

**SENATE MINORITY REPORT  
AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14**

June 6

President Courtney:

A minority of your Committee on Finance and Revenue, to whom was referred A-engrossed House Joint Resolution 14, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it be adopted with the following amendments:

1 After line 1 of the printed A-engrossed joint resolution, insert:

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;  
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10 “Whereas placing decisions about the budget for the state agency in the hands of those regu-  
11 lated 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 Delete lines 3 through 11 and insert:

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.**

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

25 “**(2) This section is repealed on January 1, 2010.**

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

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/s/ Bruce Starr  
Senator

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