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in 1979 the oregon legislature passed the kicker law as a way to control state spending. in 2000 voters approved a ballot measure to add it to the oregon constitution if revenues were more than 2% of the forecasted amount. because it was voted on by the citizens, it can only be changed by a vote of the citizens. you cannot be like samantha stevens and just wiggle your nose to make it go away. the money belongs to the people and needs to be returned to the people. we were told that if we passed the lottery bill that all that revenue would go to the schools. we were told that if we legalized the weed bill all that revenue would go to the schools. how was that money spent on schools? why are we ranked 47th in the nation? you are throwing spaghetti noodles at the wall hoping that will fix the problem. my 7th grade granddaughter still can't read or do basic math but they keep advancing her to the next grade. at this rate she will get a "participation trophy" instead of a diploma when she 'graduates'. recently she was given a full page survey where she could list her gender and what she identifies as. what does that have to do with math and reading? ineffective spending at the districts in the state has been found to be the real reason they are short on funds. should we give them more? i don't think so. we had a superintendent at our district who was ineffective and left to go to washington state as a super. oregon still paid him the pers deal. as for fire suppression...why wait for a fire to start and then spend billions trying to put it out? why not manage the forests better? if the majority of wildfires are caused by humans (90%), you really can't blame climate change. maybe close alot of forest trails in the driest of times. maybe put up more watch towers in the forests. they have one up on mary's peak near philomath with 2 rangers manning it all the time. they watch for smoke plumes and radio coordinates to the ranger station if they see any. just because oregon has forest trails doesn't mean they need to be open for hiking when conditions are dry. campgrounds ban campfires when it has been extremely dry. from the beginning of time the forests have burned, clearing the understory from future fires. yellowstone np will not put out a forest fire because their ecosystem depends on it to restore the forest for future generations naturally. to request funds to put out a fire once it starts is assinine. by clearing the forest floors to prevent or minimize fires makes more sense. work with the folks that depend on the forests, logging companies, timber companies, and forest managers. i oppose this bill because of bad leadership and mismanagement of funds already allocated. when thomas jefferson was drafting the us constitution he wrote "governments derive their power from the consent of the governed". we the people have spoken.