

# Senate Joint Resolution 25

Sponsored by Senator ATKINSON

## SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to transfer authority of Emergency Board to Joint Committee on Ways and Means and require that actions of joint committee be approved by Senate.

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.** Section 3, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

**Sec. 3.** (1) The Legislative Assembly is authorized to establish by law a [*joint committee*] **Joint Committee on Ways and Means** composed of members of both houses of the Legislative Assembly, the membership to be as fixed by law[, *which committee may exercise*]. **Subject to subsection (2) of this section**, during the interim between sessions of the Legislative Assembly, **the committee may exercise** such of the following powers as may be conferred upon it by law:

(a) Where an emergency exists, to allocate to any state agency, out of any emergency fund that may be appropriated to the committee for that purpose, additional funds beyond the amount appropriated to the agency by the Legislative Assembly, or funds to carry on an activity required by law for which an appropriation was not made.

(b) Where an emergency exists, to authorize any state agency to expend, from funds dedicated or continuously appropriated for the uses and purposes of the agency, sums in excess of the amount of the budget of the agency as approved in accordance with law.

(c) In the case of a new activity coming into existence at such a time as to preclude the possibility of submitting a budget to the Legislative Assembly for approval, to approve, or revise and approve, a budget of the money appropriated for such new activity.

(d) Where an emergency exists, to revise or amend the budgets of state agencies to the extent of authorizing transfers between expenditure classifications within the budget of an agency.

**(2) Any action taken by the joint committee under subsection (1) of this section must be approved by the Senate. This subsection applies only to action taken by the joint committee during the interim between sessions of the Legislative Assembly.**

[(2)] **(3)** The Legislative Assembly shall prescribe by law what shall constitute an emergency for the purposes of this section.

[(3)] **(4)** As used in this section, "state agency" means any elected or appointed officer, board, commission, department, institution, branch or other agency of the state government.

[(4)] **(5)** The term of members of the joint committee established pursuant to this section shall run from the [*adjournment of one odd-numbered year regular session to the organization of the next*

**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 *odd-numbered year regular session. No member of a committee shall cease to be such member solely*  
2 *by reason of the expiration of his term of office as a member of the Legislative Assembly] **date of the***  
3 **organization of the regular session of the Legislative Assembly held in an even-numbered**  
4 **year to the day before the commencement of the next regular session held in an odd-**  
5 **numbered year.**

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

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