



from the

OREGON SENATE REPUBLICANS **PRESS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: January 24, 2023

Contact: Ashley Kuenzi

Ashley.Kuenzi@oregonlegislature.gov

EQUITABLE OREGON: Senate Republicans Roll Out 2023 Session Agenda

SALEM, Ore. – Earlier today, the Senate Republican leadership team held a press conference outlining their **Equitable Oregon** Agenda. You can watch the video recording [here](#).

“It is important for [our Caucus] that all citizens of Oregon are heard and listened to,” said Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend). “...We’re not here to burn bridges – we’re here to build them. That is what this Session is about for us: making sure we can build a bridge to a better future and an equitable Oregon.”

Equitable Oregon focuses on:

Saving Oregonians from Rising Inflation & Increased Cost of Living

- Return the Kicker as a check, returning \$5,200 per household on average - LC 3881
- Freeze property taxes for Oregon seniors 67+ for primary residence - [SJR 17](#)
- Raise CAT tax coverage threshold to \$5 million - [SB 127](#)
- Additional exemption against Oregon estate tax - [SB 68](#)
- Urge balanced budget amendment to United States Constitution - [SJM 1](#)
- Create a business-friendly environment to attract semiconductor industry, creating high paying family wage jobs

Human Dignity in Housing & Homelessness

- Support housing development goal of 36,000 units yearly
- Tax deduction for renting room(s) in taxpayer's primary residence - [HB 3032](#)
- Allow local governments to amend urban growth boundaries to include lands to be used for needed housing - [SB 656](#)
- Financing for infrastructure/predevelopment costs for moderate income housing - [SB 534](#)
- Expand affordability for Oregon renters with additional tax incentives - [SB 435](#)
- Ensure funding for mental health services are being disbursed effectively - [SB 300](#)
- Recriminalize possession/distribution of hard drugs i.e. Fentanyl - [SB 735](#)

Promoting Freedom & Prosperity for All Oregonians

- Require approval by majority of Senate of any reprieve, commutation, or pardon - [SJR 11](#)
- Durational limitations on declarations of emergency by Governor - [SJR 14](#)
- Require all executive clemency actions by Governor be initiated by application and follow specific procedures - [SB 667](#)
- Impeachment process for statewide elected executive branch officials - [SJR 13](#)
- State employees cannot be reimbursed for travel to/from Oregon when living outside of Oregon - LC 3697
- Protect free and fair elections

Modernizing Oregon's Education System, Empowering Parents & Students

- Increase virtual public charter school cap to 5% - [SB 707](#)
- Allow students to enroll in any public school - [SB 259](#)
- Curriculum transparency - [HB 2628](#)
- Nontraditional pathways to licensure for prospective career and technical education teachers - [SB 677](#)
- Pilot program to provide funding to school districts to increase access to schools by homeless students and improving academic achievement - [SB 658](#)

Reducing Violent Crime Threatening Our Communities

- Support Oregonians' 2nd Amendment rights
- Increase funding for school resource officers - [SB 639](#), [HB 2223](#)
- Reclassify crime of Violent Felon in Possession of a Firearm as crime category 8 - [SB 650](#)
- Create crime of threatening to commit a terroristic act - [SB 664](#)

- Create crime of controlled substances homicide - [SB 649](#)
- Stricter sentencing for criminals whose assault causes life changing injury - [SB 430](#)
- Increase statute of limitations for rape crime to 20 years - LC 3892

Protecting Oregon's Farms, Fisheries, & Forests

- \$50 million to Dept. of Forestry for increased forest managing operations in specified wildfire-prone counties - [SB 653](#)
- Require State Forester to actively manage state forestlands to achieve/maintain low forest fuel load levels - [SB 665](#)
- Study rate impacts of implementing reduction of greenhouse gas emissions required by House Bill 2021 (2021) - [SB 681](#)
- Protect natural gas use in new or existing residential or commercial buildings - [SB 647](#)
- Remove requirement that State Forestry Department oversee development of statewide map of wildfire risk - [SB 654](#)
- Federal agencies to better prevent, mitigate, and suppress wildfires - [SJM 3](#)
- Ensure offshore wind energy development goes to local and regional communities while promoting electric grid reliability and resilience - [SB 678](#)
- Include forest land sequestration in greenhouse gas emissions calculations - [SB 724](#)
- Prioritize Oregon made/grown products, minimizing carbon footprint

###