

Oregon Senate Republicans

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<u>Senate Republican Leader Statement on Democrats Locking</u> <u>Oregonians Out of the Legislative Process</u>

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Senate Republicans voted against specific aspects of the special session rules. Largely the same as the rules in the first special session, they exclude Oregonians from the legislative process by locking them outside the Oregon Capitol.

Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton) issued the following statement:

"This is the building of the people, and it is wrong for the super majority party to continue to lock Oregonians out of the legislative process. It is a symbiotic relationship: Oregonians have a right to be involved in the creation of legislation, and legislators need their input and advocacy to craft sound policies for the state. I shouldn't have to say this, but we are elected to represent Oregonians, not bulldoze them to appease special interests."

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