Redmond School Board Passes Resolution Opposing Ballot Measures 41 And 48

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On October 23rd the Redmond School District Board of Directors announced they earlier passed a resolution opposing Ballot Measures (BM) 41 and 48. At that time, they directed Superintendent Fleming to educate the community about the fiscal impact these measures would have on school funding. In a word, â€œthe fiscal impact would be totally unacceptable,â€• stated the news release.

The following information was provided by the Oregon School Boards Association and can be reviewed further at the following link - http://www.osba.org/leginfo/measures/index.htm.

Estimated Impact of Ballot Measures 48 & 41 to Redmond School District:

Ballot Measure 48 Estimated Impact:

State Spending Impact: BM 48 would limit spending of state services as defined by the measure. This includes some spending that is outside the state General Fund. Thus the state spending impact represents this total amount of impact as estimated by the non-partisan Financial Impact committee that is comprised of the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, the Director of the Department of Revenue, and a local government representative.

General Fund Impact: The Department of Administrative Services has estimated that the general fund is roughly 40% of the total spending that is included in the definition of state spending under BM 48. It is important to note that the actual decision of where to reduce spending would be a policy and political decision made by the legislature and considering the nature of some of the spending that is outside the General Fund, it is conceivable that the general fund impact could be higher than 40%.

State School Fund Impact: The State School Fund accounts for 46% of the state general fund.

School District Revenue Impact: This amount is derived by multiplying the state school fund impact amount by the percentage that your individual district receives of the state school fund. Percentages were determined by the Oregon Department of Education and are based on 2006-2007 projected total formula revenue.

Low vs. High: There is some question about when BM 48 would take effect. The LOW impact represents an estimate should BM 48 take effect next (2007-09) biennium; the HIGH impact represents an estimate should BM 48 take effect in the current (2005-07) biennium. The decision of when it takes effect would likely be decided by the courts.

Ballot Measure 41 Estimated Impact:

State Spending Impact: BM 41 only impacts the state general fund, thus there would be a negligible impact on other state spending.

General Fund Impact: As estimated by the non-partisan financial impact committee (see State Spending Impact on BM 48 for composition of committee). There is an impact in the current biennium as the measure will take effect immediately and the biennium straddles multiple tax years.

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