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I strongly opposed utilizing the Oregon Kicker to backfill funding for PERS or other state funding issues. Oregon has a long history of poor financial management (like the 8% guaranteed rate of return for PERS Tier 1 employees). These bad choices should not be paid for now by taxpayer dollars. Oregon admin needs to step up and manage the money it's given well. Not in frivolous lawsuits against the Federal Government and politically bent agendas. Put Oregonians first. Think about the people, in the WHOLE state - not just in Portland. The kicker only happened in the first place because Oregon estimated the budget so badly. Don't make taxpayers fix your mistakes.