

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE & REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HJR 14-A
CARRIER: Sen. Devlin**

**REVENUE: No Revenue Impact
FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Issued**

Action: Do adopt the A-engrossed Resolution

Vote: 3-2-0

Yeas: Burdick, Monroe, Deckert

Nays: G. George, Starr

Exc.:

Prepared By: Warner, Economist

Meeting Dates: 5/31

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Amends constitution. Modifies double majority voting requirement on local property tax measures. Current law requires both a majority approval and majority turn out to approve a property tax measure held at any time other than the general election taking place every other November. HJR 14 would permit approval of local property tax measures by a majority of voters regardless of turnout for elections held in May and November of each year. Refers constitutional amendment to next regular general election scheduled for November of 2008.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Voter participation.
- Historical impact of double majority requirement.
- 1996 vote rejecting turn out requirements.
- Rejection of double majority repeal referred by 1997 Legislature (Measure 53 in 1998).

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: No amendments.

BACKGROUND: The double majority requirement for non-general election property tax measures was approved by voters in May of 1997 as part of Measure 50. Since that time about 12% of property tax measures submitted to local ballots have failed due exclusively to the voter turnout requirement.

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