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An alternative to this one-size-fits-all bill for Oregon counties (which range wildly between Multnomah and Malheur in this bill's administration) is to allow individual counties to adopt an alternative method of tax distribution:

What can happen is county treasurers allocate discounted property tax revenue to local agencies as billed on an accrual basis instead of as collected on a cash basis. Counties can finance the advance by borrowing money to each taxing jurisdiction in an amount equal to each year's delinquent property taxes. In exchange, counties receive penalties and interest on the property tax when collected as well as early payment discounts, which would have the same effect as the 3% withheld for administration because enforcement of the laws falls to the Treasurer. The more predictable cash flow for local agencies would allow them to do more creative things with PERS pre-financing.