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HB4125

Hello Chair Nathanson, Co-Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and members of the committee,

I am submitting my testimony as a resident of House District 27 and a Beaverton School District parent. I strongly support HB 4125 and ask you to do the same.

In its current form the state budgeting process cannot reasonably work. It's natural that in some biennia, tax revenue will exceed the forecast, and in others, it will come in lower than expected. If we immediately refund the surplus in every biennium we have one, but we have no way to make up the missing funds in every biennium we fall short, we fail as a state in funding the programs and services Oregonians need. Instead, we should be planning with a long-term framework to smooth out these natural ups and downs.

HB 4125 will reform the way the kicker works and improve the stability of our state budget. It also promises more funding for K-12 public education which is crucial for our children. Please support HB 4125.