House Joint Resolution 19
Sponsored by Representative HELT; Representatives HERNANDEZ, MEEK, RESCHKE, STARK, ZIKA

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 require Legislative Assembly, in each odd-numbered year regular session, to appropriate moneys to fund public education before passing any other budget measure.

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 34 to be added to and made a part of Article IV, such section to read:

SECTION 34. (1) In each regular session in an odd-numbered year, the Legislative Assembly must pass measures appropriating moneys sufficient to pay for adequate public education, during the biennium beginning July 1 of the year in which the session is held, for students in kindergarten through grade 12 before the Legislative Assembly may pass any other budget measure.

(2) As used in this section, “budget measure” means a measure that appropriates moneys or imposes a limitation on expenditures of continuously appropriated moneys and that is prohibited from containing provisions on other subjects under section 7, Article IX of this Constitution.

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.