

Submitter: Steven Harper

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB4125. As a member of a low-income household, the Oregon Kicker is an essential financial lifeline that our family depends on annually. Diverting these funds to address the \$24 billion PERS debt—a deficit worsened under Treasurer Tobias Read's tenure—is an unfair burden to place on taxpayers. We should not be held financially responsible for the mismanagement of funds or the decision to ignore consultant recommendations. I urge the legislature to seek alternative revenue streams from within the public employee system rather than penalizing Oregon families by altering the Kicker.