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SUMMARY

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to prohibit State of Oregon or municipal corporation or political subdivision of State of Oregon from using public funds to engage in financial transactions with nations identified by United States Department of State as state sponsors of terrorism.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Government of the United States and several of its allies
3 entered into an agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran on July 14, 2015,
4 that lifts international trade and financial sanctions against Iran in ex-
5 change for purported limits on Iran's ability to produce nuclear weapons; and

6 Whereas the agreement, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan
7 of Action and commonly called the Iran Nuclear Deal, requires the United
8 States and its allies to ease trade and financial sanctions against Iran in
9 exchange for Iran's promises to dismantle Iran's nuclear weapons-grade
10 manufacturing capabilities and deplete its stocks of weapons-grade nuclear
11 fuel by transferring these existing stocks to other nations; and

12 Whereas the actual steps toward dismantlement and stock depletion that
13 the agreement requires Iran to take are complex and difficult to verify; and

14 Whereas the verification protocols established in the agreement are in-
15 sufficient to ensure that Iran complies with the dismantlement and stock
16 depletion requirements; and

17 Whereas the Iran Nuclear Deal is a temporary agreement, and even under
18 the terms of the agreement Iran will be able to resume construction of nu-

1 clear weapons beginning in as little as 15 years; and

2 Whereas the United States Department of State has maintained a list of
3 state sponsors of terrorism since 1979; and

4 Whereas, as of January 1, 2016, Iran, Sudan and Syria are the only na-
5 tions on the state sponsors of terrorism list; and

6 Whereas the Iran Nuclear Deal establishes a dangerous precedent of the
7 United States Government negotiating with terrorist organizations and,
8 through the easing of sanctions, in effect providing financial support to state
9 sponsors of terrorism; and

10 Whereas the people of Oregon reject negotiations with state sponsors of
11 terrorism and seek to prohibit the use of the public funds of the State of
12 Oregon, or its municipal corporations or political subdivisions, for financial
13 transactions with state sponsors of terrorism; now, therefore,

14 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

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

18 **SECTION 16. (1) The State of Oregon, and any municipal corpo-**
19 **ration or political subdivision of the State of Oregon, may not use**
20 **public funds to engage in any financial transaction with any nation,**
21 **or a political subdivision of any nation, that is or has been listed by**
22 **the United States Department of State as a state sponsor of terrorism.**

23 **(2) The prohibition in subsection (1) of this section does not apply**
24 **to financial transactions conducted 10 or more years after the date a**
25 **nation ceases to be designated a state sponsor of terrorism by the**
26 **United States Department of State.**

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28 **PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall
29 **be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next**
30 **regular general election held throughout this state.**

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