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We will be "Leading Oregon Forward"

SALEM, Ore.-Senate Republicans announced today a solutions and priorities <u>package</u> for the 2017 legislative session. Legislators in the caucus have proposed numerous solutions to make "education first," "bring sustainability" to the public pension system known as PERS, enact spending reform and "restore accountability and transparency" in government.

Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, of John Day, released the following statement:

"Senate Republicans will be leading Oregon forward. We will prioritize education first, bring sustainability to Oregon's broken public pension system to protect current and future retirees, and we will enact spending reform to shield vulnerable Oregonians from questionable and out-of-control spending. Finally, we must restore accountability and transparency in government. The Democrats have failed to adequately fund education and our state is hurting our kids. Until education and our children are our highest, primary priority we cannot in good conscience make other budget decisions. This upcoming session presents tremendous opportunity to collaborate, engage and lead. We are ready."

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