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I oppose the use of the Taxpayer's Kicker surplus to be used for anything other than being returned to the taxpayers. We need to have accountability for a clear and clean budget and actual expenditures.

If we need to add a line item for wildlife mitigation and adaptation into the next budget, do so on purpose and openly. The kicker is NOT a slush fund for the legislature to decide to use for another purpose after they overcharged the taxpayers. The budget is the budget; the kicker is the kicker. Do not mix them. The legislature is the servant of the people with whom they must be trustworthy and accountable.

Thank you.