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Water

Measure: HJR23

I strongly oppose HJR 23. This is another money grab from the government to steal the kicker from hard working taxpayers. After Oregonians have worked hard and endured the ridiculousness of the last three years with increasing regulations, inflation, and more taxes, this bill proposes to take more money from the hard-working tax payers and start a new fund. Take money from the General Fund and apply it to the newly proposed Oregon Drought Reserve Fund, don't money that is owed back to the taxpayer. I don't think the Oregon Drought Reserve Fund is a bad idea, I just think you should use what money you already have instead of not returning it to the taxpayer.

Another issue I have with this bill is that it only returns a portion of the money owed to the taxpayer if they happen to make more than "200 percent more than the federal poverty level." This is not fair to the taxpayer; it is "equitable" but not fair. They paid their taxes, now give them what is owed back to them instead of withholding in the name of "justice or equity."