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### **Senator Ferrioli proposes tax relief for working families**

*“The time is now for Working Family Tax Relief, Job Creation and  
Accountability Package”*

**Salem, OR** – Senator Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) and other members of the Republican caucus proposed a comprehensive tax relief and economic stimulus package designed to create jobs, give working families relief from unfair tax rates and demand more accountability from government. The proposal would give the average Oregon family an extra \$408 every year and create 19,951 jobs.

“Putting Oregon on a firm foundation for the future means taking action now to create living wage jobs for working families,” said Ferrioli. “Today’s revenue projections indicate troubled times ahead for the economy unless we act decisively.”

The Working Family Tax Relief, Job Creation and Accountability Package will put more Oregonians into a lower tax bracket and provides the average working family with a 20% tax break. The tax relief puts \$375 million back into the economy every year. It also restores fairness to the tax structure by taking low income earners out of the higher tax brackets. The proposal accomplishes these goals by doubling the size of Oregon’s 5%, 7% and 9% tax brackets, so Oregonians pay less tax on more income.

“Today, someone making minimum wage in Oregon pays the exact same tax rate as someone earning \$250,000 a year,” said Ferrioli. “That isn’t fair. An extra \$408 for the average working family goes to things like groceries, school activity fees or paying down debt.”

Ferrioli proposed paying for the tax relief, estimated to cost \$360 million, by immediately cutting waste and enacting strict accountability measures. That includes requiring agencies to find the savings to pay for the Governor’s three bonus pay increases to state bureaucrats and his political appointees. It also means establishing a legislative Office of Government Accountability and Audits to work with agencies to enact 5% across the board reductions and identify wasteful, unsustainable spending.

“We will pay for this tax relief by instituting a new culture of responsibility and discipline in Salem,” said Ferrioli. “We believe the responsible thing to do is pay for this working family tax relief now by cutting out waste in government, rather than borrowing or asking future Oregonians to pay off our bills.”

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