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Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4143

Chair and committee members,

HB 4143 – Authorizes the Governor to direct state agencies to withhold moneys owed to the federal government if federal funds are being withheld from the state in contravention of a valid court order.

House Bill 4143 allows the Governor to direct state agencies to withhold qualified payments to the federal government if the U.S. is unlawfully withholding funds from the state in violation of a valid court order. The bill establishes a Federal Money Holding Account to manage these withheld payments and requires the state to indemnify officials who comply with the law. It takes effect 91 days after the end of the 2026 legislative session.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT -1 The amendment repeals the measure's provisions on January 2, 2037, and moves any remaining funds to the General Fund. It also adds two exclusions related to unemployment insurance and paid family and medical leave insurance to the definition of qualified payment.

A vindictive policy against the federal government could have consequences affecting all Oregonians. It will only make the state worse off.

Thank you