

**THIS EXPLANATION HAS NOT BEEN
REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL COMMITTEE.**

MEASURE NO. _____

**AMENDS CONSTITUTION: AUTHORIZES IMPEACHMENT OF STATEWIDE ELECTED
OFFICIALS BY OREGON LEGISLATURE WITH TWO-THIRDS VOTE BY EACH
HOUSE; ESTABLISHES PROCESS.**

Referred to the Electorate of Oregon by the Legislative Assembly to be voted on at
the General Election, November 5, 2024.

1 **Explanation**

2 By the Legislative Counsel Committee pursuant to ORS 251.225.

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4 Ballot Measure ___ amends the Oregon Constitution to grant the Oregon House of
5 Representatives the power to impeach statewide elected officials in the executive branch,
6 and to grant the Oregon Senate the power to try any impeachment received from the House
7 of Representatives.

8 The Oregon Constitution currently reserves to voters the power to recall public
9 officials, including statewide elected officials in the executive branch, but does not authorize
10 either chamber of the Legislative Assembly to impeach statewide elected officials. At
11 present, the statewide elected officials in the executive branch consist of the Governor, the
12 Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of the
13 Bureau of Labor and Industries.

1 Ballot Measure ____ authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a
2 statewide elected official for malfeasance or corrupt conduct in office, willful neglect of
3 constitutional duty or other felony or high crime. The measure does not define these terms,
4 permitting the House of Representatives to determine whether particular conduct amounts
5 to an impeachable offense. The measure requires at least two-thirds of all Representatives
6 (40 Representatives) to pass an impeachment resolution and deliver it to the Senate.

7 Ballot Measure ____ empowers the Senate to try any impeachment received from
8 the House of Representatives. The measure directs the Chief Justice of the Oregon
9 Supreme Court to preside over an impeachment trial. The measure requires at least two-
10 thirds of all Senators (20 Senators) to convict an accused statewide elected official. If an
11 accused statewide elected official is convicted, the judgment of conviction is limited to the
12 official being removed from office and disqualified from holding any other public office in
13 this state. However, an impeachment conviction under the measure would not shield the
14 impeached official from criminal prosecution or civil liability.

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Certification:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have prepared the attached statement as the explanatory statement for IRR 401/HJR 16



Representative Ben Bowman

2/16/24
Date



Representative Paul Holvey

2/16/24
Date



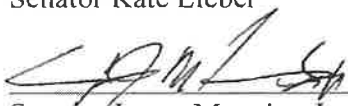
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