

Senate Joint Resolution 2

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SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to transfer surplus corporate income or excise tax revenue to reserve fund intended to provide funding in response to economic decline.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 14. (1) As soon as is practicable after adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly, the Governor shall cause an estimate to be prepared of revenues that will be received by the General Fund for the biennium beginning July 1. The estimated revenues from corporate income and excise taxes shall be separately stated from the estimated revenues from other General Fund sources.

(2) As soon as is practicable after the end of the biennium, the Governor shall cause actual collections of revenues received by the General Fund for that biennium to be determined. The revenues received from corporate income and excise taxes shall be determined separately from the revenues received from other General Fund sources.

(3)(a) If the revenues received by the General Fund from corporate income and excise taxes during the biennium exceed the amount estimated to be received from corporate income and excise taxes for the biennium, by two percent or more, the total amount of the excess shall be *[returned to corporate income and excise taxpayers.]* **transferred to a reserve fund intended to provide funding in response to projected or actual economic decline.**

(b) The Legislative Assembly may appropriate moneys from the reserve fund described in paragraph (a) of this subsection only if:

(A) Economic and revenue forecasts for an upcoming biennium project a shortfall, in excess of an amount determined by law by the Legislative Assembly, in comparison to appropriations from the General Fund for the current biennium;

(B) Economic and revenue forecasts for the current biennium project a shortfall, in excess of an amount determined by law by the Legislative Assembly, in comparison to the revenue forecast on which the legislatively adopted budget for the biennium was based; or

(C) There is a decline, in excess of an amount determined by law by the Legislative Assembly, in seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment.

(4) If the revenues received from General Fund revenue sources, exclusive of those described in subsection (3) of this section, during the biennium exceed the amount estimated to be received from

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 such sources for the biennium, by two percent or more, the total amount of the excess shall be re-
2 turned to personal income taxpayers.

3 (5) The Legislative Assembly may enact laws:

4 (a) Establishing a tax credit, refund payment or other mechanism by which the excess revenues
5 are returned to taxpayers, and establishing administrative procedures connected therewith.

6 (b) Allowing the excess revenues to be reduced by administrative costs associated with return-
7 ing the excess revenues.

8 (c) Permitting a taxpayer's share of the excess revenues not to be returned to the taxpayer if
9 the taxpayer's share is less than a de minimis amount identified by the Legislative Assembly.

10 (d) Permitting a taxpayer's share of excess revenues to be offset by any liability of the taxpayer
11 for which the state is authorized to undertake collection efforts.

12 (6)(a) Prior to the close of a biennium for which an estimate described in subsection (1) of this
13 section has been made, the Legislative Assembly, by a two-thirds majority vote of all members
14 elected to each House, may enact legislation declaring an emergency and increasing the amount of
15 the estimate prepared pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

16 (b) The prohibition against declaring an emergency in an act regulating taxation or exemption
17 in section 1a, Article IX of this Constitution, does not apply to legislation enacted pursuant to this
18 subsection.

19 (7) This section does not apply:

20 (a) If, for a biennium or any portion of a biennium, a state tax is not imposed on or measured
21 by the income of individuals.

22 (b) To revenues derived from any minimum tax imposed on corporations for the privilege of
23 carrying on or doing business in this state that is imposed as a fixed amount and that is nonappor-
24 tioned (except for changes of accounting periods).

25 (c) To biennia beginning before July 1, 2001.

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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 regular general election held throughout**
29 **this state.**

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