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I strongly oppose this bill. The personal kicker provides accountability to ensure that the government of the State of Oregon spends the tax payers money wisely and acts in the best interest of the citizens. The amount of tax paid into the system varies significantly between tax-payers. So when refunding surplus money, this refund should be done in an equitable manner based on the proportional amount of money paid into the system by each tax-payer. Setting a fixed amount to refund per tax-payer is creating a welfare system of income redistribution which should not be the intent of the taxation system and is systemically unequitable. The money should be returned to the people that paid it, not re-distributed out to those who didn't.