



Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon General Election
November 8, 2022

Official Publication

This is your official 2022 General Election Voters' Pamphlet. It is meant to help you cast your vote by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters beginning October 19

Included in this pamphlet are election deadlines, voter registration information, your rights as an Oregon voter, candidate statements, and measure information.

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Dear Oregon Voter,

Have you ever noticed how voting in Oregon just feels good?

When I look across the country, I see reports of people waiting in line for hours to cast a ballot, elections officials suing each other over the voting process, and politicians creating new barriers to prevent eligible voters from casting a ballot.

In Oregon, we don't see these problems. At least not at the same volume as elsewhere. The difference is that democracy is part of our state's identity. Right along with Crater Lake, our beautiful coastline, our strong tribal relationships, our breathtaking mountains, and the Pendleton Round-Up — voting is part of who we are. We were among the first states to create the citizens' initiative process and expand the right to vote to women. We led the nation by moving to vote-by-mail and automatic voter registration. And we consistently have some of the highest voter turnout in the country. Oregonians are voters!

Our pro-democracy identity is worth fighting to preserve. To do so, voters need to trust elections administrators and the process. That's why I am doing everything in my power to reach voters with trusted information from official sources and push back when false information spreads online.

Always use official sources of trusted information.

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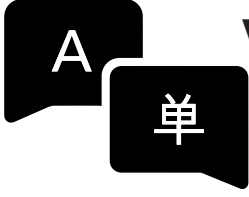
Here's what you need to know about the November 8 General Election.

- Register to vote by October 18. Register online or check your registration information at oregonvotes.gov. Ballots will be mailed out beginning on October 19. Election Day is November 8, 2022.
- **Ballots must be received or mailed with a valid postmark by 8 PM Election Day.** In 2021 the Legislature passed a new law to allow ballots postmarked by Election Day to be on time even if they arrive at an election office after Election Day. This improvement ensures that every vote cast by 8 PM on Election Day gets counted. It may also delay the results of close races because it will take a few days for all on-time votes to be counted.
- Anti-fraud protections are built into our vote-by-mail system. Constantly updated voter registration lists, signature verification and post-election audits mean voter fraud is extremely rare. Learn more at oregonvotes.gov/integrity.

False information is an ongoing threat to our democracy. We encourage you to always check information at trusted sources. Start with oregonvotes.gov or find your county elections office at oregonvotes.gov/counties.

Sincerely,

Shemia Fagan
Oregon Secretary of State



Voters' Pamphlet Translations

Making Voting Accessible

ORS 251.026, 251.167, 251.170, 251.173 & 251.315

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed the Voter Language Access Bill (HB 3021) requiring the Secretary of State to translate portions of state and county voters' pamphlets into Oregon's most spoken languages. The law seeks to remove barriers to voting for those who are not fully proficient in English. The bill's requirements are being implemented for the first time this election.

To help in this effort, the Translation Advisory Council was created. The Council is made up of volunteer community members who represent the ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of Oregon voters. Council members make sure translations are accurate and retain the original tone and meaning in a culturally appropriate manner.

Selected portions of this state voters' pamphlets are available in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Marshallese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

These translations can be found online at oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Arabic

تتوفر أجزاء مختارة من كتيبات الناخبين لهذه المقاطعة باللغة العربية يمكن العثور على هذه الكتيبات عبر الإنترنت على [.oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

Chinese (Simplified)

本州选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet, 获取译本。

French

Certaines sections de cette brochure d'information des électeurs de l'État sont disponibles en français. Ces traductions peuvent être consultées en ligne à l'adresse suivante oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

German

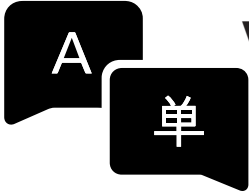
Bestimmte Teile dieser bundesstaatlichen Wahlbroschüre sind auf deutsch verfügbar. Diese Übersetzungen finden Sie online unter oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Japanese

オレゴン州の有権者パンフレットは一部日本語にも翻訳されています。翻訳版は oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet からご覧いただけます。

Korean

주 유권자 pamphlet의 선택된 부분은 한국어로 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.



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Marshallese

Möttan melele ko emōj kelet ie ilo peba eo an ribout ilo state ewōr ilo Kajin Majol. Kwōmaron loe ukok kein online ilo oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Portuguese

Partes seleccionadas dos panfletos dos eleitores deste estado estão disponíveis em português. Essas traduções podem ser encontradas on-line em oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Russian

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого штата доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Spanish

Algunas secciones de estos folletos para votantes del estado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Tagalog

Ang mga piling bahagi ng mga pamplet na ito para sa mga botante ng estado ay mababasa sa Tagalog. Makikita online ang mga pagsasaling-wikang ito sa oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Thai

จุลสารผู้ลงคะแนนของรัฐบางส่วนจัดทำเป็นภาษาไทย ฉบับแปลเหล่านี้สามารถพบได้ทางออนไลน์ที่เว็บไซต์ oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Ukrainian

Окремі частини брошур для виборців штату Орегон доступні українською мовою. Ці переклади можна знайти онлайн на веб-сторінці oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

Vietnamese

Các phần được chọn trong tập tài liệu cử tri tiểu bang này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Các bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

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This is a joint voters' pamphlet.

County Voters' Pamphlet starts after page 48

To save on mailing and production costs, a county that prepares a voters' pamphlet may insert the pamphlet into the center of the state voters' pamphlet for distribution. It includes information about candidates and measures from local governments located within the county.



For questions about:

- registering to vote
- updating your registration
- elections and voting
- completing your ballot
- returning your ballot
- absentee ballots
- replacement ballots
- signature requirements



Contact your County Elections Office.

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TTY 1-800-735-2900

fax 503-434-7520

elections@co.yamhill.or.us

www.co.yamhill.or.us

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Dates to Remember



→ **Tuesday, October 18**

Last day to register to vote for this election.

→ **Wednesday, October 19**

First day for counties to mail ballots.



→ **Tuesday, November 8**

Election Day

Last day to return your ballot.

If you mail your ballot it must be postmarked by the USPS by 8 pm on election day.

Or return your ballot to an official drop box by 8 pm on election day.



oregonvotes.gov/myvote

Use this online tool to check or update your registration status and track your ballot.



It is against the law to:

- sign another person's ballot return envelope for them
- vote more than once in an election or cast a fraudulent ballot
- vote a ballot if you are not legally qualified to do so
- coerce, pressure, or otherwise unduly influence another voter
- sell, offer to sell, purchase, or offer to purchase another voter's ballot
- obstruct an entrance of a building in which a voting booth or official ballot dropsite is located
- deface, remove, alter, or destroy another voter's ballot, a posted election notice or election equipment or supplies
- attempt to collect voted ballots within 100 feet of an official ballot dropsite
- establish a dropsite without displaying a sign stating "Not An Official Ballot Dropsite"

Any violations of the identified election laws are subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.

For more information about voting in Oregon or if you think your rights as a voter have been violated

 **oregonvotes.gov**

 **1 866 673 8683**

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KnowYour Rights

Drop Site Safety

Your rights as an Oregon Voter include:

- the right to **access official ballot boxes and election offices** without interference
- the right to **keep your vote private**
- the right to **vote without intimidation or threats**

Voter Intimidation may include:

- **Aggressive or harassing questions** about whether you are qualified to vote intended to interfere with your right to vote, scare you into voting a certain way or to intimidate you from voting, such as questions about your citizenship status, criminal record, residency, other personal information, or questions about how you intend to vote.
- **False or misleading statements or accusations** about voter fraud or related criminal penalties, designed to frighten you away from voting.
- **Verbal or physical threats** – express or implied – meant to stop you from voting or to force you to vote for a particular candidate or measure.
- **Purposefully obstructing or interfering** with your ability to vote.
- **Targeted surveillance** of particular voters or groups of voters, such as following or tracking voters, copying license plates, taking videos or photos, etc., with the intent to dissuade or obstruct them from voting.

For accurate information about voting, or to report voter intimidation



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Where do I vote?

In Oregon, we vote by mail. There are no polling places. Instead you can vote anywhere you choose.

If you're registered to vote by **October 18**, your ballot will be mailed between **October 19** and **October 25**. Your county elections office will mail it to the address in your voter registration record.

If you don't receive your ballot by **October 28**, call your county elections office.

What if I've moved?

Ballots are not forwardable. To receive your ballot update your voter registration information at oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

If election day is less than 5 days away, call your county elections office for instructions on how to get your ballot.

How can I get my ballot early?

If you will be away from your home on election day, update your voter registration information at oregonvotes.gov/myvote. To request an absentee ballot, enter your absentee mailing address and how long you will be there.

