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Republicans invite Democrats to join them on session priorities

Salem, OR – The House and Senate Republican priorities for February’s special session could take a major step towards implementation today pending support from the legislature’s Democrat leaders. Republicans announced a set of priorities for special session several months ago and once again ask Democrats to lend their support to the issues.

“Issues like putting a state trooper on every Oregon highway, every day of the week or empowering the legislature to root out waste in government are issues that every Oregonian cares about,” said Ferrioli. “We would welcome the support of our Democrat colleagues. There is room for everyone behind these ideas.”

House and Senate Republicans have teamed together to put forward an agenda that addresses Oregonians’ top concerns. They have introduced bills to:

- Provide 24-hour state police coverage
- Hold state government accountable for spending and waste through yearly agency-wide audits
- Secure Oregon driver’s licenses to end ID theft and help stop the meth trade
- Protect in-home care for seniors
- Establish ongoing professional development program that trains teachers for excellence
- Expand water resources available for eastern Oregon economies and agriculture
- Reform Oregon’s land use laws

“Most of the priorities on our agenda should have been addressed in 2007,” said House Republican Leader Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg). “Republicans have consistently called for providing 24/7 State Police coverage, securing Oregon’s drivers licenses and funding in-home care for seniors. 2008 is better late than never for Democrats to join us.”

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