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HB4125

I strongly oppose HB4125. Accountability in state government means managing your money properly—not taking funds that belong to taxpayers to cover poor decisions and wasteful spending. The kicker refund exists because taxpayers overpaid; it is not a bailout fund for mismanagement.

Taxpayers have already contributed to PERS through our taxes. Redirecting kicker refunds to pay down pension debt ignores the principle of no taxation without representation. Instead of raiding refunds, hold departments accountable, stop adding unfunded programs, and balance the books through responsible governance. I absolutely want our schools to have more support and resources, but it must be done in the correct manner—not by taking money from families who need it. Oregon can prioritize education without undermining taxpayer trust.