



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Senate Republican Leader Comments on Majority Party Seeking Changes to Oregon Constitution

SALEM, Ore. – When Senate Republicans walked out for more than a week at the end of the session that resulted in defeating cap and trade, the Democrats threatened to collect \$3,500 in fines from each Republican senator. The fines have since been dropped. Instead, the Democrats plan to change the Oregon Constitution to prevent walkouts by any minority party in the future.

Senate Republican Leader, Herman Baertschiger Jr. said, “I just find it ironic that they have the super majority in the House, Senate and Executive office, and yet, they want to change the rules to have even more power. I believe the constitutional amendment is a smokescreen. Should the Democrats ever be the minority party in Oregon again, they will want to use the walkout for their own purposes, just as they did in 2001.”

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