

Submitter: Esther Hall

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201

As an Oregonian taxpayer, I am strongly opposed to amending the Oregon Constitution with SJR 201. Hard-working Oregonians deserve to receive surplus revenue as provided by law. We have earned money, paid our taxes, and deserve to get a kicker back if and when there is a surplus.

Education and wildfire prevention funding are separate issues that needs to find funding in a better way or use current funding wisely. Changing the Oregon Constitution to keep surplus revenue from Oregon taxpayers is wrong.

My husband is a public high school teacher in Linn County. The massive education funding in our state is not making it into the local classrooms for basic everyday student supplies or proper staffing of classrooms. More funding is not the answer. Proper allocation of current funding is necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.