

## House Resolution 2

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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**.

Recommends that House of Representatives of Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly appropriate amount for public education necessary to provide school year of 200 days and class sizes no larger than national average.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas the Legislative Assembly has recognized the importance of public schools by enacting high standards of academic achievement; and

Whereas education is a defining feature of a democracy, helping to create a citizenry capable of self-government and civic engagement; and

Whereas public schools provide the foundation for economic success by helping to train a workforce and by fostering a positive business environment; and

Whereas economic recovery and development depend upon a ready workforce that possesses the skills and education necessary to handle the jobs of the 21st century; and

Whereas public schools provide opportunity and hope for children from all segments of society; and

Whereas public schools have been forced to shorten the school year, increase class sizes and eliminate programs such as athletics, art, drama and music; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly should appropriate a sum of money sufficient to provide reasonable class sizes and a full school year; and

Whereas to fund public education with any less would be an abrogation of our responsibilities to our schools, our children and the future of the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, recommend that the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly appropriate for public education the amount necessary to provide to children who attend public schools a full school year of 200 days and grade-appropriate average class sizes that are equal to or smaller than national averages.

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