

**SENATE MINORITY REPORT
AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2831**

June 10

President Courtney:

A minority of your Committee on Commerce and Workforce Development, to whom was referred A-engrossed House Bill 2831, 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 A-engrossed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the
2 line and delete line 3 and insert “and declaring an emergency.

3 “Whereas the Governor gave \$141 million in pay increases to state government agency heads
4 and managers, during the worst recession since 1927; and

5 “Whereas some of the raises were larger than the annual incomes of many Oregon families; and

6 “Whereas the Governor’s pay increases will cost taxpayers \$258 million over the next two years;
7 and

8 “Whereas giving pay increases to state government agency heads and managers while more than
9 250,000 Oregonians are unemployed and more are laid off every day is out of touch; and

10 “Whereas more than \$800 million in tax increases are being proposed in part to pay for the
11 Governor’s pay increases; and

12 “Whereas, like Oregon families and businesses, state government should reduce spending and
13 learn to live with less; now, therefore,”.

14 Delete lines 5 through 24 and delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:

15 “**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘state government’ has the meaning given that**
16 **term in ORS 174.111.**

17 “**(2) The Legislative Assembly may not fund any pay increases for state government**
18 **employees that were granted by the Governor during the 18 months preceding the effective**
19 **date of this 2009 Act.**

20 “**(3) The Governor shall work with state government employees to renegotiate contracts**
21 **so that there is no impact on the state budget from the pay raises granted by the Governor**
22 **during the 18 months preceding the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

23 “**(4) Until the conditions listed in subsection (5) of this section are satisfied:**

24 “**(a) All cost-of-living increases to salaries of state government employees in the execu-**
25 **tive branch are suspended;**

26 “**(b) All step increases within the salary range of each state government employee in the**
27 **executive branch are suspended;**

28 “**(c) All upward reclassifications of state government employees in the executive branch**
29 **are suspended; and**

30 “**(d) State government positions in the executive branch that are vacant on the effective**
31 **date of this 2009 Act may not be filled.**

32 “**(5) The restrictions listed in subsection (4) of this section may be lifted when the Gov-**

1 **ernor determines that:**

2 **“(a) The rate of economic growth in Oregon has been positive in four of the previous six**
3 **quarters; and**

4 **“(b) Oregon’s private sector unemployment rate is less than seven percent.**

5 **“(6) When a salary increase suspended under this section is no longer suspended, the**
6 **salary increase applies only prospectively. State government may not retroactively pay a**
7 **salary increase suspended under this section for any period during which the salary increase**
8 **was suspended.**

9 **“(7) This section does not apply to state officers elected by popular vote, or appointed to**
10 **fill vacancies in elective offices, whose salaries are fixed by law.**

11 **“SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
13 **on its passage.”.**

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/s/ Chris Telfer
Senator

/s/ Larry George
Senator
