

Senate Joint Resolution 18

Sponsored by Senator BEYER

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 directing Legislative Assembly to establish education support fund consisting of revenues from sales tax imposed at rate not to exceed _____ percent. Provides that appropriations from education support fund may not supplant other appropriations for public education.

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 16 to be added to and made a part of Article IX, such section to read:

SECTION 16. (1)(a) The Legislative Assembly shall establish an education support fund separate and distinct from the General Fund. The education support fund shall consist of revenue from the sales tax imposed under subsection (3) of this section and earnings on the revenue. Moneys in the fund shall be expended for the purpose of funding public education in this state as provided by law.

(b) Moneys in the fund shall be invested as provided by law and are not subject to the limitations of section 6, Article XI of this Constitution.

(2) Moneys appropriated from the education support fund may not supplant other appropriations by the Legislative Assembly to fund public education. Moneys appropriated from the fund shall be in addition to a baseline amount of appropriations to fund public education equal to the total of such appropriations for the 2015-2017 biennium. At the beginning of each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall adjust the baseline amount of appropriations for the 2015-2017 biennium to reflect inflation.

(3) A sales tax is imposed at a rate not to exceed _____ percent.

PARAGRAPH 2. 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.

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.