Is the voters' pamphlet translated into other languages?

Yes. Portions of the voters' pamphlet are available online in:

Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), French, German, Japanese, Korean, Marshallese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

You can find these translations online at: oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet.

How do I complete my ballot?

Your ballot packet will include instructions on how to complete and return your ballot. Follow the instructions!

What if my dog eats my ballot?

If your ballot is lost, destroyed, or damaged in a way that stops you from voting, call your county elections office and ask for a replacement ballot.

Do I have to vote on everything?

No. Your ballot will still be counted, even if you don't vote for every contest or measure on it.

Can I change how I voted?

If you have mailed or dropped off your ballot, your vote cannot be changed. If you still have your ballot, follow the instructions that were sent with your ballot.

How do I return my ballot?

You can return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If you mail your ballot, it must be postmarked by USPS on or before **8 pm** on **November 8**.

Or return your ballot to any county elections office or official drop box. You can find the nearest drop box, along with a map of how to get there, at oregonvotes.gov/dropbox or by contacting your county elections office.

County elections offices are open election day from 7 am to 8 pm.

Is the secrecy sleeve required?

If you received a secrecy sleeve, you don't have to use it unless you want to.

If you didn't receive a secrecy sleeve, your county is one of the many that have incorporated additional security features approved by the Secretary of State's Office into the ballot return envelope and therefore no longer need the sleeve.

Do I have to sign my ballot return envelope?

For your vote to count, yes. Your signature is a security measure used to verify your identity. You're the only person who can sign your ballot return envelope. Power of Attorney documents do not apply to voting.

If you cannot sign your name, contact your county elections office for more information.

Your ballot is only counted if the signature on the ballot return envelope matches signatures in your voter registration record.

If your signature does not match or you forget to sign the envelope, the county will notify you. You will have until 21 days after the election to prove you were the one who signed the envelope.

If my name is on the ballot return envelope, is my vote really secret?

Yes. After signature verification, your ballot is separated from the ballot return envelope before it is unfolded and reviewed.

Was my ballot counted?

As a registered voter, track the status of your ballot at oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

When will election results be known?

Initial results are released beginning at **8 pm, November 8** and will continue to be updated through election night and the days following.

Between election night and the date the election results are certified, the unofficial results reported on oregonvotes.gov will change. This change represents ballots that were postmarked by 8 pm on election night, being received and counted.

Final results, especially for close contests, may not be known until the election is certified and the official abstract of votes is published. Final certified results will be available 37 days after the election.

Do I need a provisional ballot?

If your eligibility to vote can't be determined you will be issued a provisional ballot.

To obtain a provisional ballot, go to your county elections office in person and fill out a Provisional Ballot Request Form.

Your provisional ballot will only be counted if you are determined to be eligible to vote.

How do I file a complaint?

If you believe Oregon election law has been broken, and are an Oregon registered voter, you can ask the Elections Division to investigate. Anonymous requests will not be investigated.

You can find more information and submit a complaint for Elections Division investigation at oregonvotes.gov under the "get involved" section.

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View unofficial election results

starting at 8 pm on November 8

Unofficial results will be updated through election night and the days following. Final certified results will be available December 15.



results.oregonvotes.gov



Ensuring the Accuracy of – Your **Vote!**

Oregon elections are secure. There are detailed processes and procedures in place that are continuously evaluated to identify improvements and to develop contingency plans, ensuring our systems and our votes are secure.

Some security measures you may be more familiar with than others. For example, the signature on your ballot return envelope is compared to the signatures in your voter registration record and your ballot is only counted if the signatures match. Another security feature is that all elections in Oregon must be conducted using a paper ballot.

Other security features which you may not be as familiar with include:

- Every county elections office files an approved security plan with the Secretary of State every year that details the tools and processes they use to secure elections in their county.
- Each day a copy of the voter registration database is backed up and saved to ensure accurate information is preserved, should a bad actor gain access.
- All voting systems (machines and programs) used to count ballots in Oregon have been certified by a federally accredited voting system test laboratory and have been further analyzed to ensure the system is secure before the Secretary of State approved of their use.
- The Department of Homeland Security has conducted onsite physical and cyber threat assessments at each of Oregon's 36 county election offices.
- All ballots are counted in secure rooms at each of Oregon's 36 county election offices. Security cameras are in place to record 24 hours a day. No voting systems are connected to the internet.
- The Oregon TIGER (Threat Information Gathering and Election Resources) Team identifies threats and vulnerabilities to Oregon's election system and applies the resources of federal, state, and local governments to mitigate those threats and vulnerabilities. Members of the TIGER Team consist of the Oregon Elections Division, US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon Chief Information Officer- Cyber Security Services, Oregon National Guard, Oregon Titan Fusion Center, US Postal Service Inspector General's Office and FBI.
- Prior to any ballots being counted, counties publicly test voting systems for logic and accuracy. This testing entails marking test ballots and running them through the vote counting machines to ensure results produced by the voting machines match how the test ballots were marked. This same process is followed after the election to confirm there was no change to the programming.

The US Department of Homeland Security and the FBI have confirmed that no vote tally systems in Oregon, or anywhere else in the US have been hacked. You can have confidence that your ballot will be counted as you mark it and that there will be no tampering with the ballot at any step in the election process. Voting in Oregon has never been more secure or more accurate.



Voters with Disabilities

For more detailed information on accessible voting contact **your county elections office**. County contact information is on page 6.

What are the different ways I can vote?

→ HTML ballot

You mark this ballot using any computer with assistive technology, print and return it. You may also use the accessible tablets or computer stations located in every county elections office.

→ Large print ballot

→ Ask for help

Who can help me vote my ballot?

→ Anyone except your employer or union

You can get help from a friend, family member or other trusted person. Under Oregon law you cannot receive help from your employer or union.

→ County Voting Assistance Team

You do not have to ask for help from someone you know. County Voting Assistance Teams are available to help you vote your ballot privately and independently.

What if I cannot sign my ballot return envelope?

→ You may use a signature stamp or other indicator as your signature

You must complete a signature stamp attestation form along with a voter registration card before using the stamp or mark to sign your ballot envelope.

What other accessible resources are available?

→ Statewide Voters' Pamphlet

Available in digital audio or accessible text at oregonvotes.gov.

→ Easy Voting Guide

Available in print and accessible HTML at easyvotingguide.org.

Know Your Rights

You have the right to **vote!**

If you are a US citizen, live in Oregon, are 18 years old, and have registered to vote.

- **You have the right** to vote even if you are houseless.
- **You have the right** to vote if you have been convicted of a felony but have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or parole.
- **You have the right** to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.
- **You have the right** to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 8 pm on Election Day.
- **You have the right** to know if you are registered to vote.
- **You have the right** to choose whether or not you want to register as a member of a political party.
- **You have the right** to use a signature stamp or other mark but first you have to fill out a form. No one can sign for you.
- **You have the right** to ask for help from elections staff or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.
- **You have the right** to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.
- **You have the right** to get a “provisional ballot,” even if you are told you are not registered to vote.
- **You have the right** to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- **You have the right** to vote for the person you want. You can write in someone else’s name if you don’t like the choices on your ballot.
- **You have the right** to vote “yes” or “no” on any issue on your ballot.
- **You have the right** to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.
- **You have the right** to use a voting system for all Federal Elections that makes it equally possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.
- **You have the right** to know if your ballot, including a “provisional ballot,” was accepted for counting.
- **You have the right** to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

for more information



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Political Party Statements

At the General Election, a statewide political party may file a voters' pamphlet statement that argues for the success of its principles and the election of its candidates. Or the statement may oppose the principles and candidates of other political parties or organizations. If filed, statements appear in alphabetical order.

The following political parties did not submit a statement for the **2022 General Election**:

- Libertarian Party of Oregon
- Working Families Party of Oregon

Candidates

Oregon statute (ORS 254.155) requires the Secretary of State to complete a random order of the letters of the alphabet to determine the order in which the names of the candidates will appear on the ballot.

The alphabet for the **2022 General Election** is:

Y, F, O, G, Z, C, M, V, R, K, S, P, Q, E, B, W, N, A, U, I, X, J, L, T, H, D

Candidate statements included in the pamphlet are separated by office type and position and are further arranged in the same random order in which the names of candidates will be printed on the ballot.

Statements are arranged in the following manner:

- partisan candidates by position in ballot order
- nonpartisan candidates by position in ballot order

Candidates pay a fee or submit signatures in lieu of paying the fee for space in the voters' pamphlet. The information required by law—pertaining to occupation, occupational background, educational background and prior governmental experience—has been certified as true by each candidate.

