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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4125

I am one of your constituents and a parent of students attending Vernon School. I care deeply about the future of Oregon and the success of our public education system. For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 4125, the Revenue Forecast Modernization Act.

Oregon's tax system has been in need of reform for decades. Measures 5 and 50 set us on a path that has consistently underfunded our schools, and the consequences are now impossible to ignore. Year after year, our children are asked to do more with less, and it is simply not sustainable.

This chronic underinvestment doesn't just harm students — it weakens our entire state. As a small business owner, I see firsthand how difficult it is to attract and retain talented employees when families are concerned about the quality and stability of local schools. When public education suffers, our communities and economy suffer with it.

The current Kicker system creates volatility in the General Fund, making long-term planning for education nearly impossible. HB 4125 would reduce that instability by modernizing revenue forecasting, allowing Oregon to make smarter, more reliable investments in children, schools, and communities.

I ask you to take a strong and public stance in support of HB 4125 and help move it forward. With major federal policy changes already placing new pressures on state budgets, Oregon needs a revenue system that is steady, responsible, and focused on our future — not one that undermines it.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to Oregon's families.