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## Senate Republicans Raise Concerns Over Revenue Model Changes and Future Kicker Refunds

**SALEM, Ore.** – Senate Republicans expressed concerns following the December 2024 Economic and Revenue Forecast, questioning whether recent changes to the state’s revenue model could impact future kicker refunds. While the 2023-25 kicker remains intact, Republicans are wary of adjustments that may reduce refunds in the years ahead.

“This forecast raises important questions about the accuracy of these projections and their potential impact on taxpayers,” said **Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles)**. “Oregonians deserve transparency to ensure the system works for them, not just for government budgets.”

Over the past decade, the kicker has returned more than \$11 billion to taxpayers, providing meaningful relief for families across the state. Senate Republicans stressed the importance of preserving this mechanism, which holds government accountable and keeps funds in the hands of Oregonians.

“The kicker is the people’s money, and it should remain so,” said **Senator Lynn Findley (R-Vale)**, a member of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee. “While this biennium’s kicker appears secure, changes to the revenue model could lead to smaller refunds in the future, and we need to ensure taxpayers are treated fairly.”

Republicans also noted ongoing challenges in Oregon’s economy, including a recession in the manufacturing sector—a key source of high-paying jobs—and slowing population growth. They called for greater focus on policies that support economic recovery and workforce development.

“Oregon faces real economic challenges, and we need to prioritize solutions that strengthen our economy and benefit families across the state,” **Bonham** said. “We remain committed to protecting the kicker and ensuring taxpayers receive the refunds they rightfully deserve, both now and in the years ahead.”

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