

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

2/19/2015

RESOLUTION 2015.08

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to the Elimination of the Individual Kicker Rebate

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Democratic Party of Lane County, according to the DPLC Platform of 2014, to advocate eliminating the “individual kicker rebate in Oregon & direct the resulting revenue to a rainy day fund”; and

WHEREAS, Oregon’s general economy has changed quickly enough in recent years that estimates of state revenue necessary for budgetary planning have not always been within 2% of actual revenue received; and

WHEREAS, individual income tax rates should depend on an individual’s income, not on an early estimate of possible state revenue generated by an income tax; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 8 (HJR 8), an amendment to eliminate the individual income tax surplus “kicker,” has been proposed by the House Interim Committee on Revenue for the 2015 session, to be submitted to the people of Oregon in the next general election.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves that:

SECTION 1. Our legislature should pass HJR 8 so that Oregon voters may amend our constitution to eliminate the dependence of tax rates on revenue estimates and prevent our state from losing much needed revenue simply because Oregon’s economy improves faster than expected.

SECTION 2. Our legislature should pass legislation to create a rainy day fund to bolster state revenue in times of economic distress.

Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, February 19, 2015.

Signed:

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Chris Wig
Chair

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Celine Swenson-Harris
Secretary