

SB 774 STRONGLY OPPOSE

I strongly oppose SB 774!

Oregonians did not vote for legislators to keep “our money” that is surplus tax revenue. We paid our taxes; if there is a surplus then we were overcharged, and the funds should be returned to us. Otherwise, there should be a move to reduce taxes to eliminate the surpluses.

In Oregon, we are already heavily taxed and there are discussions of raising the cost of our water, public transit, adding tolls, and city permits for building are already high. Your constituents voted that excess funds be returned to those who paid them. You have no rights to choose to do otherwise.

Throwing money into a bottomless pit isn't working! Our state is one of the highest for taxation and lowest for educational competence!

Better to stimulate economic growth and meet the needs of lower income earners by returning the surplus to the taxpayer.

Give back what was taken in excess of what was needed, **as the constitution compels you, and don't change the constitution to make this theft permanent!** Hardworking Oregonians need this money more than the state does.

You break the law when you don't submit a balanced budget and keeping the kicker is theft! It is time for the Oregon government to live within its means as the rest of us have to! Oregon needs to make government programs efficient and accountable instead of just demanding more money from hardworking Oregonians.

If this is your agenda, it is time for Oregon taxpayers to look in a different direction for leadership that can manage funds efficiently and effectively and work for the best interest of hardworking Oregonians. Don't kill the Golden Goose!