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01-022

BOARD RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO
MEASURES 92, 95, AND 98

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REPORT: Three measures on the November 2000 ballot would, if approved, amend the Oregon Constitution to limit public employee voluntary contributions and to limit the collective bargaining agreements between employee groups and local boards.

Measure 92 prohibits payroll deductions for political purposes without employees' annual written authorization. This measure is intended to make it difficult for employee federations to use any portion of the union dues collected through p[ayroll deduction for political purposes. It would result in additional paperwork and cost to payroll and human resource functions.

Measure 98 would prohibit using public resources for political purposes and prohibit school districts and colleges from using payroll dedication as a method of collecting union fees or dues. This would mean that PCC could not use general fund dollars for dues to state or national organizations that use any portion of those dues for lobbying purposes.

Measure 95 requires that student performance be used to measure teacher pay. It is not clear whether the writers of this measure intended for it to apply to community college faculty. If it did, it would supercede local collective bargaining agreements and cost the community college system \$18 million to implement and \$8.7 million every year thereafter to administer student tests and reporting.

These measures would all amend the Constitution and would be very difficult to change and to administer. They are unnecessary infringements of the role of local college and school district boards. They will not improve educational services and will divert needed educational dollars to needless administrative tasks.

RECOMMENDATION:

The PCC Board oppose measures 92, 95 and 98 and actively participate in the efforts to communicate to the public the negative impact they would have on the college.

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