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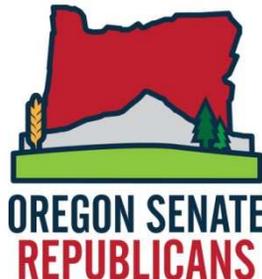
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**Statement from Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli on the May Revenue Forecast**

Salem, OR - Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) released the following statement regarding today's May revenue forecast. Additional revenue from the forecast will trigger a kicker of \$478 million, with the average Oregon family receiving \$284 back from the kicker.

"A \$478 million kicker is the best economic stimulus package that Oregonians could hope for," said Senator Ferrioli. "The kicker must be returned to taxpayers at all possible dispatch so they can invest, spend or save as they choose. With nearly \$1.75 billion in new revenue this budget cycle, we can fully fund education and provide for all the needs of Oregonians without new taxes."

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