



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Statement on Bipartisan Opposition to Senate Bill 1702

SALEM, Ore. – Today, [Senate Bill 1702](#), a bill that would have prioritized public employees to receive unemployment benefits over Oregonians who have been waiting without help for months, had bipartisan opposition and died in the Joint Committee on the Second Special Session of 2020.

“Governor Brown, this is your mess,” said Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton). “Your commitment to pandering to special interests knows no bounds. You wanted your special interests to jump the line and receive unemployment benefits ahead of Oregonians that have been waiting for assistance and haven’t been getting it for months.”

“I am trying to protect the tens of thousands of unemployed Oregonians, through no fault of their own,” said Senator Lynn Findley (R-Vale). “Oregonians are begging for help, some filing for bankruptcy, and the governor is blind to those pleas, and instead prioritizes public employees.”

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