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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

Testimony Against HB4125

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB4125.

As someone who has grown up as a child of an Oregon educator and has many other family and friends who will at some point, partially if not fully rely on (PERS), your handling of the entire program is disgraceful.

I am deeply concerned about the implications this bill carries for our state's financial integrity and the ethical considerations of reallocating funds away from a constitutionally enshrined program "Oregon Constitution (Article IX, Section 14) Kicker".

Firstly, it is crucial to recognize that this bill further entrenches a system where the inadequacies of government employees are masked by taking more resources from hardworking citizens. This approach not only undermines accountability within government but also perpetuates a cycle of dependency on taxpayer dollars to cover inefficiencies and mismanagement. Furthermore, by potentially redistributing funds, we risk a scenario where the less fortunate are asked to support the financial security of those who are already well-compensated. This is fundamentally unjust. I believe that our resources should be utilized to uplift those in need, rather than prop up a flawed system that disproportionately benefits a select few, often at the expense of the most vulnerable among us.

We must advocate for a government that operates with transparency and accountability. Instead of looking to citizens to fill budget gaps created by mismanagement, we should demand reforms that prioritize efficiency and responsible governance.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the long-term ramifications of HB4125 and to vote against any measure that would further burden our citizens or compromise the integrity of our financial system. Let us work together towards a more equitable and accountable government.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.