

2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2640 **STATUS:** C-Engrossed
SUBJECT: Setting November 6, 2007 special election; establishing ballot titles, explanatory statements, and financial impact statements for eight referrals
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Secretary of State
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DATE: June 23, 2007

	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Comments.		

REVENUES:
See Comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The measure sets November 6, 2007 as the date for a statewide special election for the purpose of two legislative referrals. It refers HB 3540 and SJR 4 to the November 6, 2007 special election; refers HJR 49, HJR 50 and SJR 18 to the May 2008 primary election; and refers HJR 4, HJR 31 and HJR 15 to the November 2008 general election. It establishes the ballot titles, explanatory statements and financial impact statements for the eight referrals submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection.

The Secretary of State's Elections Division projects a total cost of \$1.6 to \$1.8 million General Fund for a special election based on similar elections in 2002 and 2003 adjusted for inflation. The fiscal impact includes \$250,000 to publish the state voters' pamphlet, and County costs which are anticipated to be \$1.4 to \$1.6 million. The final fiscal for a special election will be impacted by: 1) whether counties or local jurisdictions place measures or candidates on the ballot, and 2) the complexity of the issue, which impacts the size of the voters' pamphlet as more arguments in support and opposition are filed.

The Secretary will seek an appropriation from the \$1.8 million special purpose appropriation established in the Emergency Fund when the actual election costs are known. This is generally two months after the election results are certified.