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**Republican and Independent Leaders Urge Democrat Leaders to  
Create a Joint Oversight and Accountability Committee**  
*First Order of Business to Investigate OLCC*

**SALEM, Ore.** – Yesterday, House and Senate Republican and Independent leaders sent a letter to Senate President Rob Wagner and House Speaker Dan Rayfield asking for an equal bipartisan and bicameral Joint Committee on Oversight and Accountability. The letter includes the names of those who would serve as Republican and Independent members of the 12-person equal committee.

The letter reads as follows:

“Dear Presiding Officers,

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Senator Dick Anderson, Senate District 5  
Independent Senator Brian Boquist, Senate District 12  
Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson, House District 59  
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Representative E. Werner Reschke, House District 55

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April 20, 2023

Via Electronic Mail

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Salem, Oregon 97301

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<sup>1</sup> Oregon Attorney General Announces Criminal Investigation of OLCC Rare Liquor Graft

Respectfully,



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House Republican Leader  
District 59



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District 12 - IPO



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