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For nearly \$1B tax hike Dems want to go back and edit past revenue estimates to steal kicker

SALEM, Ore.—Nearly a billion dollars could be hiked in taxes by multiple efforts to steal Oregonians’ “kicker” tax rebates.

House Bill 2170 allows the state to go back and edit the previous personal income tax revenue estimates for 2017-19 to \$17.8 billion, up from the \$17.1 billion estimate on which the state’s current budget was built. Since \$17.8 billion matches state economists’ latest revenue prediction from November, it would allow the state to refuse paying out a kicker.

Sens. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, and Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, and Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, released the following joint statement:

“Stealing the kicker is not going to fly with our constituents. There are already ways the state can increase its revenue without tax hikes. Updating the state’s procurement system with OregonBuys could save about \$2 billion. Another nearly \$1 billion in tax hikes by going back and editing past revenue estimates undermines the credibility of our government and the Legislature.”

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