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Legislators Should Reject Pay Raise Proposal

Oregon's Citizen Legislature is not meant to be a career

Salem, Ore.—Representative Kim Wallan (R-Medford) calls on fellow legislators to reject Senate Bill 959, which attempts to increase their pay by nearly 63%. The state's governing body has already successfully tied legislator salaries to judges' salaries, which automatically increase every two years.

Oregon is governed by a citizen legislature. Legislative salaries were designed to compensate elected officials for the time they must spend away from jobs and businesses while serving in the Capitol.

"Lawmaking is not meant to be a career choice. Legislators are paid for time spent away from our jobs, and we are expected to return home to work and run our businesses when we are not in session," explains Wallan. "Instead of increasing pay, we should be scaling back the number and scope of interim obligations that create the impression that legislating is a full-time job."

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