

CONFEDERATION OF OREGON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: 2009 Legislative Revenue Package

WHEREAS, the 2009 Legislature, when faced with damaging cuts to K-12 and other state services as a result of the continuing national fiscal crisis, chose to enact increases to the corporate minimum tax, the corporate income tax and income taxes on high income households and wage earners; and

WHEREAS, the legislature used the \$733 million raised through this “tax fairness” package in conjunction with significant cuts to services to take a balanced approach to adopting the 2009-11 biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, should the legislative revenue package be referred and overturned, the remaining option for the legislature would likely be to make cuts to K-12 and other state services in order to preserve a balanced budget, and thus reduce the 2009-11 State School Fund by approximately \$300 million; and

WHEREAS, should the legislative revenue package be referred, a YES vote will mean sustaining the tax fairness package.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators fully supports upholding the 2009 budget balancing revenue package, or House Bills 2649 and 3405; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the COSA Board of Directors strongly encourages all local school districts to analyze the impact of such cuts and share the information with their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the COSA Board of Directors strongly urges parents, staff and community members to actively support the measures.

Adopted by the COSA Board of Directors: September 17, 2009