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The Oregon bottle drop program funds numerous charities including ours with a simple income stream that changes lives. A bottle drop donation check for as little \$60 buys far more results and does more dependable results than many small, struggling rescues count on in times of financial need. Redirecting these funds into an agency that has more options to be funded by large local and national programs is literally taking food from the mouths of innocent animals in our care.

The process of taking funds from one organization to fund another without any democratic protocol is unjust, unfair and a very concerning policy that leads to bold entitlement that can set a precedent.

It appears in more and more situations that when an agency that has funds that get lost in administration glut needs money, the first targeted source is small, underfunded programs that have little to no advantage to push back or fight for what is rightfully theirs. The bottle bill provides so many non-profit charities with a small but dependable income stream that impact us for the better.

How many bags of cans will it take to buy a wildfire team? Conversely, just a few bags of cans can feed dozens of hungry neglected animals or provides funds to purchase vaccines to prevent illnesses.

Our bottle drop funds are designated to us via the generous public that want to help and with a simple plastic bag of cans and bottles the community provides help without causing the community any hardship, helps solve a problem and gives the giver an important sense of helping and making a difference.

Reconsider taking this income from the needs of our desperately underfunded organizations.

Regards,  
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