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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on July 27, 2004, for initiative petition #6, proposing a constitutional amendment, for the General Election of November 7, 2006.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**AMENDS CONSTITUTION: LIMITS BIENNIAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE
IN LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN
STATE POPULATION PLUS INFLATION**

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote amends constitution to limit the percentage increase in legislative appropriations from biennium to biennium to the percentage increase in state population plus inflation.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains existing statute capping appropriations on basis of personal income in Oregon; rejects amending constitution to limit appropriation increases to population increase, inflation.

SUMMARY: Amends constitution. Oregon statute currently limits state appropriations to 8% of projected personal income in Oregon (with certain exceptions). If Governor declares emergency, legislature may exceed current statutory appropriations limit by 60% vote of each house. Measure adds constitutional provision limiting increase in legislative appropriations from one biennium to the next biennium to percentage increase in state population, plus inflation, over previous two years. Certain appropriations and disbursements not subject to limit, including: emergency, federal, donated funds; proceeds from sales of certain bonds, real property; funds for tax, "kicker," and other refunds. Measure provides that appropriations limit may be exceeded by amount approved by two-thirds of each house of legislature and approved by majority of voters voting in general election. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Don McIntire, 929 SE Phoebe Ct, Gresham, OR 97080.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$.25. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows an appeal period of 10 business days during which any member of the public may submit written comments which address the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet to the Secretary of State's office. This period ends August 10, 2004. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

The Secretary of State will deliver all written comments to the Attorney General. If comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State. If no comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the fifth business day after the deadline for submitting comments.

In addition, during this ballot title comment period, the Secretary of State will also seek statements from interested persons regarding whether or not a proposed initiative petition complies with procedural constitutional requirements for submission of proposed initiative petitions. The Secretary will consider the information provided in the statements received from interested persons. If you wish to comment, this period ends August 10, 2004. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, and who timely submitted written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a different title. This appeal must be filed not later than the 10th business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2006 general election ballot is 100,840. These signatures must be filed in this office not later than July 7, 2006.



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
APPELLATE DIVISION

July 27, 2004

John Lindback
Director, Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Amends Constitution: Limits Biennial Percentage Increase In Legislative Appropriations To Percentage Increase In State Population Plus Inflation
DOJ File #BT-6-04; Elections Division #6

Dear Mr. Lindback:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to limiting biennial percentage increases in legislative appropriations to percentage increase in state population plus inflation.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Misty Kintz
Legal Secretary

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Enclosure

c: Peter Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General
Don Arnold, General Counsel Division
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