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SURPRISE: Governor Kate Brown’s Budget Proposal Requires \$3 Billion In New Taxes
Says Oregon Should “Grow Up” and Pay For Massive Spending Increases without PERS Reform

Wilsonville, OR – The Oregon Republican Party issued the following statement reacting to Governor Brown’s budget announcement today:

Newly-elected Oregon State House Republican Leader Carl Wilson [has pointed out](#) that despite \$1 Billion in record revenues to be spent, the Governor proposes yet another \$2 Billion in spending even though it was [recently revealed](#) that the state has a “shortfall” of \$623 Million.

“The tax hikes to fund Kate Brown’s ballooning budget will hit Oregonians and it’s job creators hard,” stated Oregon Republican Chairman Bill Currier. “It is important to remember that Governor Brown managed to dupe voters by refusing to reveal before election day what her actual spending and tax plans were. Kate’s Offensive October Lies have been replaced by her Nasty November Surprise.”

In making her announcement this morning, Governor Brown declared that, given the “current strong economy,” it is time for Oregon to “grow up as a state” and pay for the record spending and tax increases, which she described as “structural changes” to compensate for decades of “underinvestment” that is now needed to pay for “repair, reform, and reinvestment.”

“Kate Brown’s statement was condescending and insulting to the people of Oregon,” said Chair Currier. “However, this appears to be Brown’s way of proposing to soak taxpayers with multibillion-dollar tax hikes to fund double-digit budget increases without any real reform of the PERS costs that are devouring state and local budgets, especially education. We will see if her party’s new legislative supermajority imposes this on hardworking Oregonians.”

The Oregon Republican Party is the state’s arm of the Republican National Committee. Its Chairman and officers are dedicated to promoting Republican principles within the state of Oregon and to improving the lives and livelihoods of Oregon’s working families through economic freedom and equal protection under the law.

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