Measures

Measures are proposed changes to the Oregon Constitution or to state laws. For the measure in this voters' pamphlet you will find the following information:

1. the ballot title;
2. the estimate of financial impact;
3. the complete text of the proposed measure;
4. the explanatory statement; and
5. arguments filed by proponents and opponents of the measure.

Ballot Title

The ballot title is drafted by the Attorney General's office and distributed to interested parties for public comment. After review of any comments submitted, a ballot title is certified by the Attorney General's office. This certified ballot title can be appealed and may be changed by the Oregon Supreme Court.

Estimate of Financial Impact

The estimate of financial impact for each measure is prepared by a committee of state officials including the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, the Director of the Department of Revenue and a local government representative selected by the committee members. Working from information provided by state agencies and comments provided in a public hearing process, the committee estimates only the direct impact on state and local governments. The estimate assumes that the measure will be implemented as stated and expresses annual costs in ranges wherever it can be calculated accurately.

The committee also consults with the Legislative Revenue Office to determine whether the measure may have an impact on the overall state economy, should appropriate analysis be available. Further explanation of the estimate can be added by the committee in a second statement if they view it to be necessary. Only the procedures used by the committee, not the content of the statement, can be challenged in the Oregon Supreme Court.

Complete Text of the Measure

This provides you with the actual changes that will be made by the measures to the Oregon Constitution or to state laws.

Explanatory Statement

The explanatory statement is an impartial statement explaining the measure.

Explanatory statements are written by a committee of five members, including two proponents of the measure, two opponents of the measure and a fifth member appointed by the first four committee members, or, if they fail to agree on a fifth member, appointed by the Secretary of State. Explanatory statements can be appealed and may be changed by the Oregon Supreme Court.

Measure Arguments

Any person or organization may file arguments in favor of, or in opposition to, a measure on the ballot by purchasing space for \$1,200 or by submitting a petition signed by 500 voters. Arguments in favor of a measure appear first, followed by arguments in opposition to the measure, and are printed in a random order within each category.

Disclaimer

Information provided in statements or arguments by a candidate, a political party, an assembly of electors, or a person supporting or opposing a measure have not been verified for accuracy by the State of Oregon.

Constitution Party of Oregon

All our nominees are pledged to defend the following three Principles, (1) The Creator God in heaven, made known to us through the Holy Scriptures, rules in the affairs of men and is the ultimate King, Lawgiver, and Judge of all mankind. He is to be honored and His Word is to be heeded if we expect to receive His blessing on the works of our hands individually or corporately; (2) the Family is the first and highest civil institution designed by God to propagate, educate, and nurture human life. Both Church and State are to support and defend that institution; and, (3) God has assigned the first priority of civil government to protect innocent human life from conception to natural death, to protect freedom of conscience, and to protect private property.

We are pleased to offer you a true choice in the candidates we present to you.

No longer do you need to vote for the incrementally lesser of two evils. When you see one of our candidates on your General Election ballot, you can know that they stand for what is right, not what is just politically expedient. They are all committed to restoring the Constitutional Republic that our Founders gave us. Our candidates are not backed by monied interests. Typically, you will see them on the ballot only, not here in the voter's pamphlet, which costs lots of money. To provide you this choice we must satisfy Oregon ballot access requirements. We have to run at least one statewide partisan candidate each election cycle and achieve a minimum percentage of the vote or we must have a minimum number of voters registered with our party. Please help us avoid the unfortunate need to run our good candidate against another party's good candidate, by registering with us to meet the other requirement.

The Constitution Party of Oregon maintains that our true heritage is freedom.

God-fearing men founded our nation. They wanted freedom from human tyranny. They wanted to obey the dictates of their consciences in accordance with the Bible. Oregon's history as a state is rooted in the desire of Native Americans to have the truth of the Book of Heaven, as they called the Bible. There are memorials on the capitol grounds of Oregon reminding us of the part that missionaries had in the formation of our state's civil and educational institutions. The first missionary to Oregon, Jason Lee, was truly the Father of Oregon, assisting in the drafting of our state constitution and founding Willamette University that began as a mission school for Native Americans.

Government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.

Oregon Constitution, Article I, Section 1, ... all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: that all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded upon their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness...

Our rights are inalienable, coming from the hand of the Creator. Our system of laws is based on the Judeo-Christian moral code. Vote your conscience; don't vote out of fear or greed!

You rarely hear from us, because it takes money to do mailings and we don't have your email address or phone number. If you pay Oregon income tax you can make a refundable gift of \$50 (couples can give \$100) to the Constitution Party of Oregon every year, even if you are unable to volunteer in any other capacity. Please consider doing this. Call for details. Hope to hear from you soon...

This past year has been particularly trying for us. We endured the efforts of others, led by Paul Romero, to overwhelm or burn us down for his own gain.

Check us out at: www.constitutionpartyoregon.com

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(This information furnished by Constitution Party of Oregon.)

Democratic Party of Oregon

The Democratic Party of Oregon is over one million strong, fighting for progress, and working to elect Democrats in all corners of Oregon.

The Democratic Party believes in freedom, including the freedom to make our own reproductive choices, the freedom to vote in fair elections, and freedom from gun violence. **In the face of attacks on our freedoms and efforts to take us backwards by far-right extremists, we will continue to defend our democracy, right to privacy, reproductive rights, civil rights, and the freedom of ALL Americans to live and love as they see fit.**

We are a Party of more than one million Oregonians, coming from all walks of life, from all kinds of backgrounds and communities, and from all regions of our great state. **That diversity is our strength** and reinforces the core beliefs that tie Democrats together.

Democrats believe that **we're greater together than we are on our own** – that this country succeeds when everyone gets a **fair shot**, everyone does their **fair share**, and everyone **plays by the same rules**. Our party is focused on building an economy that **lifts up all Americans**, not just those at the top.

Democrats have a strong record of accomplishments, including:

- raising the minimum wage to improve life for more than 100,000 workers and their families,
- reducing student loan debt,
- allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices,
- passing paid family and medical leave,
- the largest clean energy investment in U.S. history and moving Oregon to 100% clean energy by 2030, and
- ensuring our schools have the resources to help every student find success.

Oregon Democrats are united to:

- Secure a brighter future for all by electing **Tina Kotek** as Governor to build on her successful record of building education and economic opportunities for Oregon, defending reproductive rights, addressing the housing crisis, fighting climate change, and improving access to health care and mental health services.
- Deliver victories on reproductive rights, voting rights, civil rights, and reducing gun violence by growing our majorities in the U.S. Senate and House. To do so, we need to elect Sen. **Ron Wyden**, and our great Democratic Congressional team: Rep. **Earl Blumenauer**, Rep. **Suzanne Bonamici**, **Val Hoyle**, **Jamie McLeod-Skinner**, **Andrea Salinas**, and **Joe Yetter**.
- Protect our workers and small businesses by voting for civil rights attorney and small business owner **Christina Stephenson** to serve as Oregon's next Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.
- Build our **Democratic majorities in the Oregon House and Senate** to deliver on education, climate, and health care, while creating a vibrant economy that provides equal opportunity for all.
- **Elect local Democrats** to key positions across Oregon.

Oregon Democrats recommend the following votes on November statewide ballot measures: **Yes on Measures 111, 112, 113.**

We invite all Oregonians to join us in affirming our determination that Oregon continue to become a beacon of economic opportunity, tolerance, and freedom.

Read more about the Democratic Party, what we stand for, and how to get involved at www.dpo.org, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ORDems, on Twitter at @ORDems, and on Instagram at @OregonDems.

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Independent Party of Oregon

**Are you tired of extremism and polarization?
And being manipulated by politicians
who say one thing to get your vote and then do another?**

If so, then maybe the Independent Party of Oregon is for you.

A 2021 Gallup poll found that 62% of Americans want a viable third party and that the Democratic and Republican parties "do such a poor job representing the American people that a third party is needed." (bit.ly/3rdpartysupport) The only way to build a third party is to join one and get involved.

**The Independent Party of Oregon (IPO) believes in fiscally and environmentally responsible policies
to restore our middle class and address the real problems we face.**

Government reform: We work to restore integrity to our institutions by achieving voting reforms that make our democracy more representative and real campaign finance reform-- including contribution limits and requiring that political ads name their largest funders.

People centered policies: We work on policies that bring us together, like reducing the high cost of living (especially for housing), homelessness, addiction, and the causes and effects of fire and extreme weather on our communities.

