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Senate Democrats Reject Efforts To Reach Bipartisan Compromise on "Boyfriend Loophole" Bill

Salem, Ore. - Today, Senate Republicans made two motions in an effort to reach bipartisan agreement on [House Bill 4145](#). Senate Democrats rejected the effort to compromise, instead passing the bill with only Democrat support.

Senator Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer) motioned to send HB 4145 back to the Senate Judiciary Committee with the goal of making minor changes to bring clarity to the suggested legislation.

"Senate Republicans hold the genuine belief that a few small changes would make a big difference in addressing concerns of both parties," said Thatcher. "It's difficult when you reach across the aisle, and they choose not to reach back."

Senator Herman Baertschiger (R-Grants Pass) proposed the [-A4 amendment](#), appropriating \$20,000,000 to the Department of State Police to be used for implementing and enforcing firearms laws.

"The Oregon State Police are already overburdened, and when the legislature increases their duties, we should also consider their ability to take on new tasks," said Baertschiger.

"Senate Democrats rejected additional funding to the state police," said Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem). "With additional funding, the state police would be freed up to enforce drug laws, gun laws, and increase public safety. We have a real opportunity to have bipartisan legislation, fixing Oregon's Domestic Violence problems."

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