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Democrat Lawmaker Calls Voters 'Petulant Children' for Opposing Tax Hikes

SALEM, Ore. – Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles) responded today to [comments](#) from a Democratic state representative who suggested that voters are acting like “**petulant children**” for opposing tax increases needed to fund infrastructure projects.

“Fresh off the campaign trail, one thing was clear—Oregonians, regardless of party, are struggling with the rising cost of living. Instead of addressing these concerns, Democrat lawmakers are signaling their intent to raise taxes, proving just how out of touch they are with working families,” said **Leader Bonham**. “Oregonians shouldn’t be ridiculed for rejecting tax hikes—especially when the real problem is Democrats’ failure to run government efficiently.”

Oregon’s state budget has more than doubled in the past 10 years, yet we face a cost of living 31% higher than the national average, the worst housing shortage of all 50 states, failing schools, and a homelessness and addiction crisis on our streets.

“Democrats may have a supermajority, but if [their plan](#) is to dismiss voters and push through tax hikes, we will oppose them every step of the way,” concluded **Bonham**.

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