

House Joint Resolution 101

Sponsored by Representative HARKER (Pre-session 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**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution relating to bonded indebtedness for institutions of higher 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. Sections 1, 2 and 3, Article XI-F(1), and section 1, Article XI-G of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, are amended to read:

Sec. 1. The credit of the state may be loaned and indebtedness incurred in an amount which shall not exceed at any one time three-fourths of one percent of the true cash value of all the taxable property in the state, as determined by law to provide funds with which to *[redeem and refund outstanding revenue bonds issued to finance the cost of buildings and other projects for higher education, and to construct, improve, repair, equip, and furnish buildings and other structures for such purpose, and to purchase or improve sites therefor]* **acquire, construct, improve, repair, equip and furnish buildings, structures, land and other projects, or parts thereof, that the legislative assembly determines will benefit higher education institutions or activities.**

Sec. 2. *[The buildings and structures hereafter constructed for higher education pursuant to this amendment shall be such only as conservatively shall appear to the constructing authority to be wholly self-liquidating and self-supporting from revenues, gifts, grants, or building fees. All unpledged net revenues of buildings and other projects may be pooled with the net revenues of new buildings or projects in order to render the new buildings or projects self-liquidating and self-supporting.]* **Bonded indebtedness shall not be incurred to finance projects described in section 1 of this Article unless the constructing authority conservatively estimates that the project will have sufficient revenues to pay the indebtedness and operate the projects financed with the loaned funds. For purposes of this section, "revenues" includes all funds available to the constructing authority except amounts appropriated by the legislative assembly from the General Fund.**

Sec. 3. Ad valorem taxes shall be levied annually upon all the taxable property in the state of Oregon in sufficient amount, with the aforesaid revenues, *[gifts, grants, or building fees,]* to provide for the payment of such indebtedness and the interest thereon. The legislative assembly may provide other revenues to supplement or replace such tax levies.

Sec. 1. (1) Notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 7, Article XI of this Constitution, and in addition to other exceptions from the limitations of such section, the credit of the state may be loaned and indebtedness incurred in an amount not to exceed at any time three-fourths of one percent of the true cash value of all taxable property in the state, as determined by law.

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 (2) Proceeds from any loan authorized or indebtedness incurred under this section shall be used
2 to provide funds with which to **acquire**, construct, improve, repair, equip and furnish [*those*]
3 buildings, structures, **land** and **other** projects, or parts thereof, [*and to purchase or improve sites*
4 *therefor, designated by*] **that** the Legislative Assembly [*for*] **determines will benefit** higher educa-
5 tion institutions [*and*] **or** activities or [*for*] community colleges authorized by law to receive state
6 aid.

7 (3) The amount of any loan authorized or indebtedness incurred under this section by means of
8 bonds to be issued in any biennium shall not exceed the dollar amount appropriated from the Gen-
9 eral Fund for the same or similar purposes. Any dollar amounts appropriated to meet the require-
10 ments of this subsection shall be specifically designated therefor by the Legislative Assembly.

11 (4) Nothing in this section prevents the financing of [*buildings, structures and*] projects, or parts
12 thereof, by a combination of the moneys available under this section, under Article XI-F(1) of this
13 Constitution, and from other lawful sources. [*However, moneys available under this section shall not*
14 *be expended on or for any buildings, structures or projects, or parts thereof, that are wholly self-*
15 *liquidating and self-supporting.*]

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