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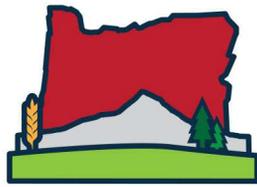
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### **Senator Ted Ferrioli Responds to Governor Brown's Endorsement of Measure 97**

**Salem, Ore.** - Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) released the following statement in response to Governor Kate Brown's endorsement of Measure 97 (also known as Initiative Petition 28):

"Kate Brown's endorsement of Measure 97 proves she has been playing 'rope-a-dope' with Oregonians, appearing to deliberate for months on the issue while intending to give her ringing endorsement. The Governor is a fully owned subsidiary of Big Unions Incorporated. It is disingenuous for the Governor to ask Oregonians to support Measure 97 to fund education when not one penny of new revenue is guaranteed to end up in the classroom. The sad state of our schools is the sole result of years of Democrat mismanagement of taxpayer dollars. Oregonians deserve the truth about Kate Brown's endorsement of Measure 97: it's not for our children. It's about keeping the corrupt relationship between Democrats and public employee unions in Oregon alive and well."

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