

Submitter: William Hoelzer

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bill Hoelzer, and I am a parent of children at Duniway Elementary in Portland. I am writing in support of House Bill 4125.

Oregon's current budgeting system creates large swings in funding from one biennium to the next. While the kicker is well intentioned, it is often triggered by forecasting mechanics rather than true excess revenue. This volatility makes it harder for schools to plan, hire, and serve students consistently.

HB 4125 takes a responsible step by increasing transparency in revenue forecasting and setting aside a portion of these technical "surpluses" to reduce long-term obligations and prepare for future emergencies. Paying down PERS liabilities, debt, and capital costs directly protects classroom funding over time.

As a parent, I value stable, predictable funding for our schools more than one-time refunds. This bill preserves the kicker while strengthening Oregon's long-term fiscal health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Bill Hoelzer  
Portland, Oregon