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Senate Republican Leader Criticizes Governor's Bloated Budget Proposal

SALEM, Ore. – Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles) responded to Governor Tina Kotek's proposed 2025-2027 budget, raising concerns about its reliance on expanded government programs and unchecked spending.

"The Governor's proposed budget is completely disconnected from the revenue forecast. While revenue is growing, Oregon's population is stagnant, birth rates are declining, and private-sector job growth is lagging in nearly every industry except those that are subsidized by the state.

"Governor Kotek's proposal doubles down on the same failed strategies that have left Oregonians struggling. More government spending and bureaucracy won't fix Oregon's housing crisis, homelessness epidemic, health care affordability, or students' success—it'll make these issues worse. They say, 'the governor proposes, and the legislature disposes.' Thankfully, this political statement of a budget will face legislative scrutiny because it ignores the real needs of Oregonians.

"With her Department of Transportation asking for an additional \$1.7 billion per year, the Governor's budget leaves a massive hole that will likely be filled with new taxes. It's time for the legislature to live within its means and prioritize essential services—just as every Oregonian is forced to do in this struggling economy."

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