

Senate Joint Resolution 38

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN

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 clarify requirement that Legislative Assembly must appropriate in each biennium amount sufficient to ensure that state's system of public education meets quality goals established by law.

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 section 8a to be added to and made a part of Article VIII, and by amending section 8, Article VIII, such sections to read:

Sec. 8. Adequate and Equitable Funding. (1) The Legislative Assembly shall appropriate in each biennium a sum of money sufficient to ensure that the state's system of public education meets quality goals established by law[, *and*]. **In addition, the Legislative Assembly shall** publish a report **in each biennium** that [*either*] demonstrates **that** the appropriation **for the biennium** is sufficient[, *or identifies the reasons for the insufficiency, its extent, and its impact on the ability of the state's system of public education*] to meet those goals.

(2) Consistent with such legal obligation as it may have to maintain substantial equity in state funding, the Legislative Assembly shall establish a system of Equalization Grants to eligible districts for each year in which the voters of such districts approve local option taxes as described in Article XI, section 11 (4)(a)(B) of this Constitution. The amount of such Grants and eligibility criteria shall be determined by the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 8a. (1) **Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8 of this Article that require the Legislative Assembly to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to ensure that the state's system of public education meets quality goals established by law:**

(a) **For the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 biennia, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate in each biennium not less than 85 percent of the sum of money sufficient to ensure that the state's system of public education meets quality goals established by law.**

(b) **For the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 biennia, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate in each biennium not less than 90 percent of the sum of money sufficient to ensure that the state's system of public education meets quality goals established by law.**

(c) **For the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 biennia, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate in each biennium not less than 95 percent of the sum of money sufficient to ensure that the state's system of public education meets quality goals established by law.**

(2) This section is repealed July 1, 2023.

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

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