



# COMMON SENSE FOR OREGON

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## **Your Tax Dollars Hard At Work!**

When it comes to the government,  
reality is stranger than fiction....

Oh, how we wish some of the examples of wasteful government spending were nothing more than figments of our imagination. Unfortunately, some of the examples of wasteful spending are so out-of-bounds that we could never have imagined the government would ever spend your tax dollars on such a project.

This latest project is just such an example....and gives new meaning to the phrase "Stimulus Money".

[According to this article](#), the National Institutes of Mental Health spent \$832,200 of federal stimulus money on a study by UCLA researchers on teaching uncircumcised African men how to wash their genitals.

Sometimes you just can't make this stuff up.

Recall, federal funds from the "American Reinvestment and Recovery Act" were supposed to stimulate job creation. Again, according to the article, the recipients of your tax dollars cannot explain what **jobs** were stimulated by the spending of these tax dollars.

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# Common Sense for a Buck-A-Month!

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"A Dollar a Month, That's All We Ask....."

Isn't a dollar-a-month a good deal for a little common sense? We think so too, and hope that you take the time to make sure Common Sense is alive and well in Oregon.

As you may know, Oregon is facing a very large budget deficit. For the first time in the last couple of decades, politicians are finally starting to acknowledge that Oregon has a **spending problem**, not a revenue problem. Momentum is on our side, we just need to keep it up!

Next January, a new Governor and a new Legislature will descend on Salem to begin tackling the budget deficit. The politicians are going to have two choices: raise taxes or cut spending.

We know what they did in 2009 - they raised taxes - because the politicians do not understand that Oregon has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.



Enter Common Sense For Oregon and the Golden Fleece Award!

The Golden Fleece Award "highlights" examples of wasteful government spending - like free soda pop for

prisoners, or ridiculously high health insurance premiums, or free satellite television service for prisoners - to demonstrate what most Oregonians already know: Oregon has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

Ironically, there is something we need to keep the Golden Fleece Award program going: **money**.

Money is the "mother's milk" of politics, and without it, nothing can get done. That is just the hard and fast truth.

If everyone who receives this message committed to contributing \$12 per year - that is \$1 per month! - then Common Sense For Oregon would have the resources necessary to continue the fight.

Just \$1 per month.....that is all we ask.

Please click on the "Donate" button and make your commitment to Common Sense For Oregon.



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