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BOARD RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO
MEASURES 88, 91, 93, AND 8

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REPORT: Four measures on the November ballot will, if approved, impair the ability of the state's education and human resource programs to offer the quality of educational and human services needed by Oregon children and adults.

Measure 88 is a legislative referral that increases the maximum amount of federal income taxes that may be deducted from Oregon personal income tax. While not as damaging as Measure 91, it still would seriously reduce revenue to the state general fund and would result in losses of revenue to school districts, colleges and other social services.

Measure 91 repeals the current \$3,000 limit on the maximum amount of federal income taxes that may be deducted from income on Oregon personal income tax returns. It would cause an estimated loss of revenue to the state of \$632 million before June 30, 2001 and another loss of \$2.03 billion in the next biennium. If cuts in revenue were applied to agencies and sectors equally, PCC revenue would be cut by \$6 million between November and June 30, 2001 and \$4 million would be cut each year in the 2001-2003 biennium.

Measure 93 would require voter approval of most tax and fee increases and would create a super-majority requirement for all local government revenue measures. It is possible it could also require a re-vote

on previously approved tax measures. The measure would make it very difficult for local government to raise taxes through a vote of the people by establishing new ballot language and election requirements.

Measure 8 would limit state appropriations to no more than 15 percent of Oregon state income. If it is approved it would reduce state appropriations for community colleges by 17.7 percent.

The cumulative effect of the passage of all of these measures is not clear, but certainly would result in significant loss of revenue and restriction of the ability of the college to raise revenue from other sources – either by local voters or through tuition increases. Passage of just one of them would be bad enough, but passage of all three would mean that the services provided to Oregonians would be severely limited or curtailed entirely.

RECOMMENDATION:

The PCC Board oppose these measures and actively participate in the efforts to communicate to the public the negative impact they would have on Oregonians.

Director Anderson moved for approval of Resolutions 01-015 and 01-017 through 01-023 and it passed unanimously.