Facts:

- We are the fastest growing party in Oregon, adding about 140,000 members since 2007 (4.7% of Oregon's registered voters).
- About 6.5% of all local office holders (city council members, commissioners, mayors) are IPO members.
- We're highly informed, rational, non-tribal, non-extremist voters.
- Our platform is fiscally responsible, socially compassionate, and environmentally protective.
- We fight to keep big money from buying government policy at all levels of government.

Today, government policies in Oregon are crafted by and for powerful corporations, large unions, and the wealthy. Government is not accountable to regular people. Politics is too partisan. There is not enough problem-solving. We stand against extremism, crisis entrepreneurs, and those who seek to curtail individual rights.

We work to:

- Oppose spending on inefficient government programs and bailouts.
- Increase transparency in government, especially on how tax dollars are spent.
- Improve education and job training opportunities for Oregonians.
- Protect the environment and the climate effectively (reducing diesel emissions is a priority).
- Protect Oregon consumers from ripoffs and abuse, including medical billing.
- Provide incentives for business creation and expansion in Oregon, but only if the incentives return greater public benefit than they cost.

2022 PLATFORM

Our 2022 expanded platform (indparty.com/platform) is based on our member surveys. Our goal is to align public policies with the priorities of ordinary citizens in the areas of health care, education, campaign and ethics reform, and environmental policy. See our past Voters' Pamphlet statements at indparty.com/vp.

2022 ELECTIONS

Check www.indparty.com for the 52 candidates we nominated and why we did not nominate a candidate for Governor.

COMMUNITY BASED CANDIDATES

We support candidates backed and trusted by their local communities, not the special interests that dominate Republican and Democratic agendas. These special interests accounted for nearly all of the \$150 million spent on Oregon political campaigns in 2018 and most of the \$44 million spent that year on lobbying in Oregon. Regular voters can't match those big dollars. But we can fight them with our voting power.

WE ARE HAVING AN IMPACT

We have worked on several policies to protect taxpayers, consumers, and our environment over the years, but our main focus has been to restore power to ordinary citizens.

We helped achieve campaign finance reform in Multnomah County in 2016 and Portland in 2018 by passing charter amendment measures to limit campaign contributions to \$500 each and require that political ads name their 5 largest funders. We are a founding member of [Honest Elections Oregon](https://HonestElectionsOregon.org) and pursue state-level campaign finance reform.

In April 2020, our co-chairs won the reversal of the 1997 Oregon Supreme Court decision that prohibited limits on political contributions.

VOTE. THINK. BE. INDEPENDENT.

www.indparty.com — info@indparty.com — 503-437-2833

CHANGE YOUR REGISTRATION TO INDEPENDENT PARTY
Web Search: "Oregon voter registration" and click on "Update"

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Pacific Green Party

A Better Future is Possible Vote Green!

America is in crisis. A better future is possible.

We're the Green Party. Not the party pretending their candidate won the last election or the party fundraising for reproductive rights while doing nothing to protect them.

We're not the party preserving the filibuster to prevent passing the Voting Rights Act. Nor the party who couldn't find money to Build Back Better but sends \$50 billion without discussion for a proxy war in Ukraine and \$12 billion for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen. We're not the party ignoring global warming.

Spineless, ineffective Democrats and a mean-spirited, corrupt Republican Party got us into this mess. They are not going to get us out.

Greens have solutions: We can protect reproductive freedom, control corporate greed, end the housing crisis, rein in gun violence, avoid a climate catastrophe, and create a true democracy.

Stop Corporate Price-Gouging

- Make corporations pay their fair share of taxes
- Curb inflation, tax windfall profits
- Get corporate money out of elections

Protect Reproductive Choice

- Expand access to abortions on federal property
- Enshrine *Roe v Wade* as legislation
- Expand access to emergency contraception

Rein in the bloated US military-industrial complex

- Stop funding unaccountable private military contractors
- Slash the \$847 billion per year budget
- Invest that money in upgrading our infrastructure and healthcare

Protect Kids, Stop Gun Violence

- Manage guns and their owners like we do cars and drivers
- Ban assault rifles
- Ban high-capacity magazines
- Create & enforce waiting periods

Prevent Global Warming

- Tax credits for solar power
- Stop subsidizing fossil fuels
- Tax carbon pollution
- Expand public transport, high-speed rail and electric car charging
- End forest destruction, protect biodiversity
- Promote and fund sustainable farming

Invest in People

- Pass Universal healthcare with proper funding for mental health
- Invest immediately in housing, end ban on local rent control
- Cancel student debt
- Implement a statewide living wage

Modernize the justice system

- End felony disenfranchisement
- End the bail system that punishes the poor
- Abolish the death penalty in Oregon
- Demilitarize policing

Create a Real Democracy

- Pass meaningful campaign finance reform
- End partisan gerrymandering with an independent redistricting commission
- Implement Ranked Choice Voting and Proportional Representation

The Green Party innovatively promoted marriage equality, cannabis legalization and universal healthcare before they were popular. Our creative, people-centered, ideas can solve the urgent problems we face now.

Join us!

Change your registration to Green: [Oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov).

Learn more, volunteer:

www.pacificgreens.org

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Progressive Party

**Oregon Progressive Party:
Fighting for Honest Elections, Economic Justice, Human Rights,
Environmental Protection, and Grassroots Democracy**

WE SUPPORT: real campaign finance reform, Medicare for All, equal rights (including same-sex marriage), and \$18 minimum wage for all, now.

WE OPPOSE: the corruption of elections by big money, Wall Street bailouts, bloated military spending, letting Republicans use the filibuster to control the U.S. Senate, and "free trade" deals that let corporations override labor, consumer protection, and environmental policies.

OUR CANDIDATES

Nathalie Paravicini	Governor	Jeff Golden	Oregon Senate #3	Walt Trandum	Oregon House #51
Chris Henry	State Treasurer	Tom Andersen	Oregon House #19	Antonio Sunseri	Oregon House #60
David Delk	U.S. House, CD 3	Logan Laity	Oregon House #32	Jo Ann Hardesty	PDX City Council
Mike Beilstein	U.S. House, CD 4	Mark Gamba	Oregon House #41	Sharon Meieran	Multnomah Co. Chair

Real Campaign Finance Reform:

Oregon Democrats and Republicans have never enacted limits on political campaign contributions. Campaign spending for Oregon state offices skyrocketed from \$4 million in 1996 to \$83 million in 2018. Winning a contested race for the Legislature (about 15,000 votes for a House seat) now typically costs over \$750,000 and often over \$1 million per candidate.

The Center for Public Integrity (2015) ranked Oregon 2nd worst of 50 states in controlling political financing to avoid corruption, beating only Mississippi.

Get involved at honest-elections.com.

We are very different from the Establishment parties.

	Dem	Rep	Prog
Real campaign finance reform, particularly <u>in Oregon</u>	NO	NO	YES
Democrats should use their majorities in Congress to override the filibuster and adopt federal laws:	NO	NO	YES
1. protecting the right of women to choose abortion services without restriction;			
2. restoring the authority of EPA to regulate power plant emissions to combat climate change; and	NO	NO	YES
3. enlarging the Supreme Court to 13 members.			
Oppose "free trade" deals; support local products & services	NO	NO	YES
"Medicare for All" comprehensive health care	NO	NO	YES
State Bank to invest state funds in Oregon jobs, avoid Wall Street ripoffs	NO	NO	YES
Employment for All (public works projects, WPA style)	NO	NO	YES
Increase income taxes on big corporations	NO	NO	YES
Reduce Oregon income tax on families living at or near poverty	NO	NO	YES
Strictly regulate toxic air pollution, including diesel emissions	NO	NO	YES
Tax emissions that cause climate change; invest in clean energy (not unsafe nuclear)	NO	NO	YES
No Wall Street bailouts; end "corporate personhood" and constitutional rights for corporations	NO	NO	YES
Repair, improve infrastructure (transit, water systems, etc.)	WEAK	NO	STRONG
End wars in Afghanistan, Iraq/Syria; bring troops home	NO	NO	YES
Slash military spending and foreign troop deployments	NO	NO	YES
Enable grass-roots efforts to effectively use the initiative and referendum	NO	NO	YES
Equal rights for all; same-sex marriage	NUVR	NO	YES
Ban transport of oil by train through Oregon	NO	NO	YES
Ban foreign export of raw logs from Oregon forests	NO	NO	YES
Require labeling of genetically engineered food	NO	NO	YES

NUVR = Not Until Very Recently

Invest in Oregon

Oregon should devote its \$139 billion of investment funds to public works and jobs for Oregonians, instead of businesses outside Oregon. The State pays over \$1 billion in fees every year (mostly undisclosed) to vulture capitalists who use Oregon funds to buy all manner of corporations, including fossil fuels and makers of spyware to oppress activists worldwide (NSO Group).

