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Senator Jackie Winters statement on Governor Brown's proposed budget for the 2019-2021 biennium

Salem, Ore. - Senate Republican Leader Jackie Winters (R-Salem) released the following statement today regarding Governor Kate Brown's recommended budget for the 2019-2021 biennium:

"We are still reviewing the Governor's proposed budget, but a few things stand out at first glance. While I am pleased to see that the Governor is addressing the ever-increasing issue of wildfires by creating the Council on Wildfire Response, a step that is long overdue, her proposed decrease to the fire protection budget by 22.1% does not help diminish the devastation caused by wildfires.

Proposals like a multi-biennium approach to fund OHA services while making cuts to the Oregon Youth Authority and to the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Grant program for counties are concerning. But, most concerning of all are the increased taxes peppered throughout the budget.

Today Governor Brown said that she does not want to increase

the burden on hardworking Oregonians and wants to keep Oregon's economy growing. The Senate Republicans plan to hold her to that statement."

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