



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Oregon Senate Republicans Willing to Suspend Rules to Pass All Budget Bills

SALEM, Ore. – As the session nears the end, Senate Republicans are willing to suspend the rules to pass all budget bills and ensure the work of the people of Oregon gets done, but the supermajority party is determined to push [House Bill 2020](#), cap and trade, before other budget bills. As a result, the Caucus has discussed other options because the cap and trade legislation destroys rural Oregon and locks future Oregonians in binding contracts with other states and countries.

Senate Republican Leader, Herman Baertschiger, Jr. (R-Grants Pass) released the following statement:

“Senate Republicans are willing to stay in the building and suspend the rules to pass all budget bills and do the work of the people. However, we are prepared to take action to stop HB 2020. The bill makes the urban-rural divide stronger than ever because the biggest polluters are in Oregon’s large cities. It is fundamentally inequitable to put the responsibility of cleaning up their pollution on the backs of rural Oregonians.”

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