hundreds of millions of federal dollars to Oregon for energy efficiency, community resiliency, tree planting, and grants for farmers and other landowners seeking natural solutions to climate change. ([HB 3409](#))

After passing out of these committees, these bills will go to a vote on the House floor. If passed by the House, they will go to the Senate where they will die if Republicans continue their unconstitutional walkout.

“None of these budgets or bills have a future if Senate Republicans keep refusing to do their jobs – defying the constitution and Oregon voters,” said **Ways and Means co-chair Elizabeth Steiner (D - NW Portland & Beaverton)**. “With more than 400 budgets and bills waiting for a vote, it would be impossible for all of these bills to pass both chambers if Senate Republicans only come back on the last day of session or not at all – as they are now threatening to do. Senate Republicans need to get back to work for the people of Oregon.”

Every single day, Senate Democrats – along with all members of the Oregon House– are doing their jobs: showing up to vote on the floor and working with bipartisan, bicameral coalitions through the committee process to prepare legislation for those floor votes. Due to the Republican walkout, the Senate has been unable to conduct business since May 3.

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