

Submitter:

Robert Galanakis

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4125

Hello, Chair Nathanson and Co-Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters,

I am a constituent of Willy Chotzen and Sen Pham in Portland and my children go to Portland Public Schools. I am also a PTA President and Neighborhood Association member. I ran for PPS Board in 2025. I support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker and support our schools.

Running for school board really put into perspective how bad the funding situation in Oregon has gotten. I know it's popular to say we need to do more with less, but the reality our kids live is that there just isn't enough funding for what they need. I have looked at funding levels every which way and I don't see how we can keep up the "we fund our schools well already" charade.

Beyond being a parent, as a business owner in the tech sector I know that our education system is necessary to attract more investment.

I counted myself as, if not a fan, then at least not an opponent of the kicker; but the more I learned, the more I dislike it. Let's be more focused reinvesting good fortunes back our society, rather than being focused on starving our systems.

I'm asking you to support this bill and support our state's and children's future.

Sincerely,

Robert Galanakis