



## Oregon Senate Republicans

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### **Governor Backtracking Previous Statements on Ability to Allocate Funds to Umatilla River Flooding**

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Governor Kate Brown backtracked [previous statements](#) from her office that she could not independently allocate funds to the Umatilla River flood victims without approval from the legislature. Governor Brown revealed that she will be offering \$1.8 million to repair the Pendleton levee via an emergency loan from Business Oregon.

The relief comes weeks after the flooding that left many Oregonians without homes.

Senate Republican Leader Herman Baertschiger, Jr. (R-Grants Pass) released the following statement:

“I’m not sure why the Governor withheld this funding for two weeks. But no matter what the politics are in the building, it’s the right thing to do.”

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