Senate Joint Resolution 23

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM (Presession filed.)

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.** The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The measure would make the scope of the term "bills for raising revenue" in the Oregon Constitution more broad, for the purpose of 3/5 vote. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.3).

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to expand the scope of the term "bills for raising revenue" for a supermajority vote requirement.

Refers the proposed amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 25, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, a majority of all the members elected to each [*House*] **house** shall be necessary to pass every bill or Joint resolution.

(2) Three-fifths of all members elected to each [*House*] **house** shall be necessary to pass bills for raising revenue**, including any bill with a net positive revenue impact, if any offset by tax expenditures within the bill is disregarded, and any bill that imposes new taxes, increases tax rates or reduces or eliminates tax expenditures**.

(3) All bills, and Joint resolutions passed, shall be signed by the presiding officers of the respective houses.

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.