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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on April 26, 2006, for initiative petition #20, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE DETERMINES TEACHER PAY RAISES;
PAST PERFORMANCE, ACADEMIC TRAINING IN SPECIFIC SUBJECT
DETERMINES RETENTION**

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote makes public school teacher's pay raises dependent on classroom performance, not seniority; makes retention dependent on training and teaching performance in specific subject.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains current laws allowing local school boards to pay and retain teachers by qualifications, including teaching experience, educational attainments, licensure and seniority.

SUMMARY: Local public school district boards currently fix salaries and other contract terms of employment for teachers within their respective districts, subject to state laws regarding collective bargaining, teacher qualifications, licensure and the Accountability for Schools for the 21st Century Law. Measure supersedes any conflicting law or policy; requires that pay raises for a public school teacher be based on teacher's "classroom performance" (undefined), not on teacher's seniority; applies only to teacher contract extensions and new contracts made after the effective date of measure; provides that if school district reduces teaching staff, teachers most qualified will be retained and assigned to teach specific subject(s). Qualification to teach subject determined by "past classroom experience successfully teaching the specific subject" and academic training in that subject. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Bill Sizemore, PO Box 343, Beavercreek, OR 97004.

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 a comment 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 May 10, 2006. 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 10th 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 May 10, 2006. 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 2008 general election ballot is determined by the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the 2006 general election. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.

HARDY MYERS
Attorney General



PETER D. SHEPHERD
Deputy Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
APPELLATE DIVISION

April 26, 2006

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

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LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY
OFFICE OF THE STATE

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Classroom Performance Determines Teacher Pay Raises;
Past Performance, Academic Training In Specific Subject Determines Retention
DOJ File #BT-20-06; Elections Division #20

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 classroom performance as a primary basis for teacher pay raises and retention.

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
Steve Wolf, General Counsel Division

Bill Sizemore
P.O. Box 343
Beavercreek, Oregon 97004

DRAFT BALLOT TITLE

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