

**SENATE MINORITY REPORT
AMENDMENTS TO
C-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2707**

March 14

President Courtney:

A minority of your Committee on Finance and Revenue, to whom was referred C-engrossed House Bill 2707, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

1 On page 1 of the printed C-engrossed bill, line 2, after “fund” insert a period and delete the rest
2 of the line and line 3.

3 Delete lines 5 through 23 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Budget Reserve Fund is established separate and distinct**
5 **from the General Fund. The Oregon Budget Reserve Fund consists of:**

6 **“(a) Moneys deposited into the fund in accordance with this section; and**

7 **“(b) Any other moneys deposited into the fund in accordance with law.**

8 **“(2) In budgeting for a biennium that begins on July 1 of the year of a regular legislative**
9 **session, the Legislative Assembly shall leave unappropriated three percent of the amount of**
10 **General Fund revenues estimated to be available for the biennium. The Legislative Assembly**
11 **shall use the estimate of General Fund revenues contained in the last quarterly economic**
12 **and revenue forecast presented prior to the end of the regular legislative session.**

13 **“(3) When the actual amount of General Fund revenues collected has been determined**
14 **for a biennium:**

15 **“(a) If the actual amount equals or exceeds the amount of the estimate used to deter-**
16 **mine the amount left unappropriated for that biennium under subsection (2) of this section,**
17 **the three percent of estimated General Fund revenues that was left unappropriated for that**
18 **biennium under subsection (2) of this section shall be deposited into the Oregon Budget Re-**
19 **serve Fund.**

20 **“(b) If the actual amount is less than the amount of the estimate used to determine the**
21 **amount left unappropriated for that biennium under subsection (2) of this section, but not**
22 **less than 97 percent of the estimated amount, the amount by which the actual revenues ex-**
23 **ceed 97 percent of the estimated revenues shall be deposited into the Oregon Budget Reserve**
24 **Fund.**

25 **“(4) The Legislative Assembly may by law appropriate in any one biennium up to two-**
26 **thirds of the principal of the Oregon Budget Reserve Fund if:**

27 **“(a) The proposed appropriation is approved by three-fifths of the members serving in**
28 **each house of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Assembly finds one of the fol-**
29 **lowing:**

30 **“(A) That the last quarterly economic and revenue forecast presented prior to the end**
31 **of the regular legislative session estimates that General Fund revenues for the biennium that**
32 **begins on July 1 of the year of the regular legislative session will be at least three percent**

1 less than the amount of appropriations made from the General Fund for the biennium that
2 ends on June 30 of the year of the regular legislative session, as determined as of the date
3 the forecast is presented;

4 “(B) That there has been a decline for two or more consecutive quarters in the last 12
5 months in seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment; or

6 “(C) That a quarterly economic and revenue forecast estimates that General Fund re-
7 venues for the biennium in which the forecast is made will be at least two percent below the
8 amount estimated in the last quarterly economic and revenue forecast presented prior to the
9 end of the regular legislative session in which the budget for the current biennium was
10 adopted; or

11 “(b) The proposed appropriation is approved by three-fifths of the members serving in
12 each house of the Legislative Assembly and the Governor declares an emergency.

13 “(5) Earnings on moneys in the Oregon Budget Reserve Fund shall be deposited into the
14 fund and become part of the principal of the fund.

15 “(6) For purposes of this section:

16 “(a) Moneys in the Oregon Budget Reserve Fund that are appropriated under subsection
17 (4) of this section are not General Fund revenues; and

18 “(b) The quarterly economic and revenue forecast is the forecast made for purposes of
19 section 4 (6), Article XV of the Oregon Constitution.

20 “(7) The Legislative Assembly shall first apply subsection (2) of this section to the budget
21 developed for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009.”.

22 /s/ Bruce Starr
23 Senator

24 /s/ Gary George
25 Senator
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