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Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201  
Chair and Committee members,

SJR 201 – proposes amending the Oregon Constitution to require a portion of the surplus revenue that would otherwise be returned to personal income taxpayers to be used for funding public K-12 education, community colleges, and wildfire prevention and suppression, if the revenue exceeds a certain threshold. At least this bill, if passed, would go to the voters.

This is Kicker theft. The need to allocate more school funds could be resolved without stealing the kicker – just by complying with federal education requirements, eliminating DEI programs. The open rebellion to the Federal government is costing Oregon taxpayers as legislators try to make up the loss as we sink into socialism and the costs of being a sanctuary state.

Taxpayers object to Oregon's DEI, Illegal Alien, transgender, and sanctuary policies. This nation is changing, and Oregon is lagging because of losing policies, evident by people and businesses leaving the state.

Oregon is the sixth biggest spending state in the nation per-capita. Oregon has more money to solve its problems than over 40 other states. Yet, Oregon continues to raise taxes and fees while claiming it is broke. In 2020, voters passed Measure 86 with 62% approval to put the Kicker into the state Constitution.