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Senate Republicans Propose Immediate Tax Relief

Bill would protect the 'Kicker' and give Oregonians their refund as soon as possible

Salem, OR - For Oregonians, the 'kicker' means tax relief. However, if Senate Democrats have their way, Oregonians won't get that much-needed tax relief. Despite \$1.44 billion in additional resources from economic growth, Democrats are struggling to find enough money to spend on schools, health care, public safety, and transportation. It appears they have the wrong priorities.

"With an extra \$1.44 billion in revenue and more expected to come, it's hard to explain why Oregon doesn't have enough to make a game-changing investment in education," said Senator Knopp. "Democrats just passed a K-12 budget they admitted is inadequate. So where is the rest of the money going?"

One thing is clear: it's not being spent on schools. By intentionally underfunding education now, Democrats appear using our children and schools as political leverage to steal the voter-approved tax refund from Oregonians. Senate Republicans are pursuing legislation to protect the kicker and give Oregonians tax relief through a stimulus check as soon as possible.

Today, Senate Republicans filed a bill that would change the way the kicker refund is allocated from a tax credit next year to a stimulus check this year. This could mean an immediate refund of approximately \$180 for Oregonians depending on the total amount of taxes paid.

"It's clear the current Democratic leadership is unable to prioritize and control state spending," said Senator Baertschiger. "There's never enough. That's why we need to protect Oregonians' pocketbooks and give them tax relief sooner rather than later."

According to Senate Republicans, it is time to give Oregonians the voter-approved kicker tax refund they deserve, before it's stolen by Democrats and spent on the wrong priorities for Oregon.

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