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Subject: re: add to the Public Record for HJR 14

Please add this to the Public Record for HJR 14

Respectfully,

I am really getting tired of legislators and school boards thinking the solution to every problem is by throwing money at it by taxing us more. I would really like to know where you get off by suggesting we increase what we give you by 23% - 33%. Do you plan on putting what you collect extra into a slush fund like the state of Oregon has. Why don't you just take the money from the slush fund. Before you write me back and tell me you have no idea what I'm talking about, you might check into it. You also might check into the mishandling of the 80,000 acres of timber in the Elliott State Forest that returns less than 1% of investment that is supposed to help fund schools.

I am a member of AFP and we know, by research, there is terrible waste going on in all levels of government, schools included. Fix that first before you stick out your hand.

I said that to say this...I totally oppose any increase in funding for a broken system...schools. It's like giving an alcoholic a drink to help him quit drinking. Why do you think 10% of the schools in the country are now charter schools? One reason is because we do not have a voucher system and that 's the next best choice. Do you really think parents want their children to go to public schools if given a choice?

Again, I reiterate, I totally oppose an increase.

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