## **House Joint Resolution 41**

Sponsored by Representative NOLAN; Representative GALIZIO, Senator BURDICK

## **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 **as introduced.** 

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to allow state to guarantee revenue bonds issued by Oregon Health and Science University. Allows Legislative Assembly to provide that reimbursement to state shall be obtained from moneys otherwise used to support university. Allows state to issue general obligation bonds to provide funding to satisfy state's guaranty.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

**PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new Article to be known as Article XI-P, such Article to read:

## ARTICLE XI-P

SECTION 1. To secure lower interest costs on the revenue bonds of the Oregon Health and Science University, the State of Oregon may guarantee the revenue bonded indebtedness of the university as provided in sections 2 to 6 of this Article and laws enacted pursuant to this Article.

SECTION 2. In the manner provided by law and notwithstanding the limitations contained in sections 7 and 8, Article XI of this Constitution, the credit of the State of Oregon may be loaned and indebtedness incurred, in an amount not to exceed, at any one time, one-half of one percent of the true cash value of all taxable property in the state, to provide funds as necessary to satisfy the state guaranty of the revenue bonded indebtedness of the Oregon Health and Science University, if qualified under procedures that shall be established by law, to issue general obligation bonds that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of this state. The state may guarantee the revenue bonded indebtedness of the university, if qualified, and may guarantee revenue bonded indebtedness incurred to refund the revenue bonds.

SECTION 3. The Legislative Assembly may provide that reimbursement to the state shall be obtained from, but shall not be limited to, moneys that otherwise would be used for the support of the Oregon Health and Science University.

SECTION 4. The State of Oregon may issue bonds if and as necessary to provide funding to satisfy the state's guaranty obligations undertaken pursuant to this Article. The bonds shall be payable from any moneys reimbursed to the state under section 3 of this Article, from any moneys recoverable from the Oregon Health and Science University, from any other funds available for these purposes and, if necessary, from state ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 5. Bonds of the state issued pursuant to this Article shall be the direct obligations of the state and shall be in such form, run for such periods of time and bear such rates of interest as shall be provided by law. The bonds may be refunded with bonds of like obligation.

SECTION 6. The Legislative Assembly shall enact legislation to carry out the provisions of this Article, including provisions that authorize the state's recovery from the Oregon Health and Science University, any amounts necessary to make the state whole. This Article shall supersede all conflicting constitutional provisions and shall supersede any conflicting provision of any law or charter pertaining to the university.

<u>PARAGRAPH 2.</u> The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.