



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Senate Republicans Continue to Deny Democrats a Quorum

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Oregon Senate Republicans continue to deny Democrats a quorum to vote on HB 3427, a gross receipts sales tax disguised as an education bill. Senate Republican Leader, Herman Baertschiger, Jr. (R-Grants Pass) provided this statement:

“Today I met with the Senate President, again, to try to find a resolution of our differences. It is interesting to note that both caucuses want the same thing: funding for schools. Republicans want dedicated funding for education. Why we can’t get there and agree is because the Democratic Party makes it clear that they have the supermajority and they will do as they please.

“This is a repeat of the rent control bill, [SB 608](#). Members of my caucus offered amendments and were denied participation in the process in the majority party’s hurry to pass the bill.

“We don’t want to stop the legislative process, however, the Republicans do represent rural Oregon and these policies will devastate our districts. Denying a quorum is the only tool to bring the Democrats to the table. In my opinion, we should have been back to work on Wednesday this week.

Yes, the Senate Republicans initiated the interruption of this session, but the Democrats have prolonged it.”

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