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**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SJR34** by Birdwell (Proposing a constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders after the expiration of the person's term of office.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SJR34, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,060,211) through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2018	(\$587,290)
2019	(\$472,921)
2020	(\$472,921)
2021	(\$472,921)
2022	(\$472,921)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2017</b>
	<b>1</b>	
2018	(\$587,290)	5.0
2019	(\$472,921)	5.0
2020	(\$472,921)	5.0
2021	(\$472,921)	5.0
2022	(\$472,921)	5.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The joint resolution would propose a constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders after the expiration of the person's term of office. The joint resolution would set certain limitations to the continuing service of officeholders of appointive offices after the

expiration of the appointee's term of service.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017. If the resolution passes, the constitutional amendment would take effect upon certification of the election by the Governor and the Secretary of State.

### **Methodology**

According to the Office of the Governor, the joint resolution would require the Appointments Division of the Office of the Governor to process a higher number of appointments during the legislative session. To accomplish this, the Governor's Office would need to hire 5 new FTEs, based on the number of appointments assigned to current employees of the Appointments Division. The classifications for these new FTEs would be: two program specialists IV (\$65,000 x 2), two directors (\$85,000 x 2), and one administrative assistant (\$40,668). The estimated fiscal impact is \$472,921 each year of the 2018-19 biennium, including \$340,668 in salaries, \$124,753 in other personnel expenses including insurance and retirement benefits, and \$7,500 in other operating expenses.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$114,369.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$1,060,211 for the 2018-19 biennium.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor

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