

To Senate Committee on Finance,

The “kicker” fund are an over taxation of the citizens of Oregon; it is to be sent back to the taxpayers. Using it to fund some other failed system is poor stewardship of the people’s tax dollars. It is in same the “emergency tax” that the governor tried to go around the system by not managing the budget and overfunding all items except one in order to call it an “emergency”.

Article IX, Section 14 of the Oregon **state constitution** requires that if actual state revenue exceeds the budget forecast by more than 2%, the excess must be returned to taxpayers.

With the high cost of living due to mismanagement of government, the wages the citizens have need to remain in our hands in order to make ends meet.

We have considered leaving Oregon due to the over taxation, and if this gets ram-rodged through it will be the last straw.

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