

Strongly Oppose SJR26

My husband and I strongly oppose SJR 26.

The excess funds taken in by the state do not belong to the state, but belong to the citizens and must be returned to the citizens as currently stated in the Oregon Constitution.

This bill is not in the best interest of Oregonians. It proposes to permanently take away the excess funds by putting forth an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to "CEASE the requirement of returning surplus revenue to personal income taxpayers." This is another bill which would harm Oregonians whose standard of living is continuing to decline. This bill amounts to institutionalized theft and sets up a situation of potential abuse.

We currently are among the top 10 highest-taxed states in the union. Between taxes, "fees", lottery money, and every other way the state brings money into its coffers, the continual cry for more money demonstrates poor management not higher need. We agree with the suggested proposal of a thorough line-by-line audit of every fund and every penny that is spent. If a true analysis of spending were to occur, perhaps you would find that the kicker returned to the citizens should be greater.

You see the overwhelming opposition comments to this bill. Be the voice of the people as you were elected to be and VOTE NO on SJR26!

Thanks you for your consideration of these comments.