

House Joint Resolution 21

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE

SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to provide that general obligation indebtedness for certain higher education projects must be matched by other moneys in amount equal to at least one-half of amount of indebtedness in nonurban counties or two-thirds of amount of indebtedness in other counties outside of metropolitan service districts.

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. Section 1, Article XI-G of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

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.

(2) Proceeds from any loan authorized or indebtedness incurred under this section shall be used to provide funds with which to 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 or community colleges authorized by law to receive state aid.

(3) The amount of any indebtedness incurred under this section in any biennium shall be matched by an amount [*that is at least equal to the amount of the indebtedness*] **specified in subsection (4) of this section**. The matching amount must be used for the same or similar purposes as the proceeds of the indebtedness and may consist of moneys appropriated from the General Fund or any other moneys available to the constructing authority for such purposes. However, the matching amount may not consist of proceeds of indebtedness incurred by the state under any other Article of this Constitution. Any matching amount appropriated from the General Fund to meet the requirements of this subsection must be specifically designated therefor by the Legislative Assembly.

(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the amount of any indebtedness incurred by the state under this section must be matched by an amount that is at least equal to:

(A) The amount of the indebtedness, for a project that will be wholly located within the urban growth boundary of a metropolitan service district;

(B) Two-thirds of the amount of the indebtedness, for a project that will be wholly located in an area other than those described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of this paragraph; or

(C) One-half of the amount of the indebtedness, for a project that will be wholly located

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 in one or more nonurban counties.

2 (b) The Legislative Assembly shall, by law, determine which of the matching amounts
3 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection is appropriate for a project that is located in
4 two or more areas described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. This determination must
5 be based on:

6 (A) The ability of the constructing authority to meet the required matching amount; and

7 (B) The poverty level of individuals who reside within areas served by the constructing
8 authority.

9 (c) The Legislative Assembly shall, by law, define “nonurban county” and “urban growth
10 boundary of a metropolitan service district” for the purposes of this section. The definitions
11 established by the Legislative Assembly shall, to the degree practicable, conform with defi-
12 nitions used by the Legislative Assembly to establish different minimum wage rates
13 throughout this state.

14 [(4)] (5) Nothing in this section prevents the financing of projects, or parts thereof, by a com-
15 bination of the moneys available under this section, under Article XI-F(1) of this Constitution, and
16 from other lawful sources.

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

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