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## Moore Insight: Oregonians Favor Eliminating Corporate “Kicker” and Redirecting Funds to Public Schools or Rainy Day Fund

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In our recent statewide voter survey (conducted March 9-10, 2006), voters favor eliminating the kicker income tax rebate for corporations and redirecting funds to public schools by a 62-29% margin. Another proposal which would eliminate corporate kicker refunds to create a rainy day fund for economic emergencies is favored by a narrower, 54-34% margin.

Majorities of voters in most subgroups throughout the state favor eliminating the corporate kicker and using the money to fund public schools. The exception is Republican men, who oppose this idea today.

### Eliminate Kicker Income Tax Rebate for Corporations & Redirect Money to Public Schools

	Eliminate kicker %	Don't know %	Don't eliminate %	Net eliminate %
<b>All</b>	62	9	29	+33
<b>Region</b>				
Multnomah Co.	71	6	23	+48
Clack/Washington Cos.	57	5	38	+19
Willamette Valley	67	10	23	+44
Elsewhere	58	12	30	+28
<b>Party</b>				
GOP men	38	11	51	-13
GOP women	58	11	31	+27
Democrats	77	4	20	+57
Independents/others	62	18	21	+41

A proposal to do away with the corporate kicker rebate and create a rainy day fund is not as popular as having a dedicated source for funds, such as education. Today, eliminating the corporate kicker and putting funds in a rainy day fund for economic emergencies is opposed by Republican men and Republicans age 18-54. Regionally, Multnomah County voters are among the most enthusiastic about eliminating the corporate kicker and creating a rainy day fund, and a majority in the Willamette Valley also like the idea. But in suburban Portland (Washington/Clackamas Counties) and rural Oregon, voter support for eliminating the corporate kicker to create a rainy day fund dwindles.

**Eliminate Kicker Income Tax Rebate for Corporations  
& Create Rainy Day Fund for Economic Emergencies**

	Eliminate kicker %	Don't know %	Don't eliminate %	Net eliminate %
<b>All</b>	54	12	34	+20
<b>Region</b>				
Multnomah Co.	63	12	26	+37
Clack/Washington Cos.	51	5	44	+7
Willamette Valley	56	17	27	+29
Elsewhere	50	12	38	+12
<b>Party</b>				
GOP men	33	9	58	-25
GOP women	45	23	32	+13
GOP 18-54	32	19	49	-17
GOP 55+	43	13	45	-2
Democrats	68	6	26	+42
Independents/others	57	18	25	+32

*The telephone survey was conducted March 9-10, 2006 among a representative sample of 400 registered voters in Oregon. The sampling error is plus or minus 5% at the 95% confidence level.*

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