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Senate Republicans Fight for Oregon Child Tax Credit to Support Working Families
On National Tax Day, Democrats Reject Bill in Party-Line Vote

Salem, OR - Today, Senate Republicans voted in support of a bill to expand the child tax credit to help working families pay for child care. The bill failed in the Oregon Senate on an 18-12 party-line vote, with no Democrats voting in favor of considering the expansion. A key component of the Senate Republican's 2015 Agenda to improve economic security for working Oregon families, SB 652 would allow families to reduce their tax bill by \$250 per dependent child each year.

"On National Tax Day, Oregonians across the state are feeling the pressure of a growing tax burden on their families," said Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend), who sponsored the bill. "The Child Tax Credit would help families pay for childcare, medical bills, and everyday necessities for raising a family. The legislature needs to support working families, not burden them with higher taxes, and work to create jobs and strengthen the economy so all Oregon families can thrive."

SB 652 stands in stark contrast with a slew of bills introduced by Democrat leadership to raise taxes on small businesses and working Oregon families. Senate Republicans pledged to fight tax increases on low and middle-class Oregonians and demand the consideration of important job creation legislation that will expand opportunities for Oregonians to find family-wage jobs.

"The cost of childcare keeps rising, and Oregon families shouldn't be forced to choose between expensive daycare while they go to work and going on unemployment and other government services so they can stay home to take care of their children," explained Senator Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer). "It's a lose-lose situation for families struggling to make ends meet."

This tax credit would help working parents pay for child care so they can go to work and provide for their families."

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