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### **House Republican Caucus Calls for Reconsideration of House Bill 3520 on Three-Year Anniversary of the “Stay Home, Save Lives” Executive Order**

**SALEM, OR** – Today, the House Republican Caucus forced a vote on the consideration of [House Bill 3520](#). This legislation would direct state agencies to revoke remote work arrangements that were put in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the legislation was referred to the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans on March 3<sup>rd</sup> – it was never scheduled for a public hearing and died following the first chamber deadline.

This action by the House Republican Caucus comes on the three-year anniversary of former Governor Kate Brown’s “Stay Home, Save Lives” [Executive Order](#).

“As we reflect on the three-year anniversary of the ‘Stay Home, Save Lives’ order, it is hard to put into words the impact this mandate had on our students, our small businesses, and our communities. Today marks three years since the stated ‘temporary shutdown,’ and we still have state employees working remotely and agency phones going unanswered. It is time to request all our state employees return to work and get back to business for the benefit of Oregonians,” **said Representative Tracy Cramer (R-Gervais)**.

The motion to reconsider the legislation failed 33-25.

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