

Minority Report
B-Engrossed
House Joint Resolution 14

Ordered by the Senate June 6
Including House Amendments dated April 3 and Senate Minority
Report Amendments dated June 6

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue: Senators STARR, G.
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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to modify double majority voting requirements in property tax elections so that double majority requirement does not apply to local property tax measures submitted to electors in elections in May or November of any year.]

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to establish Oregon Government Ethics Fund. Provides that earnings on fund are to be used only to pay expenses related to investigation and enforcement of laws governing ethics in government.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund, for biennium beginning July 1, 2009, for purpose of establishing Oregon Government Ethics Fund.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas there is a state agency charged with making sure that those who hold public office,
3 and therefore public trust, adhere to a code of ethics; and

4 Whereas the state agency regulates the actions of all public officials; and

5 Whereas the state agency ensures that public bodies uphold the public meetings law so that
6 government actions are taken in public; and

7 Whereas the state agency ensures that public officials avoid or declare conflicts of interest,
8 giving Oregonians the confidence that their public officials are acting in the best interests of all;
9 and

10 Whereas placing decisions about the budget for the state agency in the hands of those regulated
11 by the agency risks the credibility of the agency and those it regulates; and

12 Whereas it is critical that a dedicated source of funding exist to ensure that the state agency
13 has a consistent and sustainable means of carrying out its charge; now, therefore,

14 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

15 **PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating new sections
16 34 and 34a to be added to and made a part of Article IV, such sections to read:

17 **SECTION 34. The Oregon Government Ethics Fund is established in the State Treasury,**
18 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Oregon Government Ethics Fund is an**
19 **investment fund that retains its own interest. Earnings on the fund may be used only to pay**
20 **the expenses of the state agency charged by law with the investigation and enforcement of**
21 **the laws of this state governing ethics in government.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 34a. (1) The Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly shall appropriate to the Oregon**
2 **Government Ethics Fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund,**
3 **the amount of \$14.5 million for the purposes of section 34 of this Article.**

4 **(2) This section is repealed on January 1, 2010.**

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6 **PARAGRAPH 2.** **The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the**
7 **people for their approval or rejection at the next general election held throughout this state.**

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