



Taxpayers Association of Oregon

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No on HB 4125

The Taxpayers Association of Oregon rejects making formula changes to the Kicker Law that effectively reduce Kicker surplus funds being returned to taxpayers who over-paid.

Oregon has enough money,

Oregon is the sixth biggest spending state in the nation per-capita (1). Oregon has more money to solve it's problems than over 40 other states. Yet, Oregon continues to raise taxes and fees while claiming it is broke. The Kicker is much less today because the corporate kicker was changed and those funds are routed to education expenses.

People love their Kicker.

In 2020 voters passed Measure 86 with 62% approval to put the Kicker into the State Constitution.

If Oregon is broke then why did it spend ...

- \$10 million on a Portland Food Court (2025)
- \$50 million on Hollywood style film tax credits
- tens of millions to subsidize luxury hotels
- tens of millions on EV subsidies

Oregon has enough money. The problem is spending. This is why we see near-billion dollar mistakes made by the Department of Health, Transportation and other agencies in audit reports. The lack of attention in controlling waste, fraud and abuse is what is ailing State Government – not blocking people from over-collected surplus tax dollars being returned to them.

(1) using data collected and analyzed by the Kaiser Family Foundation using numbers from the National Association of Budget Officers.