



Testimony in Support of HB4125

To: House Revenue Committee

From: Henry Elder, on behalf of Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) **Date:** February 3, 2026

Subject: Support for HB4125

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

I am a resident of Oregon City and a member of the COIN Legislative Team

Since the "Kicker" was initiated in 1980, I have observed the persistent challenges our representatives face when attempting to plan and allocate funds with stability and confidence. It is difficult to believe that the original voters intended for the state and its representatives to struggle so significantly with budgetary uncertainty.

Representative Mark Gamba's proposal, HB4125, offers much-needed "breathing room" for our state's fiscal planning. By establishing a systematic and appropriate method to honor the will of the people regarding the return of excess funds, this bill provides a necessary buffer during difficult funding years like the one we are currently experiencing.

Improved predictability in our revenue estimates will:

- **Decrease costs:** Reducing the need for the state to incur debt during revenue shortfalls.
- **Ensure service availability:** Leading to more reliable funding for the essential services Oregonians rely on.

On behalf of my colleagues at Indivisible, I urge you to pass this important modification to the kicker rebate estimates.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

Henry Elder