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Senate Republicans Stand Ready to Unanimously Oppose $11.7B Transportation Package on the Senate Floor

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the **Senate Republican Caucus** announced their **unanimous opposition** to the Democrats' proposed **$11.7 billion** transportation package.

In a joint statement, the **Senate Republican Caucus** said:

"This **$11.7 billion** transportation package is everything that's wrong with politics in Salem: bloated, extreme, and completely disconnected from the financial realities Oregonians face every day.

Democrats refuse to compromise on key issues: mandated Project Labor Agreements that drive up costs by as much as 30%, EV and Advanced Clean Truck mandates that burden working families and small businesses, and a Climate Protection Program that siphons dollars away from the Highway Trust Fund.

Worse yet, this bill fails our constitutional obligation to maintain a fair balance of the Highway Cost Allocation and continues to funnel transportation dollars toward partisan pet projects and special interest giveaways—then pretends higher taxes are the only way forward. It offers the *facade of accountability* while leaving taxpayers saddled with the burden of this bad policy.

If Democrats fail to pass this bill, they'll be putting 800 ODOT jobs at risk. Republicans offered a responsible plan to ensure core functions could continue to be delivered through those frontline workers *without raising taxes*. Democrats rejected it outright.

Senate Republicans believe that funding and maintaining core infrastructure like safe bridges, smooth roads, and a functional highway system is a fundamental responsibility of state government. We are eager to prioritize existing dollars to do exactly that.

This package is not a transportation plan. It's a political document. We are united in our strong opposition."

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