See our testimony on hundreds of bills at the Oregon Legislature: propparty.org/leg

"YES" ON THESE OREGON MEASURES AND LOCAL MEASURES:

- Measure 111: affordable health care should be available to everyone
- Measure 112: remove references to slavery in Oregon Constitution
- Measure 114: require firearms permits; large ammo magazines prohibited

PORTLAND CHARTER AMENDMENT

**(4 multi-member commissioner districts, ranked choice voting;
elect Mayor citywide; establishes City Manager)**

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(This information furnished by Progressive Party.)

Oregon Republican Party

The Oregon Republican Party is working for all Oregonians by promoting limited government, the rule of law, lower taxes, and personal freedom. We humbly request you support our candidates because their principles will improve our state for everyone.

It has been over 28 years since Republican policies were implemented statewide in Oregon, and now we are all seeing the results: crime without consequence, corruption, and surging inflation. Democrats' policies have made our state dangerous to live in, difficult for businesses to create jobs, and left our streets dirty and overridden with unchecked homelessness and crime.

It is time to put an end to the damaging effects of Democrat one-party-rule in Oregon. Hundreds of Republican elected leaders are working hard every day to implement Republican ideals into action to benefit all Oregonians. **But they need your vote.**

Our state and our nation are facing incredible challenges from the left's failed policies. Electing Republican candidates will bring the leadership Oregon desperately needs to bring our state back from brink and toward a more prosperous future.

- We must hold the Democrats accountable for their reckless pandemic policies. Policies that left our economy crushed, students behind, and streets riddled with crime. Our rights were usurped, and that can **never** happen again.
- Oregon Republicans are fighting for safer streets and the protection of our communities. Governor Kate Brown and Democrats in the Oregon legislature have enforced soft-on-crime policies that weaken our law enforcement. Homelessness is surging and citizens don't feel safe. Republicans will **bring back peace and security** to our state.
- Oregon Republicans say **NO to the left's exorbitant government spending**. Help us tell the Democrats to stop wasting our tax dollars and fueling inflation. Everyday Americans are struggling to make ends meet, and Oregon Democrats are only making things worse.
- Oregon Republicans share a common interest in protecting the scenic beauty and livability of our great state. But Governor Kate Brown's policies risked all that. She failed to protect our forests, leading to some of the worst wildfires our state has seen in decades. Lives were lost, homes were ruined, and communities were dispersed. Republicans will support **active stewardship** of our state's forests to stop this from recurring.

VOTE REPUBLICAN FOR A BETTER OREGON!

- Help bring positive change to our state by registering as a Republican today.
- Be a part of the political process and protect our rights and freedoms.
- Ensure you are an active and informed citizen that will support strong policies that will improve the future of our State.

Find out more about our platform here:

National Republican Party Platform: gop.com/platformOregon

Republican Party Platform: oregon.gop/platform

We have nominated a great slate of candidates in 2022 who are ready to fight for change:

- **Christine Drazan** for Governor: www.christinefororegon.com
- **Jo Rae Perkins** for United States Senate: perkinsforussenate.vote
- **Chris Mann** for 1st Congressional District: www.chrismannspeaks.com
- **Cliff Bentz** for 2nd Congressional District: cliffbentz.com
- **Joanna Harbour** for 3rd Congressional District: joanna4oregon.com
- **Alek Skarlatos** for 4th Congressional District: www.alekfororegon.com
- **Lori Chavez-DeRemer** for 5th Congressional District: www.lorichavezderemer.com
- **Mike Erickson** for 6th Congressional District: mikeericksonforcongress.org
- **OREGON SENATE REPUBLICANS**: oregonsenate.gop

Our recommendations for the 2022 ballot measures:

- Measure 111 – Vote NO – Amends the Oregon Constitution to promise free healthcare without any plan to pay for it.
- Measure 113 – Vote NO – This bill removed the right of voters to decide their representation.
- Measure 114 – Vote NO – Enacts a law that seeks to further erode Second Amendment rights in Oregon.

Visit the Oregon Republican Party:

oregon.gop

Oregon Republican Party

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Phone: 503-595-8881

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Partisan Candidates

US Senator

Jo Rae Perkins
Republican, Constitution

Dan Pulju
Pacific Green

Ron Wyden
Democrat, Independent

Chris Henry
Progressive

US Representative

6th District
Larry D McFarland*
Constitution

Andrea Salinas
Democrat, Independent, Working Families

Mike Erickson
Republican

Governor

Tina Kotek
Democrat, Working Families

Donice Noelle Smith
Constitution

R Leon Noble*
Libertarian

Betsy Johnson
Nonaffiliated

Christine Drazan
Republican

State Senator

13th District
John D Velez
Republican, Independent

Aaron Woods
Democrat, Working Families

16th District
Melissa Busch
Democrat, Independent

Suzanne Weber
Republican

State Representative

23rd District
Anna M Scharf
Republican

Kriss Wright
Democrat

24th District
Victoria Ernst
Democrat, Independent, Working Families

Lucetta A Elmer
Republican

26th District
Jason Fields
Republican

Courtney Neron
Democrat, Independent, Working Families

31st District
Anthony Sorace
Democrat, Independent, Working Families

Brian G Stout
Republican

Nonpartisan Candidates

Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries

Christina E Stephenson
Cheri Helt

Judge of the Court of Appeals

Position 10
Kristina Hellman

Position 11
Anna M Joyce*

***Candidate chose not to submit a voters' pamphlet statement.**

This is a complete listing of federal and state candidates for the November 8, 2022, General Election, as prepared by the Secretary of State for counties covered in this pamphlet. County and local government candidates are listed only if those offices are eligible to appear in this pamphlet. The ballot you receive may include additional local candidates and measures that do not appear in this pamphlet.

Measures

111

Amends Constitution: State must ensure affordable healthcare access, balanced against requirement to fund schools, other essential services

112

Amends Constitution: Removes language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime

113

Amends Constitution: Legislators with ten unexcused absences from floor sessions disqualified from holding next term of office

114

Requires permit to acquire firearms; police maintain permit/firearm database; criminally prohibits certain ammunition magazines

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US Senator



Jo Rae Perkins

Republican
Constitution

Occupation: U.S. Senator
Nominee 2022

Occupational Background:
Financial Advisor, Insurance
Producer, Banker, Realtor(r),

Office Management

Educational Background: Oregon State University, Bachelor of Science, Political Science; University of Portland, Executive Certificate in Financial Planning; Linn Benton Community College, Associates Business Management.

Prior Governmental Experience: Delegate, ORP State Convention, 2016 ORP Presidential Elector; Linn County GOP, Chairwoman, Precinct Committee Woman 2008 – Present; Linn County Republican Women, President, 1st & 2nd VP; Albany Visitors Association, President/Vice-President.

Issues important to Oregonians and Jo Rae:

- **Crime, Law, and Order** – Allow law enforcement to do their job, fund the police and stop releasing criminals.
- **Education** – Teach the basics, End political indoctrination.
- **Election Transparency** – Clean voter rolls, end ballot harvesting, Election Day Holiday
- **Homelessness** - The real causes must be identified to end homelessness.
- **Medical Freedom** - No forced vaccinations or mask mandates
- **Natural Resources** - Must be managed locally, not by federal bureaucrats.
- **School Choice** - Vouchers and money follow the students
- **Secure Borders** – Will help end human and drug trafficking.
- **Term Limits** - No more career politicians. 12 years maximum!
- **Veterans** – Earned our respect and need to receive the medical and housing care they deserve.

Detailed information at <http://www.Perkins.Vote>

Jo Rae Perkins will:

- Represent all Oregonians
- Vote against increasing the debt ceiling.
- Read all bills first
- Vote Yes on 100% Constitutional bills.
- Protect all your Constitutional Rights & Liberties

Jo Rae Perkins

- Believes every life is valuable and is 100% Pro-Life.
- Supports the 1st, 2nd, 3rd.... to 27th Amendment
- Welcomes legal immigrants
- Is endorsed by Lars Larson, Dr. Doug Frank, Seth Keshel, Trevor Loudon, and many others listed at <http://www.Perkins.vote>

“America is headed going the wrong way. Inflation at a 40-year high affects every Oregonian. As your U.S. Senator, I will put your Liberty first and will legislate according to my duties defined in the U.S. Constitution.” Jo Rae

Vote Jo Rae Perkins, U.S. Senator - For Such A Time As This

<http://www.perkins.vote>
541-730-3570

(This information furnished by Jo Rae Perkins.)

US Senator



Dan Pulju

Pacific Green

Occupation: Poll Interviewer

Occupational Background:
Sales

Educational Background: B.A.
Mathematics

Prior Governmental

Experience: None

I’m an Oregonian like you, fed up with Federal government corruption. Enough is enough!

