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## <u>Oregon receives Medicaid extension waiver, yet Gov. Kate Brown</u> <u>is holding hostage veterans and seniors in her budget proposal</u>

SALEM, Ore.-Today, the Senate Republicans responded to news Oregon received a Medicaid extension waiver:

"The Medicaid extension waiver is welcome news because it gives us breathing room to markdown non-essential programs and eliminate harmful government waste. The governor talks about providing health care for all but she is holding hostage our seniors and our veterans, despite surging revenues, by slashing much-needed, reliable programs. These dangerous cutbacks for seniors and veterans are not only unnecessary, but contradicts her promises to Oregonians."

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