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Oregonians look forward to & rely on this kicker. This will be taking money away from the hard-working middle class, who are already burdened with some of the highest taxes in the country.

Taking away a kicker refund that has already been paid by Oregonians and, under current law, is already due to be returned to Oregonians will likely be subject to challenge & litigation. That's changing the rules mid game.

IF legislators believe the kicker should be discontinued - then put it to the vote of the citizens of Oregon - and only have the new law apply to future kickers, not one that has already been earned and is legally owed back to Oregonians. Let us weigh in on this huge decision.

Maximum tax revenue is not the highest absolute tax - its the highest tax that people are willing to pay before voting with their feet. The Oregon legislature needs to be very careful that we don't so burden our citizens with taxes that our working class just leaves, leaving our state poorer overall - not just fiscally, but culturally. Do we want a state of people so rich they don't care about how high the taxes are and the rest of the citizens dependent upon that small upper echelon? I do not.