We have been put through hell for more than two years with the bungled response to covid. Our rights have been trampled while our economy collapsed. What was Ron Wyden’s solution? Get us in yet another war and make inflation even worse! Time for him to go.

As your U.S. Senator, I’ll work hard to get Washington on the people’s side again:

FOREIGN POLICY

- End the Forever Wars - withdraw from Syria, stop interference in Ukraine
- Make peace with Russia, Iran and other so-called “adversaries”
- Dismantle the rogue military industrial complex
- Dissolve NATO and abandon our self-destructive quest for world dominance
- End our covert activities, coups, assassinations, and suppression of truth. Free Assange!
- Launch a transparent criminal investigation of the CIA and other intelligence agencies
- Push for new, multilateral, comprehensive strategic arms control treaties
- Respect the human rights of the Palestinian people and end support for Israeli oppression.
- Restore disrupted supply chains to **stop inflation**
- Negotiate fair-trade deals, not free-trade corporate giveaways

DOMESTIC POLICY

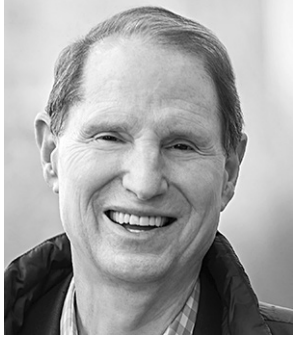
- Revitalize local economies, retail, small business, and manufacturing jobs. De-globalize!
- **Pro-choice** on abortion rights AND covid “vaccines.” Medical Freedom!
- Big Pharma out of government - eliminate industry capture of regulatory agencies
- Thorough, impartial investigation of Federal covid response
- Join the civilized world with Medicare for All
- Restore parental rights in health and education
- Protect the right to bear arms, with common sense safety regulations
- End the corporate-governmental partnership to censor our public debate. Rein in Big Tech!
- Election integrity: ranked choice voting and eliminate big money
- Tackle climate and pollution by reducing consumption, not preserving luxury

The two-party system got us where we are today, and it’s only getting worse. Leave it behind and vote for people, planet and peace! You’ll be glad you did.

danforsenate.org

(This information furnished by Dan for US Senate.)

US Senator



Ron Wyden

Democrat
Independent

Occupation: US Senator

Occupational Background:
Director, Oregon Legal
Services for the Elderly;
Co-founder, Oregon Gray

Panthers

Educational Background: Stanford University, BA; University of Oregon Law School, JD

Prior Governmental Experience: US Congress

Public service means listening to Oregonians' priorities.

That's why I've held over 1,000 open-to-all town halls in each of Oregon's 36 counties each year.

I've heard Oregonians' concerns about affordable housing, insufficient mental healthcare, wildfires, homelessness, crime and inflation.

I passed a new law cutting seniors' drug prices and families' energy costs while making the biggest investment in U.S. history to fight the climate crisis.

I wrote the laws cracking down on corporate tax dodgers with a 15% minimum corporate tax rate and providing incentives to major corporations to invest more in their workers.

I'm fighting to increase housing supply, to help first-time homebuyers get a down payment on the American dream and to stop investment funds from under-cutting Oregonians.

And with Big Oil profits skyrocketing, I'm working to overhaul the tax code ending these profiteers' special tax breaks.

In the pandemic's first months, I secured new unemployment insurance and tax relief that helped families and small businesses weather the economic crisis until they could get back to work.

I've consulted with mental health providers and law enforcement to pass a groundbreaking law that reforms how police and mental health professionals respond to crises.

I've worked to get communities and firefighters resources and equipment they need to prevent and respond to fires.

My Secure Rural Schools law has brought over \$3.5 billion for Oregon's schools and roads.

I'm proud to be the Senate's leading privacy advocate, and with the Supreme Court's gutting of federal abortion rights, I'm the only candidate in this race who's always fought to defend abortion rights and protect women's reproductive choices.

Representing Oregon in the Senate has been the honor of a lifetime - if elected again I will continue to listen, work, and deliver for Oregon.

(This information furnished by Wyden for Senate.)

US Senator



Chris Henry

Progressive

Occupation: Union Truck Driver
(Teamsters Local 81)

Occupational Background:
UAW Aircraft Mechanic, Long-Haul Trucker

Educational Background:
attended Portland State University, Clackamas Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: n/a

Prior Civic Leadership: Boards: Oregon Consumer League; Oregon Voter Rights Coalition, Willamette Neighborhood Association; Shop Steward and Union Organizer

I support working people, democratization of the workplace, publicly-funded education from daycare and pre-K to trade guilds and higher education, Medicare for All, strong work-place safety regulations, and protecting the environment and climate.

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

I support full federal funding for reproductive health care, including contraception and abortion and guaranteeing every woman's right to choose when to have a child. Protect the Rights of the BiPOC, LGBTQ, Immigrant, Aabled, and other marginalized communities.

MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

U.S. Military is in over 70 countries; bring troops home to work in a WPA-styled jobs program and expanded AmeriCorps and ArborCorps to plant millions of trees.

WORKER'S RIGHTS

I will advocate for workers to raise wages and improve working conditions and to stop "free trade" deals that let corporations override labor, consumer protections and environmental policies.

END DARK MONEY IN POLITICS!

NO SPECIAL INTERESTS ARE FUNDING MY CAMPAIGN!

Ron Wyden's campaign has raised over \$12.5 million, including from the PACs and corporate executives of Wall Street, drug companies, electric utilities, and other corporations. Wyden is the #1 top Senate money recipient from chemical industries and forest products companies. Source: [opensecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org)

CONTRARY TO THE MEDIA:

Democrats' new bill actually bans Medicare from negotiating any drug prices until 2026, then limits negotiation to only 10 of the 4,000+ drugs that Medicare buys and only 20 drugs in 2027.

Democrats' new bill actually cuts tax credits for electric cars. "The \$7,500 credit might exist on paper, but no vehicles will qualify for this purchase incentive over the next few years," *John Bozzella, Alliance for Automotive Innovation* ([time.com](https://www.time.com) August 16, 2022).

See the Progressive Party platform later in this Voters' Pamphlet.

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(This information furnished by Chris Henry.)



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ORESTAR

The Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting is a secure web-based application developed for campaign finance disclosure and enhanced to support candidacy and state voters' pamphlet filings.



Search ORESTAR

Find information about political committees registered in Oregon, campaign contribution and expenditure transactions, candidate filings for state offices and state voters' pamphlet filings by using ORESTAR's public search.

US Representative, 6th District**Andrea Salinas**

Democrat
Independent
Working Families

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Environmental, Health Care

Advocate

Educational Background: University of California, Berkeley, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Complete Count Committee, PEBB Member, Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

As the daughter of a Mexican immigrant who worked in the fields and served in Vietnam to become a U.S. citizen, Andrea knows change can happen in a generation through hard work. As a mom and State Representative, Andrea's driven by a commitment to create opportunities for all Oregonians and build a stronger future for her daughter's generation.

Andrea's been on the frontlines fighting for:

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE – When prescription drug prices were getting out-of-control, Andrea held the pharmaceutical industry accountable and passed legislation that lowered drug costs for Oregonians.

TACKLE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS – Andrea knows we must tackle our homelessness crisis head on. She believes it's time to invest in affordable housing, expand mental health services, fund addiction treatment, and grow economic opportunity.

BUILDING AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR ALL – Andrea will fight for hard-working Oregonians, not big corporations. She helped increase the minimum wage and passed paid family and medical leave. She'll work for a more fair tax system, so the rich pay their share and working people aren't over-burdened. She's committed to lowering costs for families and increasing opportunities for our communities.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS – Andrea helped pass the nation's strongest reproductive rights law so Oregon women have the right to choose even after the Supreme Court decision. In Congress, Andrea will fight to protect access to abortion.

PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR, WATER – Andrea knows we need urgent solutions to our climate crisis. She has stood up to corporate polluters to reduce pollution, protected clean air and water, and put Oregon on a path to 100% clean energy.

Endorsed by:

Planned Parenthood Action Fund

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon AFL-CIO

SEIU Oregon

Oregon Education Association - PAC

Independent Party of Oregon

Ron Wyden

And more!

www.AndreaSalinasForOregon.com

(This information furnished by Andrea Salinas.)

