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Amends Constitution: Prohibits “highway” (defined) fees/tolls after December 31, 2017, unless voters in nearby counties approve

Result of “Yes” Vote: “Yes” vote amends constitution. After 2017, new “highway” (defined) fees/tolls require voter approval in counties within 15 miles, including planned tolls on I-5, I-205.

Result of “No” Vote: “No” vote retains current law allowing public bodies to collect fees/tolls without voter approval, including planned tolls on I-5, I-205.

Summary: Amends Constitution. Currently, public bodies may collect fees and tolls without voter approval; current law requires tolls be collected on certain sections of I-205 and I-5 in Portland metro area. Measure prohibits public bodies from assessing “any fee or charge for the use of a highway,” unless referred for approval or rejection to the electors in each county with a border within a 15-mile radius of any section of “highway” proposed to be tolled and approved by majority of votes cast. Definition of “highway” includes “every public way, road, street, thoroughfare and place, including bridges, viaducts and other structures.” “Vehicles” include devices propelled/powered by any means, including bicycles. Measure applies to tolls established after December 31, 2017, including forthcoming I-205 and I-5 tolls.

A full and correct copy of the text of the initiative must be provided with this e-sheet.

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Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Print Name

Residence Address street, city, zip code

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Completed by Chief Petitioner

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 16 to be added to and made a part of Article IX, such section to read:

SECTION 16.

(1) A public body may not assess a toll on a highway in this state unless:

(a) The toll was in operation before January 1, 2018; or

(b) (A) A toll is proposed by a public body;

(B) The toll proposed by the public body is referred for approval or rejection to the electors of each county in this state that has a county border within a 15-mile radius of any section of highway proposed to be tolled; and

(C) The toll proposed by the public body is approved by a majority of the total votes cast in the referral described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Highway" means every public way, road, street, thoroughfare and place, including bridges, viaducts and other structures within the boundaries of this state, open, used or intended for use of the general public for vehicles or vehicular traffic as a matter of right.

(b) "Public body" means a public body as defined by the laws of this state.

(c) "Section of highway proposed to be tolled" means the portion of highway beginning at the highway exit before the first toll collection facility and ending at the highway exit after the last toll collection facility, as observed by the direction of vehicle travel on the highway.

(d) "Toll" means any fee or charge for the use of a highway.

(e) "Toll collection facility" means any physical location at which a toll is charged to vehicles for using the highway, including a toll booth, toll plaza or electronic toll collection system.

(f) (A) "Vehicle" means any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway.

(B) "Vehicle" includes vehicles that are propelled or powered by any means.