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Governmental hiring freeze will ignite economic growth

SALEM, Ore.-Today, Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, of John Day, called for a hiring freeze in Oregon's public sector, saying it will ignite economic growth.

"A hiring freeze in the public sector will ignite growth in the private sector that has been suffering under the rapid growth of government," said Ferrioli. "We should not be artificially growing government at the cost of the Oregon worker and their loved ones. Grandpa always said when you find yourself in a hole, quit digging."

According to the Taxpayer Association of Oregon Foundation (Taxpayer Association), Oregon added 4,600 new city, county and state government jobs in 2014, 5,400 were added in 2015 and 5,800 in 2016.

The State of Oregon Employment Department data shows that government has had an explosive growth in jobs that has not been matched by growth in the private sector, which is the engine of the economy.

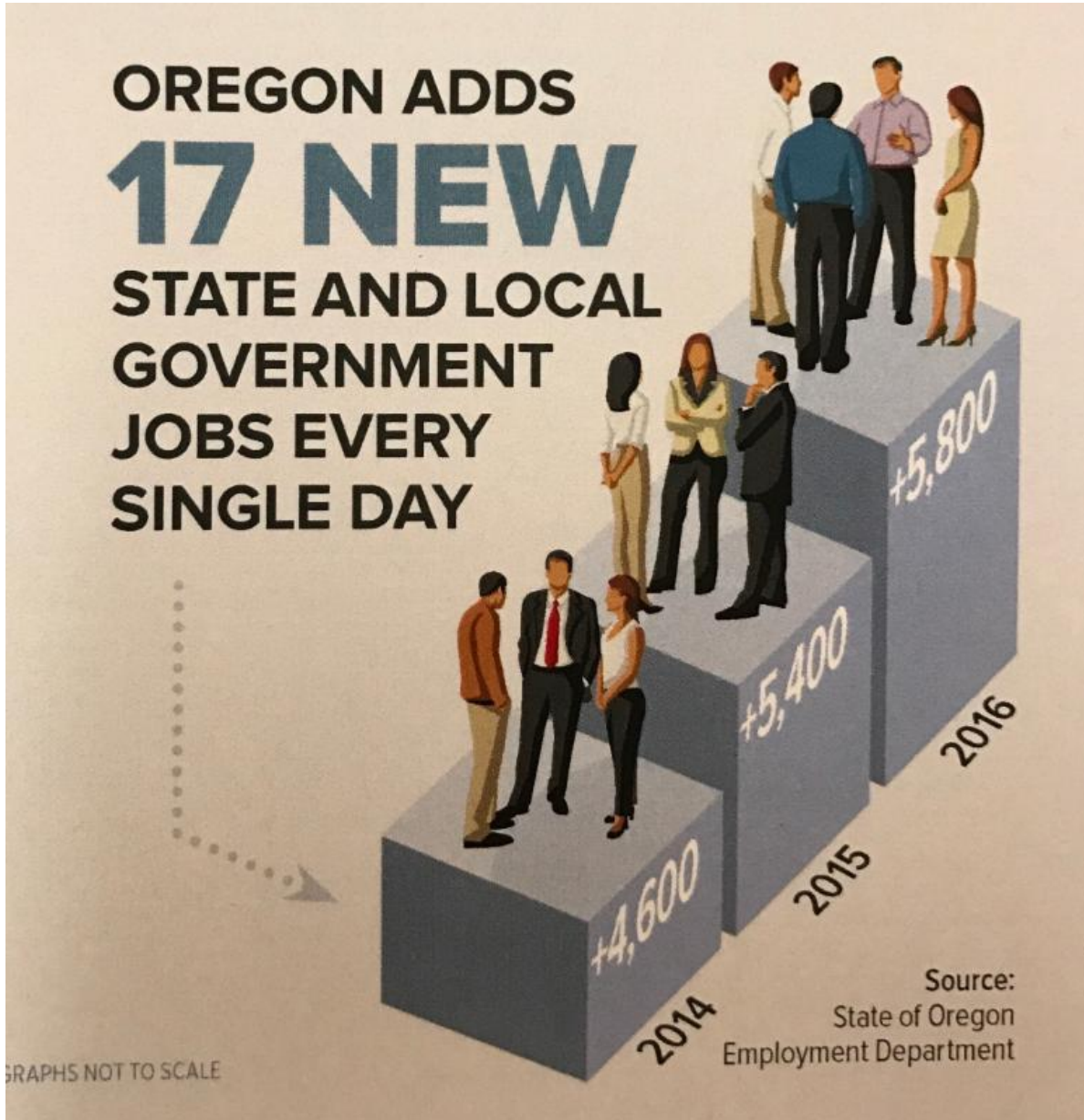
Additionally, the Taxpayer Association says that Oregon out-spends 39 other states and that our state budget grows twice as fast as population and inflation

