



# Oregon Senate Republicans

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## **Statement on Governor Brown’s Years-Long Failure to Assist Unemployed Oregonians**

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Governor Kate Brown hosted a [press conference](#) about the second special session and continued the tirade about the bipartisan opposition to [Senate Bill 1702](#), a bill that died in committee. The bill would have prioritized public employees to jump the unemployment line over other Oregonians that have been waiting for help for months.

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

“Governor Kate Brown and her years-long failure as an elected official to assist unemployed Oregonians and the Oregon Employment Department (OED), the agency that manages the effort, has slowed down the unemployment process.

“Remember, in 2009, the state received \$85.6 million from the federal government to update the OED computer systems. After multiple audits and a decade of time, the computer systems still have not been updated. Oregonians have paid the price of sluggish bureaucracy.

“This is your mess, Governor Brown. Threatening to call another special session because the bill your special interests wanted was killed by bipartisan opposition is a very public example of political corruption.”

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