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I support HB 4125, the Revenue Forecast Modernization Act. It makes absolutely no sense to give back money to the people of Oregon (in the form of the kicker rebate) when our public schools are underfunded and we have people wobbling, on the cusp of becoming unhoused, because they have been unlucky and there are no services that can support them. Let's fix the social safety net with the money Oregonians ALREADY pay in taxes! I have lived in Oregon all my life, and I am generally so proud to be from this "Pacific Wonderland." But I learned recently that Oregon schoolchildren have the second shortest schoolyear in the country, and that our high school graduation rate (which is on the rise, at 83% last year) is still well below the national average (which was 87% back in 2021-2022). I want my fellow Oregonians to be at least basically educated, to be comfortably housed, and to have affordable health care -- even if that means I do not get back a few hundred bucks that I had already considered long gone!