

If Cuts Become Necessary, Education Will Be Hardest Hit

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SALEM (UPI)—To understand the threat to Oregon's education program if voters reject the legislature's tax increase bill at the Oct. 15 election, you have to know something about the state's budget.

The state's total budget for 1963-64 totals more than \$1.2 billion. Of this, \$404 million is in the general fund.

The other \$800-plus million is made up of dedicated funds, such as gasoline tax revenue which goes for highways, or federal matching funds for welfare, or the total federal support of the department of employment.

It's that \$404 million in the general fund that's at issue. That's the money the legislature or the governor can control.

More than half that \$404 million goes to education. More than one-third of it goes to basic school support alone. Basic school support is money the states give to local school districts.

Threat Not Intended

The governor, legislators and education officials aren't trying to threaten anyone when they warn a defeat of the tax bill will have a major effect on education.

Here's where that \$404 million goes: \$234 million for education, \$16 million for new buildings, \$50 million for welfare and social services, \$36 million for public health and mental hospitals, \$27 million for public safety, \$11 million for natural resources, and \$30 million for all other operations.

One way to shave \$60 million from this general fund budget is to cancel the \$16 million building program, and make an across-the-

board 11 per cent cut in all other expenditures.

Because education totals \$234 million — \$141 million of it the basic school support money — this will be the hardest hit of any of the state programs.

Other Cuts Destructive

It wouldn't be possible to make the full \$60 million cut in the \$170 million that does not go to education without destroying other programs.

This is why state and education officials shouldn't be accused of trying to use education as a "threat." If the cuts become necessary, education will be hard hit simply because it accounts for so much of the budget.

Higher education has already announced what it might do if the tax measure fails. Entrance requirements will be raised to freeze enrollments at their present level. This would mean about 3,000 Ore-

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History Indicates Bill Faces Defeat

SALEM (UPI) — If Oregonians follow the pattern they have set, the 1963 legislature's \$60 million tax increase measure will be defeated at the Oct. 15 special election.

Only once in Oregon history has a tax bill been salvaged after its referral to the people. That was at the Nov. 4, 1930, election when an income tax measure was upheld, a review of Oregon voting statistics shows.

Next month's election will be the fourth single-issue statewide election in the state's history.

The first was on June 2, 1902, when the initiative and referendum were adopted 62,024 to 5,668.

Voters Change Minds

The second was Nov. 6, 1923, when the only item on the ballot was an income tax act that had been referred by the legislature. The measure squeezed by 58,647 to 58,131—a 516 vote victory margin. The voters turned it down a year later, however.

The third was on May 20, 1960, when the people voted against salary hikes for state legislators. There's a long list of defeats of measures that were referred by the people.

In 1925 both an income and cigarette tax were defeated, in 1934 a school relief sales tax was turned down; in 1942, 1947, 1952 and 1956 cigarette tax measures were rejected, and in 1960 an income tax measure was killed.

Curb Defeated

The legislature, hoping to curb referral of unpopular tax measures by the people, once proposed a constitutional change which would have allowed the emergency clause to be applied to revenue bills. The people rejected that idea 487,350 to 175,932 in 1905.

A review of the records show Oregonians have never initiated a sales or cigarette tax measure, although they have initiated some other revenue plans such as a measure to provide monthly pay for elderly persons from a gross income tax. This was defeated at the 1944 election.

Cigarette tax proposals from various sources have been voted down by the people six times, in 1926, 1942, 1945, 1947, 1952 and 1956. Sales tax measures have met defeat five times, in 1933, 1934, 1936, 1944 and 1947. Seven income tax measures have been rejected, two in 1926, and one each in 1924, 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1960.

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By CLAY R. POLLAN

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APR. 21-20	2 Don't	22 Help	42 Worth
MAY 21-20	3 Some	23 Your	43 Of
JUN. 21-20	4 Anything	24 In	44 Financial
JULY 21-20	5 Read	25 Sports	45 Interests
AUG. 21-20	6 Your	26 Those	46 A
SEPT. 21-20	7 Excellent	27 On	47 Of
OCT. 21-20	8 Aspects	28 Be	48 Short
NOV. 21-20	9 You	29 Elusive	49 Amusements
DEC. 21-20	10 Someone	30 Or	50 You
JAN. 21-20	11 Keep	31 Straighten	51 Mail
FEB. 21-20	12 Favor	32 Playing	52 Capturing
MAR. 21-20	13 You'd	33 Love	53 Problems
APR. 21-20	14 Away	34 Low	54 First
MAY 21-20	15 Fine	35 In	55 Trip
JUN. 21-20	16 Mortar	36 Games	56 Visit
JULY 21-20	17 That	37 Handled	57 And
AUG. 21-20	18 Veto	38 Who	58 The
SEPT. 21-20	19 Day	39 Isn't	59 Money
OCT. 21-20	20 Should	40 Fight	60 Be
NOV. 21-20	21 Ingenuity	41 Documents	61 Your
DEC. 21-20	22 Places	42 See	62 Right
JAN. 21-20	23 You	43 And	63 Clever
FEB. 21-20	24 Envy	44 Take	64 Friends
MAR. 21-20	25 Firm	45 Good	65 Heart
APR. 21-20	26 Print	46 Affairs	66 Luck
MAY 21-20	27 Could	47 Or	67 Associates
JUN. 21-20	28 Appear	48 Ink	68 Signed
JULY 21-20	29 Proposals	49 To	69 11
AUG. 21-20	30 To	50	70

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