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**Senate Republican Leader to the Governor: Prerequisites to Reopen are Unrealistic**

SALEM, Ore. – Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton) sent Governor Kate Brown a letter about the unrealistic prerequisites to reopen the state.

For example, the first prerequisite requires that each Oregon county does not see an uptick in COVID-like illnesses, including flu symptoms.

“The prerequisite disproportionately impacts Oregon counties that haven’t seen a single case, so even one could set them back weeks,” said Senator Fred Girod in the letter. “The entire state, let alone rural Oregon, does not have time to wait weeks. Thousands of Oregonians are unemployed through no fault of their own, and the devastation to the economy will continue hurt more Oregonians than COVID-19 ever could.”

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