

--OREGON 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BY THE NUMBERS--

\$1.6 billion. The total amount in new taxes and fees approved by the 2009 Legislature. The revenue increase from these legislative actions will increase to \$2 billion in 2011-13.

\$733 million. The total amount in permanent, job-killing income and corporate tax increases.

43,000. The number of jobs that independent economist Randall J. Pozdena, Ph.D. estimates Oregon will lose due to the corporate tax increases alone.

11.9 percent. Oregon's July 2009 unemployment rate—third highest in the nation.

242,000. The number of Oregonians who are unemployed, as of July 2009.

386,000. The increase in number of Oregon Unemployment Claims filed 2009 over 2008.

542 New jobs “created” by the Democrats’ \$283 million “borrow-and-spend” stimulus plan (“Go!Oregon”). \$19 million General Fund cost *per year* to service Go!Oregon’s debt costs.

\$1.440 billion. The amount of new government debt backed by General Funds and Lottery Funds. (Including the Go!Oregon state building maintenance debt passed at the beginning of session.)

\$52.9 billion. The amount of Oregon’s 2009-11 Total Funds budget.

9.3 percent. The increase in total spending in Oregon’s 2009-11 budget over 2007-09.

\$1.258 billion. The total amount in one-time stimulus and savings account funds in the 2009-11 budget- money that will not be available again to sustain 2009-11 spending levels.

\$581.5 million. Estimated amount of state employee benefit premiums. Oregon is the only state that doesn’t require its workers to contribute towards their benefit premiums or pay deductibles.

\$237 million. The estimated 2009-11 roll-up costs of pay raises awarded by Democrats to state employees and managers during the 2007-09 biennium.

28 percent The percentage of Oregonians who say they approve of the 2009 Legislature’s performance (The Riley Report: Oregon Voter Survey, June 2009. Riley Research Associates)