

**2008 Special Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HJR 100                      **STATUS:** Original  
**SUBJECT:** Proposes amendment to the Oregon Constitution finding that access to health care is a fundamental right through referral to voters at the next regular general election.  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Secretary of State and county government  
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**DATE:** February 07, 2008

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**EXPENDITURES:** See analysis.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** On passage.

**INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS:** The budgetary impact of this bill was neither reviewed nor approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee and is not included in the omnibus budget bill to be introduced by the committee.

**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.

**ANALYSIS:** The measure would refer for voter approval or rejection at the next regular general election, a proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution stating that health care for Oregonians is a fundamental right. This measure directs that the Legislative Assembly to establish by law a plan for a system designed to provide access to effective and affordable health care on a regular basis to every legal resident of Oregon.

Under procedures established in Oregon Revised Statute 250.125 and 250.127, a financial impact committee is created for each state measure submitted to the ballot through the initiative and referendum processes. For this reason, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) does not include an estimate of the fiscal impact that would result if HJR 100 were to be adopted by a vote of the people. Also, for purposes of this fiscal impact statement, LFO assumes that a ballot measure would be placed before voters in the next regular general election in November 2008.

Secretary of State

The Legislatively Adopted Budget for the Secretary of State for 2007-09 provided \$1.2 million to fund the voters' pamphlets in the 2008 election cycle. The SOS cost of voter pamphlets are dependant upon the number of ballot measures and the number of supporting and opposing arguments. At this point, the total number of initiatives and legislative referrals affecting the 2008 election cycle will not be known until the respective deadlines of the primary and general elections have passed. Therefore, the cumulative impact of all referrals on the SOS budget, including this measure, cannot be determined. LFO assumes that the SOS will seek a General Fund appropriation from the Emergency Board, if actual voters' pamphlet costs exceed available resources.

County Government

For counties, the addition of a single ballot measure has a minimal fiscal impact unless the addition of a legislatively introduced ballot(s) increases the size of the county ballot beyond a single page. Counties with multiple page ballots would experience increased expenditures for printing, postage, and counting.