

WORK SESSION: VOTER PAMPHLET PROPONENT STATEMENT

HJR 85 B ENGROSSED

TAPES 001 A, 002 A

**JOINT COMMITTEE
FOR HJR 85 B-ENGROSSED**

The purpose of this meeting is to draft the proponent statement as required by ORS251.245.

PORTIONS OF THESE TAPES ARE INAUDIBLE..

MARCH 27, 1997 10:00 AM HEARING ROOM A STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Ken Baker

Rep. Lee Beyer

Rep. Tom Brian, Chair

Also attending: Rep. Strobeck, Rep. Edwards

STAFF PRESENT: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer

Barbara Guardino, Committee Assistant

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TAPE 001 SIDE A

009 Sen. Baker Called meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Committee will work to put together a voter pamphlet proponent statement for HJR 85, now known as Ballot Measure 50.

010 Chair Brian Explained draft documents: He worked from an earlier version, believes other two drafts are better (Refer to Brian: EXHIBIT A; Beyer: EXHIBIT B; and Baker: EXHIBIT C).

026 Chair Brian Asked for explanation of legal requirements.

028 Jim Scherzinger Completed version deadline for Secretary of States Office is Monday, March 31, 1997.

041 All Discussed headings for subsections, particularly fourth heading: Measure 50 Protects Public Safety and School Funding. Placed School Funding before Public Safety.

052 All Working from Beyer version, discussed main heading: Vote Yes To Ensure You Receive the Property Tax Relief Expected Under Measure 47

Reordered subsequent headings as follows:

1) Measure 50 Provides Tax Relief As Promised Under Measure 47

2) Measure 50 Is Necessary

3) Measure 50 Protects School Funding And Public Safety

4) Measure 50 Simplifies Our Tax System

5) Measure 50 Provides Oregonians' Tax Relief

103 All Discussion of wording for Paragraph 1: Measure 50 Provides Tax Relief As Promised Under Measure 47

292 Chair Brian Revised wording: "Measure 47 promised voters a property tax relief. Measure 50 delivers it. Since its passage last November the legality of Measure 47 has been called into question threatening *any* tax relief. Measure 50 has been written to meet legal standards while maintaining a 17 % tax cut and 3 % growth cap as promised by Measure 47."

314 All Discussion of wording for Paragraph 2: Measure 50 Is Necessary

Revised wording: " Measure 47 has unintended consequences. It threatens the closure of 17 rural hospitals, causes cutbacks in vital public safety services, and jeopardizes police and fire pension funds. Measure 50 fixes these problems while retaining the tax relief as proposed in Measure 47."

360 All Discussion of wording for paragraph 3: Measure 50 Protects School Funding And Public Safety

Revised wording: "Measure 50 maintains the funding priorities for schools and public safety as originally stated in Measure 47. Measure 50 requires the legislature to replace property tax revenue lost by local schools."

TAPE 002 SIDE A

074 All Discussion of wording for paragraph 4: Measure 50 Simplifies Our Tax System:

Revised wording: "Measure 47 and Measure 5 have created a property tax system which is complicated and expensive to manage. Measure 50 creates a new fixed rate tax system with property assessments "capped" at 3 % growth which will be easier and cheaper to administer, saving millions of dollars each year. Most importantly, the system will guarantee that assessed value growth and actual property taxes will be restrained as promised."

221 All Discussion of wording for paragraph 5: Measure 50 Provides Oregonians' Tax Relief

265 Rep. Beyer Revised wording: Measure 50 provides that taxpayers receive tax relief as promised by Measure 47 last November. Measure 50 rolls assessed property values back to 90 % of their 1995-96 levels. Measure 50 provides a tax reduction statewide of approximately 17 % on operational levies. Lowered assessed values will be "capped" and their growth restrained to no more than 3 % per year."

Tag sentence: "Protect Your Tax Relief Vote Yes on Measure 50"

399 Chair Brian Adjourned meeting at 11 :05 a.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A. HJR 85, Brian, Argument in Favor: Brian, 1 p.

B. HJR 85, Brian, Argument in Favor: Beyer, 1 p.

C. HJR 85, Brian, Argument in Favor: Baker, 1 p.