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## **Executive branch must be held accountable**

### ***Ferrioli says agencies not above the law***

SALEM, Ore.-Today, the Senate passed Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli's bill to hold the executive branch accountable.

[Senate Bill 393](#) requires executive branch agencies that choose to not enforce a law to report to the Legislature. The agency must provide an explanation on both the policy and their decision-making process.

Ferrioli says agencies acting outside of the law violate the spirit of the constitutional mandate to faithfully execute the laws and that this behavior denies the people the equal protection under the law.

Ferrioli released the following statement:

"The executive branch is not above the law. Executive branch agencies and officials who choose to not enforce laws should come before the elected representatives of Oregonians and fully explain these types of policies and their decision-making process. Failure to enforce the laws on the books threatens and hurts our democracy because it means unelected bureaucrats are ruling over us with no consent."

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