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**Oregon GOP Chair Demands Brown Release OHA Records**

Will Governor Provide Transparency When It Truly Matters?

**Wilsonville, OR** – With the Oregon Health Authority again facing scandal for misusing \$74M in taxpayer dollars and the Governor claiming that she was totally unaware of it until a few weeks ago, Kate Brown is now facing calls from news media across the state to release her office records relating to the scandal. Though she staked her public reputation on being a transparent Governor, Brown has failed to release these records.

“Oregonians deserve more than a Kate Brown press release. It’s time for the Governor to take questions from the press, and most importantly, to release the records on her administration’s involvement and potential complicity in concealing the overpayments from the public.”

The timeline as it is known so far is deeply troubling. The Oregonian [reports](#):

*“Top officials at the health authority, including then-director Lynne Saxton, knew about the overpayments for months, including some who learned of it more than a year ago.”*

“If this is true, then why was Governor Kate Brown not aware of the overpayments until mid-October? And why did she only speak up about it after the Oregonian began its own investigation?” asked Oregon GOP Chairman Bill Currier.

When [briefly confronted about the shocking revelations by KOIN 6 News](#), Kate Brown gave a commitment to provide taxpayers an explanation as to why the money was misspent, but the interview was then abruptly cut off, and the Governor ushered away from any further comment.

“Taxpayers deserve to know what the Governor knew and when she knew it. It’s time for Kate Brown to show she cares about government transparency when it truly matters and proactively release her administration’s records and internal communications related to this latest scandal at the Oregon Health Authority,” added Currier.

“We all remember the other Oregon Governor who recently tried to conceal or destroy public records that would have exposed corruption during an election year, and he is now a disgraced EX-Governor. Come clean Kate Brown or join Governor Kitzhaber in shame.”

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