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On Behalf Of: none

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HJR23

Statement by Stephen Dudley regarding HJR 23:

The Kicker has worked as planned for many years and has returned “excess revenue” back to the taxpayers who fund the state budget. It was made part of the Oregon Constitution for a reason.

HJR 23 is an attempt to divert some of the Kicker money to another purpose that is ill-defined and then significantly bias any refund left to a favored group of individuals. This is illogical and completely adverse to the intent of the Kicker.

If the legislature wants to spend money on other matters, then it should be specifically budgeted and not financed via what is, in essence, a ‘back door’ raid on the Kicker.

HJR 23 should be rejected in committee.