

A Floor vote on HB 3535, the Republican plan to provide dedicated funding to Oregon State Police, was approved Monday, April 23 by the House of Representatives.

A vote to enact HB 3535 was anticipated Wednesday, April 25.

A week after Democrats granted “courtesy hearings” on OSP bills, House Republicans took action to prevent further delay.

“Dedicated funding for OSP has been a long time in coming,” said Olson, a retired OSP member. “The House now has the opportunity to add more troopers to protect Oregonians at all hours of the day and night -- without raising taxes.”

By comparison, the co-chairmen's budget only provides funding for 100 troopers, which does not assure 24/7 coverage.

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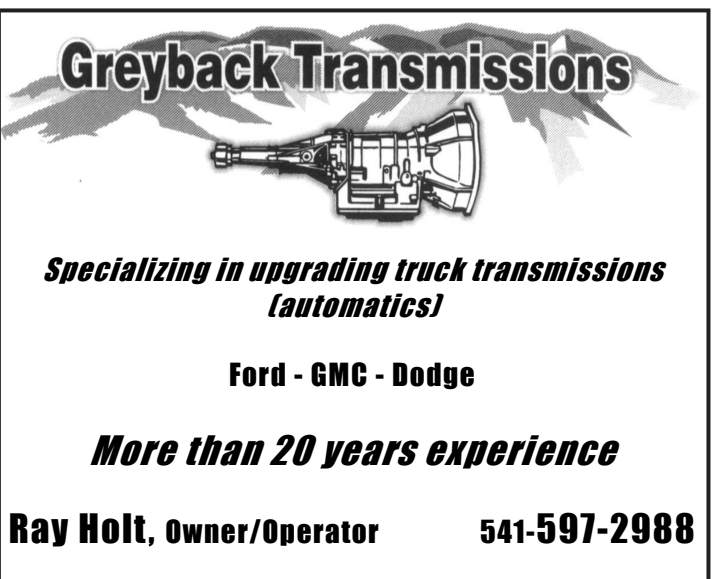
can Leader Wayne Scott (R-Canby), "The Republican plan firmly establishes OSP as a top priority for existing tax dollars. It demonstrates we are able to fund important services without raising taxes. I look forward to the bill passing on Wednesday."



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