

Oregon businesses suggest compromise with lawmakers

BEND (AP) — Representatives from some of Oregon’s biggest businesses have expressed a willingness to consider tax increases to help fund state services as long as legislators are willing to compromise.

The Bulletin of Bend reports that at the Oregon Leadership Summit on Monday businesses joined school districts, Republicans and some Democrats in calling for the state to curb government spending, particularly in the state’s retirement system for public employees.

PacifiCorp Transmission CEO Pat Reiten says business leaders are willing to talk about revenues, but that that conversation needs to include talks about costs and cost management.

Tillamook County Creamery Association CEO Patrick Criteser says unless the state addresses the retirement system, any new taxes will just be going to pay old obligations.

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he said.

However, he’ll take December.

“To have snow when school’s out and people are vacationing — huge,” he said.

In fact, he noted, the week starting December 26 can be spectacular.

“That’s our busiest week of the year — if there’s snow,” he said.

The impact of snow ripples out to all sorts of businesses that cater to visitors who want to come to Sisters and play in the snow.

Conditions bode well for that white Christmas in Sisters, with more snow expected Wednesday through Friday. Wednesday should be the big snow day, with three to five inches possible. Snow showers are predicted through the rest of the week.

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