US Representative, 6th District**Mike Erickson**

Republican

Occupation: Tigard Small Business Owner; Supply Chain and Logistics

Occupational Background: Transportation & Logistics Management

Educational Background: B.S., Business, Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A, Private Sector

Why Oregon Needs Mike Erickson's Experience in Congress

Mike Erickson is a Tigard businessman who started his business out of his garage and grew it to one of Oregon's fastest-growing companies. Working two jobs, he put himself through college. He was first in his family to graduate. Mike's wife is a labor delivery nurse.

Mike understands how to run a successful business and stay within a budget. He is an everyday problem solver who helps companies save money. Mike will work across party lines to find solutions.

As a son of a 30-year police officer, Mike understands law enforcement and keeping **our community safe**. **Mike will work to fully fund the police and stop the legalization of dangerous drugs**. This includes increasing border security and the influx of human trafficking and drugs.

Fighting Inflation & Growing our Economy

Let's say what inflation is: a tax on America's families. Incompetence by politicians and out-of-control spending policies have led to record inflation. Families are seeing massive price increases at the grocery store and gas pump. In Congress, Mike will vote to rein in spending and keep the government in check.

Protecting our Environment

Mike cares about the environment and being a good steward of our resources while pledging to find green solutions to protect our climate and make America energy independent again.

Mike's opponent, Andrea Salinas, is wrong on these issues:

- Salinas is a career politician and was a D.C. lobbyist for radical left-wing organizations.
- Voted as a downtown Portland legislator to allow homeless camps on our public sidewalks and parks. Salinas supported legalizing dangerous hard drugs, magnifying the homeless crisis.*
- She voted for every major tax increase.*
- She supports defunding the police and voted to allow criminals, including murderers to vote.

*Oregon Legislative Record

Info/Endorsements visit: MikeEricksonForCongress.org

(This information furnished by Mike Erickson for Congress.)

Governor



Tina Kotek

Democrat
Working Families

Occupation: Advocate

Occupational Background: Policy Director, Children First for Oregon; Policy Advocate, Oregon Food Bank

Educational Background: University of Oregon, B.S.; University of Washington, M.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative (2007-2022), House Speaker (2013-2022)

Proven Leader Ready to Tackle Oregon's Serious Challenges

I spent the last 20 years working to make things better for Oregonians. At Oregon Food Bank and Children First, I fought to create more opportunities for **working families**, and then as Oregon's House Speaker – I passed the **strongest abortion access law in the country, raised the minimum wage, and guaranteed paid sick leave for workers.**

Oregon is facing major challenges - homelessness, crime, addiction, skyrocketing costs, and wildfires. We need a Governor who can fix problems and will **always be on the side of working people.**

I'll be a **force for positive change and deliver results.** As Governor, I will:

- Defend and expand access to **reproductive health care.**
- Work to **reduce gun violence** by increasing the age to buy assault weapons from 18 to 21.
- Take on our homelessness crisis by **increasing street outreach teams, expanding managed shelters, improving access to mental health services, and building more housing.**
- **Fight back against the drug cartels** in Oregon and deliver on our promise to **expand access to addiction treatment and recovery services statewide.**
- Make sure our schools **fund career and technical education, improve graduation rates, and support student mental health.**
- **Fight climate change** and create good-paying jobs in clean energy.

"Reproductive freedom is under attack in every single state.

Tina Kotek is **the only** candidate for Governor we trust to defend our right to control our own bodies."

-Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon Executive Director An Do

TINA IS THE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR ENDORSED BY:

Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council
U.S. Senators Ron Wyden & Jeff Merkley

More endorsements: TinaForOregon.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Tina Kotek.)

Governor



Donice Noelle Smith

Constitution

Occupation: retired

Occupational Background: Master Sergeant E8, journalist/reporter, talk show host, EMT,

nurse

Educational Background: Umpqua Community College, Eastern Oregon University BA

Prior Governmental Experience: taxpayer, voter, 35 years military service

Donice's history of service:

- homeschooling mother
- medical educator
- military career
- compassion on those less fortunate – whether homeless or just in poverty

Donice's principled stand:

- believes in constitutionally limited government, not rule by emergency executive decrees.
- believes in sacredness of human life before and after birth.
- strong supporter of private property rights, mineral rights, and water rights.
- advocate for environmental stewardship, NOT environmental craziness.

Donice's vision for Oregon:

- opportunity for entrepreneurs, with lower taxes and less regulation.
- honest education – no CRT, no gender nonsense. We need teaching of reading, writing, arithmetic, civics, and volunteerism.
- medical freedom – no mandates
- honest elections – back to the polling places and clean up the poll books

Donice will be the choice in this year's election for the many citizens who want a change of direction for our state. She is the candidate who stands for Life, Liberty, and Limits for what has frankly been a runaway state government. She will not hesitate to use the Governor's bully pulpit to point the way forward toward a renewal of individual freedom and responsibility .

Donice will not hesitate to use the Governor's **VETO** when another budget lands on her desk that uses taxpayer dollars to fund abortion. Similarly, she will stand ready with a **VETO**, if necessary, when any infringement on citizens' rights to defend themselves with a firearm is attempted by the Legislature or by any other arm of Oregon state government.

As your next Governor, Donice will work to return decision-making to the local community level especially regarding the education of our children. Parents' voices should be the #1 consideration with local school boards not state or federal mandates.

**Honor God
Defend the Family
Restore the Republic**

For more details, see Constitution Party website:
constitutionpartyoregon.net

(This information furnished by Friends of Donice Smith PAC.)

Governor



Betsy Johnson

Nonaffiliated

Occupation: Businesswoman

Occupational Background: Aviator, Former Legislator

Educational Background: B.A., Carleton College, J.D., Lewis & Clark

Prior Governmental Experience: State Senator

WE'RE LOSING THE OREGON WE LOVE

Political extremes are the problem

"Tina and Christine represent the extremes who would rather fight than find common ground. I will lead independent of the two parties – loyal only to the people."

Betsy Johnson

BETSY WILL LEAD WITH THE BEST IDEAS FROM BOTH PARTIES

Ultra-progressive Kotek has made homelessness and crime worse. Draza is staunchly pro-life and says she will veto pro-choice policies. Betsy is the only candidate who will protect our neighborhoods AND a woman's right to choose.

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS CALL FOR CHANGE

Our political system is so broken, these former elected officials are asking you to join us in forging a new path forward for Oregon by electing an independent governor.

Former Democratic Governor Ted Kulongoski
Former Republican U.S. Senator Gordon Smith
Former Democratic State Senator Margaret Carter
Former Republican Secretary of State Bev Clarno
Democratic Congressman Kurt Schrader
Republican gubernatorial nominee Knute Buehler

END TENT CITIES

"Betsy will urgently tackle homelessness – not endlessly enable it. When others gave up, she helped convert an unused government building into a new rehabilitation center."

Alan Evans, Homeless Advocate, Portland

PUT POLICE BEFORE CRIMINALS

"Crime victims and law enforcement trust Betsy. She will restore public safety, fund the police, and stop releasing violent criminals from prisons."

Jim Ferraris, Former Woodburn Police Chief

MAKE OREGON MORE AFFORDABLE

"Betsy will remove the heavy-handed regulations that drive up the housing costs. She'll also stop the rising taxes, fees and regulations that kill jobs and increase our cost of living."

Keller Christensen, Madras Facilities Manager

MAKE SCHOOLS MORE ACCOUNTABLE

"Betsy will listen to parents and teachers, and restore graduation standards. She believes schools should educate, not indoctrinate and that every child deserves an equal shot at success."

Amanda Wetzel, Southern Oregon Parent

Meet the Woman Behind the Glasses

WWW.RUNBETSYRUN.COM

(This information furnished by Run Betsy Run.)

Governor



Christine Draza

Republican

Occupation: Former State Representative

Occupational Background: Oregon Cultural Advocacy Coalition; Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association

Educational Background: George Fox University

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Planning Commission; Canby School District

CHRISTINE DRAZA

A New Direction For Oregon

"I am an Oregonian and my life is an Oregon story. I was born in Klamath Falls, where our family and community struggled when politicians made decisions that put Oregon on the wrong track. I'm running for governor to make a difference for families and communities that have been left behind, to clean up our streets, improve our schools, and make Oregon a more affordable place to live."

- Christine Draza

ADDRESSING THE CRISIS IN OUR STREETS

Christine Draza will address the crisis in our streets with both compassion and accountability by declaring a homelessness emergency to clean up our communities and get people the help they need. She will advocate for the repeal of Measure 110, which decriminalized hard drugs, while expanding access to addiction and recovery services.

STANDING UP FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

Christine Draza is a mother of three who cares about Oregon's kids and their future. Christine will give parents more say in their own children's education, get politics out of the classroom, and restore graduation requirements.

