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Response

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HB3197

Every two years, the Oregon department of revenue must return excess tax collection to the citizens of Oregon. The kicker has been triggered in every biennium since the laws inception, although the legislature withheld the kicker once or twice.

Over \$7 billion has been returned to the taxpayers of Oregon because the department of revenue collected too much tax.

Now this bill wants to increase tax... even though the state collects too much.

This bill astonishingly enough wants to institute a sales tax, even though on a limited basis. How many times do the citizens of Oregon have to vote against sales tax before the legislature understands the people of Oregon do not want a sales tax?