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HB4125

I'm writing in support of HB 4125, the Revenue Forecast Modernization Act. I'm a parent in Portland Public Schools, with a child at Duniway Elementary, and I see firsthand what chronic underfunding looks like in a school system that's already been pared down to the minimum. The Kicker is draining Oregon's General Fund to the point where PPS faces cuts every single year—cuts to core programs, to staff, to basic building needs. We're already operating at bare bones, and yet we're staring at a \$50 million midyear deficit.

The last Kicker returned \$5.6 billion. This year's will be roughly \$1.4 billion. At the same time, the state is facing a \$63 million shortfall. Meanwhile, a "normal" class size at my child's school is over 30 students, and nearly all of our teaching assistants have been eliminated. Families are told to accept this as normal while the state sends out massive tax credits.

The wealthiest Oregonians do not need oversized refunds while our kids go without breathable indoor air, adequate staff support, and a full school year—things students in most other states take for granted. HB 4125 doesn't eliminate the Kicker. It simply fixes the forecasting rules so state economists aren't forced to predict revenue within 2 percent two years in advance, which is unrealistic in a world shaped by unpredictable tariffs, public health crises, and global instability. This bill closes a math loophole; it doesn't rewrite Oregon's values.

Please support HB 4125 so we can stabilize the State School Fund and give Oregon's students a future that isn't defined by annual cuts.