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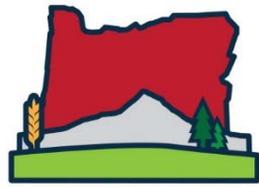
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Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli Responds to Governor Brown's 2016 State of the State Address

Salem, Ore. - Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) released the following statement following Governor Kate Brown's second State of the State address held at the Portland City Club:

"In February, Governor Brown and Democrat leadership failed to do the one thing Oregonians were counting on: take meaningful steps toward restoring transparency and accountability to state government. Governor Brown promised in her inaugural State of the State to overhaul Oregon's public records system and strengthen Oregon's ethics laws. She has failed, just like she failed to deliver a bipartisan transportation package in 2015. She and her Democrat colleagues failed to address critical missteps by state agencies resulting in high costs for taxpayers and the loss of trust in government services like our foster care system. Instead, the Governor is praising her Democrat colleagues for back room deals that resulted in a slew of new mandates costing small businesses and working families. How long will Oregon voters allow their leaders to say one thing and do another? Oregonians deserve more than lip service. The reign of one-party rule in Oregon needs to come to an end before the quality of life we all value disappears."

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