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## **Knopp puts rogue agencies on blast**

SALEM, Ore.-In an era of distrust in government a sincere effort to promote accountability is needed more than ever. Senate Republican Deputy Leader Tim Knopp, of Bend, is sponsoring a package of bills to increase trust in government and rake back flawed and harmful decisions made by executive branch agencies.

"Lawless rulemaking undermines our democracy," said Knopp. "Oregonians have told us time and again that they expect accountability and transparency in government."

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to allow the Legislature on its own to undo flawed rules and amendments of rules made by administrative bodies that were adopted in the executive branch agencies.

"Agencies need to take seriously the impacts they are having on real people. These are not just rules conjured up in acronym bureaucracies, they are changing people's lives and not for the better," said Knopp. "Too often, agencies impose life-ruining, complicated and burdensome policies to achieve nothing but short-term, often politically-motivated, agendas."

Senate Bill 605 makes it so agencies are thoughtful about changes they are making by including a comparative analysis of the costs and benefits of rules. Senate Bill 628 requires state agencies to report to the governor with a budget report that details rules compliance costs. SB 628 would stop agencies from adopting, amending or repealing a rule if it will increase compliance costs above the amount they reported to the governor.

"These measures will help ensure that agencies consider the economic damage

of their policies," added Knopp.

Senate Bill 629 will help increase cost savings in state agencies so that they are not spending more than they have to in order to accomplish delegated duties.

Senate Bill 588 directs the secretary of state to appoint inspectors general to review spending of certain state boards and agencies to identify inappropriate costs. When inappropriate costs are found, 75 percent is deposited in the state's general fund and 25 percent is granted to inspectors general to carry out their duties.

"We need to root out waste and stop the abuse so that Oregonians know the money they give to government is being spent wisely," concluded Knopp.

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