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NEW YEAR BRINGS MORE GOVERNMENT SPENDING, NO ACCOUNTABILITY

2007 Review: By the Numbers

SALEM—The Oregon Legislature broke the bank in 2007, increasing government spending by 20 percent and saddling Oregonians with \$923 million in new state debt. Here's a look at 2007 state government spending, by the numbers:

- 20 Percent** Increase in state government spending
- \$620 Million** New taxes and fees (despite record state revenue)
- \$923 Million** New state debt (again, despite record state revenue)
- 1,178** New state employees added to state payroll
- \$12 Million** Pay raises to Gov. Kulongoski's political appointees
- \$20 Million** Pay raises to appease the unions-- who were upset about the political appointees' pay raises
- 30** Number of House Democrats who opposed HB 2550, the plan to hire a legislative auditor to review the performance of state agencies and increase fiscal responsibility in state government.

It's no surprise a majority of Oregonians polled rated the Legislature's performance as "unfavorable." (Governor, Lawmakers Get Their Lumps in New Poll, The Oregonian, 12/8/07)

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