

# Oregon's tight budget plagues legislature

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As the state legislature convenes in Salem today, Oregonians have another reason to boast about the state's relative hipness.

Where changes in Congress and the presidency ensure the federal government will become more conservative, alterations in the state body promise a loosening of feed, seed and fertilizer's grip on the statehouse

another major change in the Senate because he is committed to replacing Sen. Jack Ripper, D-North Bend, with Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene, as co-chair of the money-controlling Ways and Means Committee. The committee is composed of both senators and representatives and must approve any legislation that appropriates state dollars.

And money issues will dominate Capitol discussion, in what House Majority Leader Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, promises will be a "brutal" session. After

\$700 million from the state coffers to property taxpayers, offsetting 30 percent of the local tax burden. Atiyeh's budget this time calls for the state to maintain the same percentage, which, because of inflation, calls for an allocation of even more money.

Friends of higher education, like Fadeley, can be expected to try and increase the funds earmarked for the state's colleges and universities. But it seems unlikely that the Democrat-controlled legislature would want to take responsibility for reducing tax relief.

Last session witnessed the re-emergence of the classist notion that a college education is not a right but a privilege. Further acceptance of this idea could lead to passage of Atiyeh's tuition proposals which call for a 30 percent hike over the next two years.

According to Lieuallen, there are three choices: serve the same number of people on the same amount of funds, sacrificing quality; limit enrollment, sacrificing access; or increase state funding to higher education.

Lieuallen's choice would be to "create" extra money by not allowing the property tax relief program to swell in accommodation of inflation but maintain the same dollar level, freeing funds for education.

Another issue the legislature must address is what to do about shrinking energy resources. Since his inauguration, Atiyeh has steered the state toward a stronger commitment toward nuclear power, or the centralized "alternative" — coal. When nominating ci-

tizens for administrative positions, the governor has shown himself unable, or unwilling, to find people without financial ties to nuclear development.

The state Senate offered those opposed to power from the atom a little more hope, but not much. The body approved legislation requiring study of the waste question, but refused to establish any criteria to be met before further construction could occur. By the initiative

process, the people said in November, "If you don't have a place to put the garbage, we don't want them." That declaration may force the lawmakers to at least pay lip service to development of true alternatives.

It's helpful to keep in mind, however, that Atiyeh spent \$600,000 getting elected in 1978. All indications are that he'll run again, making utility money worth reacting for.



and a growing influence of the more liberal, urban legislators.

The single-most significant change is the absence of Sen. Jason Boe, D-Reedsport, who has run the Senate for eight years and developed a power that made it so when he said "jump", other senators asked "how high" on the way up.

Boe will be replaced by Sen. Fred Heard, D-Klamath Falls, a professor at the Oregon Institute of Technology. Heard is perceived to be less antagonistic to urban interests than was Boe.

Heard's election will cause

adjustments for inflation, the state budget proposed by Gov. Vic Atiyeh is among the lowest since World War II.

Consider higher education. Chancellor Roy Lieuallen laments the funding level proposed by Atiyeh is sorely insufficient to maintain current levels of program support, salaries and upkeep. But where is the additional revenue to come from?

The 1979 Legislature approved a politically popular tax give-away that was designed to avert the northern spread of Howard Jarvis-style tax fever. The program sent more than

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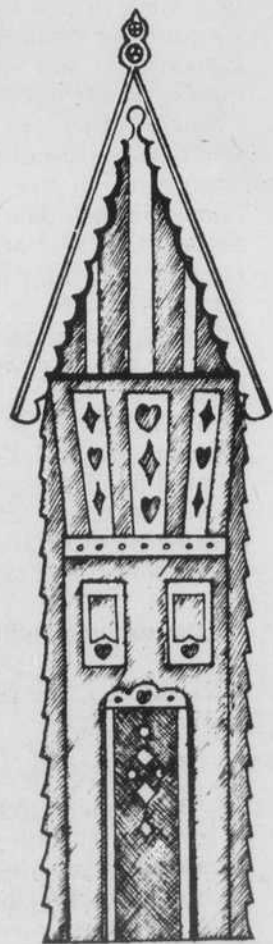
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