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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SJR 46: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this resolution, which proposes an amendment to Oregon Constitution to:

- Require that proposed elector enactments requiring expenditure of public moneys include proposed source of revenue sufficient to pay for expenditure.
- Specify that proposed source of revenue may not draw from existing revenues or from projected revenues of existing source.
- Allow Legislative Assembly to limit expenditure to amount supplied by source of revenue.

This system does not hang together. It allows the proposed initiative to merely offer a "proposed source of revenue," not to require that that source be actually used to fund the cost of the measure. Then it allows the Legislature to limit expenditure "to amount supplied by" the proposed source of revenue, even if that amount is zero--because the Legislature did not adopt the initiative's mere "proposal."

Further, if all existing programs can draw from existing revenues or projected revenues of existing sources, why cannot new programs adopted by initiative do so? Are all existing revenue sources and amounts somehow reserved in perpetuity for use only by existing programs?

This is just a way to destroy the initiative power for any measure that involves any expenditure of public funds.

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