

## Moore Poll: Growing opposition to new taxes

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Oregonians say the Legislature should dedicate OSP funding from existing revenues

SALEM, Ore. — House Republicans this week released a May 17 Moore Information poll showing growing opposition to tax increases since the beginning of the 2007 session. The poll was released as Democrats continue to push a number of tax increases on individuals and businesses.

In a statewide survey of 500 Oregonians, 72 percent of those surveyed said state government “has the money it needs to fund programs.” Compared to the January 2007 Moore poll, support for tax increases has dropped seven points to 21 percent, which is beyond the poll’s margin of error.

“Oregon has over \$2.5 billion in additional tax dollars to spend on the next budget. House Republicans are standing with the overwhelming majority of Oregonians who believe government already has enough of their money.”

In addition, the poll shows that 66 percent of Oregonians believe that the Oregon State Police should be funded by existing dollars, compared to 21 percent who believe a new tax should be established. House and Senate Republicans have proposed HB 3535, the bill to dedicate revenue to OSP without raising taxes.

“We don’t need a tax increase to restore 24/7 State Police coverage on Oregon’s highways,” Rep. Scott said.

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