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My name is Chris Berrie, resident of Rockaway Beach and lifelong Oregon taxpayer. I respectfully submit this testimony in support of HB 4125 on behalf of teachers, students and families of Oregon.

Oregon relies too heavily on state income tax for funding critical needs. We do not have enough tax revenue to ensure that the minimum standards of schools and other publicly funded concerns are adequately met. Establishing a realistic budgeting process and eliminating the kicker would be a logical first step toward adequate and stable funding for education. Since the standard was set by the Quality Education Model (QEM), we've failed to meet it. The need for additional funding is critical. Using tax revenue "surplus" to invest in public education, instead of giving it back to taxpayers makes sense.

I urge you to support HB 4125 and deliver greater resources to Oregon Schools' budget.