



Oregon Senate Republicans

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NEWS ADVISORY: Press Conference to Provide Details on Senate Republican Caucus Absence

SALEM, Ore. – Today, many Republican senators were absent from the Senate Floor session. Led by Senate Minority Leader, Senator Herman Baertschiger, Jr. (R-Grants Pass), he and Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend) stayed behind to attend floor to make quorum. The absence of many Republican Senators was to make a clear point of opposition about HB 3427, which needs to go back to committee for more work. The bill is a gross receipts tax that is disguised as an education bill and will tax Oregon small businesses.

“The reason Senator Knopp and I stayed behind to make quorum, without other members of the caucus, is to showcase our disgust in the refusal by the majority party to address the PERS debt in our state, which is the number one reason why schools cannot be funded adequately,” said Senate Republican Leader, Senator Baertschiger, Jr. “Oregon can do better.”

WHAT: Press conference including details for the absence of the Senate Republican Caucus, except for Senate Minority Leader, Herman Baertschiger, Jr. (R-Grants Pass) and Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend), for Senate Floor session on May 6.

WHEN: Monday, May 6 at 2:30 pm

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