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To All Interested Parties:

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury is responsible for the pre-election review of proposed initiative petitions for compliance with the procedural constitutional requirements established in the Oregon Constitution for initiative petitions. This review will be completed before approving the form of the cover and signature sheets for the purpose of circulating the proposed initiative petition to gather signatures.

The Secretary of State is seeking public input on whether proposed initiative petition (#99), satisfies the procedural constitutional requirements for circulation as a proposed initiative petition. Petition #99 was filed in our office on June 11, 2007, by Nicholas J. Urhausen, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

Enclosed is a copy of the text of this proposed initiative petition. If you are interested in providing comments on whether the proposed initiative petition meets the procedural constitutional requirements, please write to the secretary at the Elections Division in the State Capitol. Your comments, if any, must be received by the Elections Division no later than July 3, 2007, in order for them to be considered in the review.

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BY:

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Article IV, section 29, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended to read as follows:

Section 29. Compensation of members. (1) The members of the Legislative Assembly shall receive for their services a salary to be established and paid in the same manner as the salaries of other elected state officers and employes.

(2) To encourage citizens to regard service as a member of the Legislative Assembly as a transitory opportunity for public service and to eliminate a conflict of interest confronting legislators in dealing with public employee retirement benefits, no member is eligible for publicly-funded pension or retirement benefits by virtue of the member's service in the Legislative Assembly.

For the purpose of this subsection, "publicly-funded pension benefits" means retirement benefits payable by the Oregon Public Employees retirement System or other program funded in whole or part by the state or local government, but not benefits payable under any federal program.

This subsection shall not be construed to disallow benefits earned by service in the Legislative Assembly prior to its effective date. Any member holding office in the Legislative assembly on the effective date of this subsection shall be entitled to accrue benefits for the remainder of the member's term of office but not for any subsequent terms.

PARAGRAPH 2. If any part of this subsection is declared to be in violation of the United States or Oregon Constitution the remaining parts shall remain in full force and effect.