



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Senate Republican Leader Statement on Threats from Majority Party

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Senate Republicans have been threatened with fines and arrests over the prospect of a walkout in protest of [House Bill 2020](#), cap and trade, a bill that destroys the livelihoods of rural Oregonians.

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

“All we want is for the people of Oregon to vote on this horrible bill. My caucus and I have been threatened by the Governor, Senate President, and Majority Leader with fines and arrests because they do not agree with our stance to protect rural Oregonians from cap and trade. Walking out is part of the conversation because the Governor is not willing to move on her position on the bill, and she is only representing Portland and the environmental community, not rural Oregonians. Oregon is a dictatorship, not by one person, but by one party.”

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