



SJR 202 Oregonians know to prepare for rain

Tax Fairness Oregon supports this bill; the numbers show satisfyingly good morsels will be saved. The kicker alone cannot provide fully the kind of rainy day savings we need. At least historically kickers haven't generated enough dollars for the savings as we all would wish created between recessions; but SJR 202 is a step in the right direction. The mechanism at least appears to smooth the revenue stream enough to remove some of the volatility without sacrificing the opportunity for some recovery.

We want to thank the sponsors for their persistence on this issue, year after year after year, and for bringing forward what looks to us like a viable solution.

With bi-partisan support, and the elements in the bill that include both savings and continued kickers, we think it will be appealing to citizens.

It's been a number of years now since there was a kicker. That should help.

With legislators of both parties voting for it, it shouldn't become a campaign issue that will affect the democratic/republican count in the next legislature. That should help.

With the business community support the sponsors have brought to the legislation, it should avoid the labor/business split. That should help.

Since it can be put forward as a "saving-fix," rather than as a "kicker-killer," it has a good chance of being well viewed. That should help.

It will take energy, skill, volunteers, and money. But if we all get help in how to talk about the legislation, from the framing experts, and remain certain and calm, it needn't be difficult to pass.

Tax Fairness is a nearly all-volunteer citizen group advocating for fair, stable and adequate taxes