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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201

I oppose SJR 201.

SJR 201 would weaken or redirect Oregon's personal income tax kicker - the Oregon constitutional safeguard that returns excess revenue to taxpayers when state forecasts significantly underestimate collections. The kicker prevents automatic expansion of permanent government spending without voter approval. It protects families from over collection.

Repeated multi-million-dollar kickers proves Oregon does not have a revenue shortage. The state has seen record collections. Yet student outcomes remain in the bottom tier nationally for reading proficiency and graduation rates, and homelessness has increased despite millions more directed toward housing and services.

That is not a funding crisis. It is a management and accountability crisis. Lawmakers should demonstrate measurable improvements in education, housing stability, and public safety. Budgets should be tied to performance, transparency, and outcomes - not automatic growth.

Reform budgeting. Fix oversight. Demand results.

Vote NO on SJR 201.