

## Oregon Senate Republicans

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## <u>CORRECTED: Senate Republican Leader Urges Governor to</u> <u>Distribute CARES Act Funds Statewide</u>

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton) sent Governor Kate Brown a letter urging her to distribute funds from the \$1.63 billion federal CARES Act rescue package statewide.

"It can't be just Portland, Multnomah and Washington counties that benefit from the CARES Act funds; they must be equitably distributed," said Senator Fred Girod in the letter. "The funding could be used by Oregon counties to meet the prerequisites to reopen such as, hiring contact tracers, acquiring the needed 30-day PPE stockpile, hotel vouchers for quarantine facilities, testing strips or to help rural hospitals that are going bankrupt."

The remaining 45% of CARES Act funds intended for cities and counties, after Portland, Multnomah and Washington counties are allocated funds, needs to go to all other cities and counties across the state.

Click here to read the letter.