



# Oregon Senate Republicans

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## **Senate Republican Leader Statement on State Budget Re-Balance Plan**

SALEM, Ore. – Today, a [framework](#) was released for the state budget re-balance plan.

Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton), Co-Vice Chair on the full Ways and Means Committee, issued the following statement:

“We have some tough times ahead, but because of the walkout on cap and trade, we saved the state about a billion dollars, which created a sizable ending balance. We had to make some cuts in this state budget re-balance plan, but it wasn’t as bad as I thought it might be. We had money saved in the Education Stability Fund, and this plan accessed \$400 million of it so there’s still quite a bit left in reserves.

“If we don’t open up the state for business, the next budget will be austere.”

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