rates combined. State employees make almost double what average working Oregonians make, earning on average \$89,000 compared to \$45,893.

Whats worse, 35 years of double-digit growth has produced big scandals and billions in preventable mistakes.

Ferrioli added:

"We must end the era of government gone wild."



STATE EMPLOYEES MAKE ALMOST **DOUBLE** WHAT AVERAGE WORKING OREGONIANS MAKE

State employees make an average \$89,000 in wages/benefits compared to the average Oregon worker at \$45,893.

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35 YEARS OF OREGON STATE GOVERNMENT GROWTH

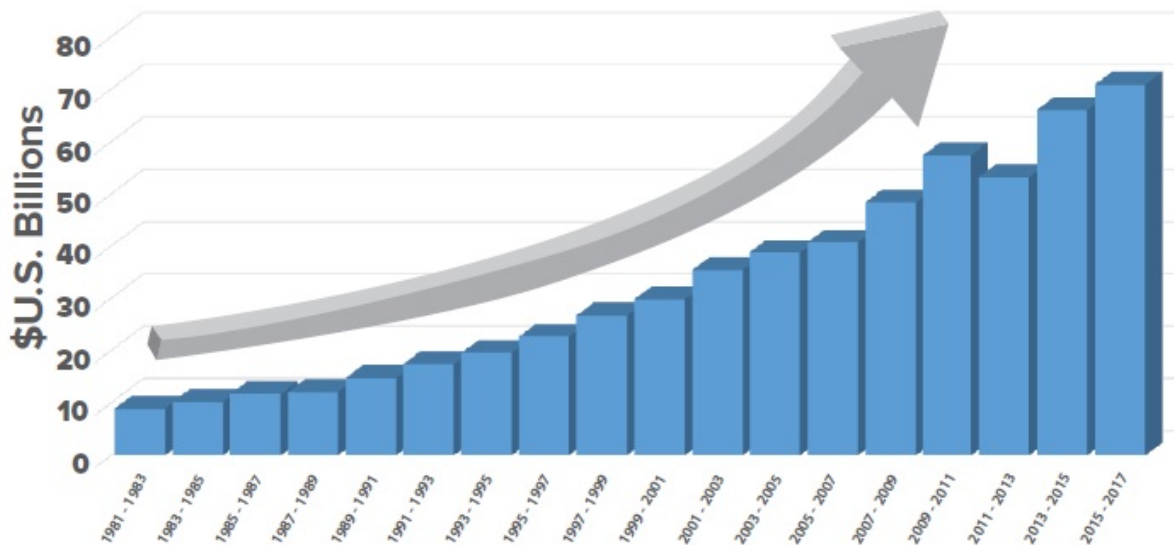


Chart reflects Oregon state government all-funds budget which is based on a two-year budget cycle that begins mid-Calendar.
Source: Oregon State Legislative Fiscal Office.

Oregon is the **#1** TAX & SPEND State *in the* West

Oregon state and local governments spend more per capita than our neighbors and even 39 other states.



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