



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Senate Republicans Vote Against Cell Phone Tax

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Senate Republicans voted against [SB 1603](#), a cell phone tax disguised as a rural assistance bill.

“The legislative process has not only been taken away from Oregonians, but now they must absorb a new tax when they are living in an economic shutdown,” said Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton). “Democrats are spending money the state doesn’t have. This is a tax, and I think Oregon deserves better.”

The Emergency Board recently allocated \$20 million to broadband.

“You know something is wrong with a bill when senators like me that represent rural Oregonians voted no,” said Senator Lynn Findley (R-Vale). “My constituents cannot afford another tax on their livelihoods, especially when the Emergency Board just allocated \$20 million in funds to broadband without any plan on what projects the money will go to.”

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