

House Joint Resolution 202

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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 incur general obligation indebtedness to finance costs associated with acquiring, improving, constructing, developing, remodeling, repairing, equipping or furnishing real or personal property, or planning therefor, or issuing grants or loans, in order to maintain or increase availability of affordable housing in this state.

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-R, such Article to read:

ARTICLE XI-R

SECTION 1. (1) In the manner provided by law and notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 7, Article XI of this Constitution, the credit of the State of Oregon may be loaned and indebtedness incurred to finance the costs of:

(a) Acquiring, improving, constructing, developing, remodeling, repairing, equipping or furnishing real or personal property, or planning for any of the foregoing activities, in order to maintain or increase the availability of affordable housing in this state;

(b) Issuing grants or loans to individuals, companies, corporations, partnerships or other private entities, or to counties, cities, towns or other municipal corporations, to be used for any purpose described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; or

(c) Indebtedness incurred under this subsection.

(2) In the manner provided by law and notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 7, Article XI of this Constitution, the credit of the State of Oregon may be loaned and indebtedness incurred to refinance:

(a) Indebtedness incurred under subsection (1) of this section.

(b) Borrowings issued before the effective date of this Article to finance or refinance costs described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Indebtedness may not be incurred under section 1 of this Article if the indebtedness would cause the total principal amount of indebtedness incurred under section 1 of this Article and outstanding to exceed one percent of the real market value of the property in this state.

(2) Indebtedness incurred under section 1 of this Article is a general obligation of the

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 **State of Oregon and must contain a direct promise on behalf of the State of Oregon to pay**
2 **the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the obligation. The full faith and credit and**
3 **taxing power of the State of Oregon must be pledged to payment of the indebtedness. How-**
4 **ever, the State of Oregon may not pledge or levy an ad valorem tax to pay the indebtedness.**

5 **SECTION 3. The Legislative Assembly may enact legislation to carry out the provisions**
6 **of this Article.**

7 **SECTION 4. This Article supersedes conflicting provisions of this Constitution.**

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

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