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This bill is the thin end of the wedge. The start of a bill that will separate us, the taxpayer from our hard-earned and constitutionally protected money. The body politic wants to take half of our kicker if the excess goes over \$300 million, which is to be spent on education and wildfire suppression and prevention. I find it doubtful that the money will be spent there, but will likely find itself in either the general fund, or supplementing PERS. The education system in the state of Oregon is beyond broken; it does more to indoctrinate children into Marxism and socialism than to properly educate and help ready them for the world at large.

Should this pass, the body politic that passed this bill into law will want more later on, citing budget shortfalls from a myriad of "reasons" including inflation and decreased revenue flow and will want either a lower threshold for taking half, or increasing the amount of excess withheld, perhaps both at some point until there is no more kicker for the taxpayers, then our taxes will get raised, or new taxes will be introduced to pay for what this bill claims to fund.

The taxpayers deserve their money, and they should not have that money taken from them because the body politic is utterly incapable of properly managing the funds that is entrusted to them by the residents of this state.