SUPPORTING POLICE & HOLDING CRIMINALS ACCOUNTABLE

Christine Draza will fully fund our state police and give law enforcement the support they need to reduce crime in Oregon. She will end the days of treating police like criminals and criminals like victims, ensuring that Oregonians feel safe in their own neighborhoods again.

CUTTING TAXES & REDUCING COST OF LIVING

As our next governor, Christine Draza will fight for lower taxes and cut the red tape that is crushing small businesses and driving up costs for hardworking families.

ENDORSED BY THE ORGANIZATIONS WE TRUST

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation
Sheriffs of Oregon
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs
Oregon Small Business Association PAC
#TimberUnity PAC

www.christinefororegon.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Christine Draza.)

State Senator, 13th District



John D Velez

Republican
Independent

Occupation: Real Estate
Principal Broker

Occupational Background:
Small Business Owner,
Property Management

Educational Background: A.A., Business & Administration,
Southwestern Oregon Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Sherwood 2040 Advisory
Committee 2021

As your senator, I pledge to work diligently to look out for you, your family, and your interest regardless of your income, where you came from, your religion, your culture, whom you love or the color of your skin. My priority is for us to have a thriving, safe district.

Public Safety

Law enforcement must have the tools necessary to keep our communities safe. I support our Police and will advocate for them to have the tools and training they need to succeed. **I support integrating mental health professionals within law enforcement** as a "mobile crisis team" to assist with non-violent situations which free up Police to focus on crime.

Homelessness, Mental Health & Addiction

Although there are many reasons for homelessness, drug abuse seems to be the center of it. I will push for more rehab facilities and affordable housing for those with financial difficulty. I believe we need to reform Measure 110, which decriminalized dangerous drugs and as we've seen devastate communities.

Education

We must invest in our students and offer High School Career & Technical Education to those who choose not to attend college while working to make college affordable.

NO TOLLING our freeways.

Tolling our freeways to reduce congestion rather than improving our infrastructure, should not be the solution for our growing population. This TAX will add thousands of dollars to family expenses.

Government Accountability

I will work to ensure that the government works *for the* people and is free of corruption, fraud, and wasteful spending by advocating for independent audits of all state agencies. Findings will be released to the public.

See www.VelezForOregon.com for all endorsements

NO TOLLS OREGON PAC

TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION OF OREGON

CRIME VICTIMS UNITED

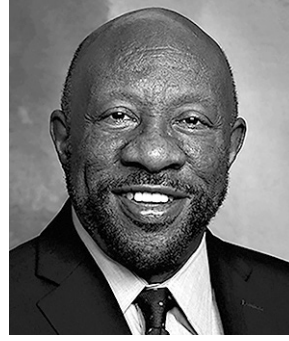
National Federation of Independent Business/ORPAC

State Senator Kim Thatcher

State Senator Tim Knopp

(This information furnished by Velez for Oregon.)

State Senator, 13th District



Aaron Woods

Democrat
Working Families

Occupation: Clackamas
Community College Board

Occupational Background: U.S.
Army, Xerox, Tektronix

Educational Background:

Marylhurst University, B.A., M.B.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: Wilsonville Planning
Commission

AARON WOODS: EXTENDING A HAND TO HELP OTHERS

Aaron grew up in a working family on the south side of Chicago where he attended a tech-oriented high school. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army for 6 years before starting his high-tech career in Oregon. Since retiring, he has dedicated his life to his family, uplifting others, and supporting his community by serving as Co-Chair of the Wilsonville Alliance for Inclusive Communities and helping close the technology gap by getting computers to underserved communities.

AARON'S PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING SAFE AND WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

- **HOUSING:** Expand access to more affordable housing options so people are not priced out of their neighborhoods and address the crisis of homelessness here in Oregon
- **AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE:** Lower costs on services and prescription drugs; Reduce racial disparities in health outcomes using evidence-based policy
- **FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE:** Prepare for climate-related hazards like wildfires and extreme weather; Protect our air, water, and wildlife
- **CREATE PATHWAYS TO GOOD JOBS:** Create high-quality career options, investing in Career and Technical Education programs; Workforce development programs that partner with business and industry to align skills with in-demand jobs
- **AFFORDABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FOR ALL:** Access to high-speed internet for every Oregonian
- **SERVICES FOR SENIORS:** Help people age at home; Combat identity theft; Expand technology literacy programs

WE STAND WITH AARON:

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon

Stand for Children

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Washington County Chamber PAC

Oregon Education Association-PAC

NW Carpenters Union

The Mother PAC

Oregon State Police Officers' Association

SEIU Oregon

Oregon Business & Industry PAC

Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC

IBEW Local 48

Former Rep. Margaret Doherty

Julie Fitzgerald, Wilsonville Mayor

Jason Snider, Mayor of Tigard

Ken Gibson, Former Mayor of King City

Charlotte Lehan, Wilsonville City Councilor

Maureen Wolf, Former Chair Tigard-Tualatin School Board

(This information furnished by Friends of Aaron Woods.)

State Senator, 16th District



Melissa Busch

Democrat
Independent

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Occupational Background: Home Health Nurse, Board Vice-President Open Adoption & Family Services, Board

Member United Way Columbia County

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science, Nursing; Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies

Prior Governmental Experience: Columbia County Medical Reserve Corps

Melissa Busch: Fighting for stronger, healthier communities

Melissa understands the challenges our communities face-she sees them every day in the lives of her patients. **As a nurse & working mother, Melissa knows the obstacles that stand in the way of good health and the quality of life everyone deserves.**

Melissa will work for us in Salem with **the same care and compassion she brings to her patients** every day. We can trust Melissa to **stand up for the unique needs of our rural and coastal communities.**

Melissa knows **working families and small businesses are the backbone of our community**, from Tillamook to Astoria to Scappoose.

In Salem, Melissa Will Fight For:

- **Comprehensive healthcare** for all Oregonians
- **Affordable workforce housing solutions**
- **Expanded childcare and eldercare**
- **High-quality K-12 education** for all children
- **Investment in higher education, career technical education, apprenticeship and trade programs**

We Stand with Melissa:

- Oregon Nurses Association;**
- Oregon Education Association-PAC**
- American Association of University Professors-Oregon**
- Oregon Women's Investment Network**
- Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon; Pro-choice Oregon PAC**
- The Mother PAC; Oregon AFL-CIO; Oregon AFSCME**
- SEIU Oregon; UFCW Local 555**
- IBEW Local 48; Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC**
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters**
- Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters**
- Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, US Senators**
- Rachel Armitage, State Senator District 16**
- Jeff Auxier, Columbia County District Attorney**
- David McCall, Bay City Mayor**
- Pamela Wev, Clatsop County Commissioner**
- Tyler Miller, Scappoose City Councilor**
- Mary McGinnis, Rockaway Beach City Councilor**
- Nadia Gardner, Former Clatsop County Planning Commission Chair**
- Sierra Lauder, Port of Tillamook Bay Commissioner**
- Beverly Stein, Tillamook Democracy Project**

Small Business Owners:

- Jason Stegner, Cove Built LLC*
- Tom and Haley Borton, Borton Law*
- Ben Preacher, The Klondike Tavern & Hotel*
- Mick Taylor Appraisal*

www.melissafororegon.com

(This information furnished by Melissa for Oregon.)

State Senator, 16th District



Suzanne Weber

Republican

Occupation: State Representative, House District 32

Occupational Background: Teacher, Tillamook School District; Small Business Owner

Educational Background: Bachelor's in Elementary Education, Bemidji State College

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; Tillamook Mayor & City Councilor

Protecting Rural Northwest Oregon

"Suzanne Weber is one of us. She made rural northwest Oregon home 52 years ago and ever since has been teaching our kids and fighting against Portland-first policies that shortchange us."

Derrick Josi, Dairy Farmer & Author\Speaker

Education Must Come First!

Suzanne taught first through third grade children for thirty years. Being on the front lines of education, she knows our teachers are being given all of the rules but none of the resources. She will fight to restore local control over education and expand school choice for parents.

Restoring Affordability

Suzanne has co-run local small businesses, including a gift shop. She knows firsthand what kind of damage high taxes and fees are having on working families and will fight to reverse the high cost of living.

Results, Not Partisanship

Suzanne served as a non-partisan city councilor and the Mayor of Tillamook where she focused on results, not partisanship. She is currently serving in the Oregon Legislature where she has been solving problems critical to rural communities, such as fixing Highway 6, by bringing back our tax dollars that otherwise would have gone to fund pet projects of Portland politicians.

ENDORSED BY:

- Clatsop County Commissioner **Courtney Bangs**
- Columbia County Commissioner **Casey Garrett**
- North Coast First PAC
- Stand for Children
- Oregon Farm Bureau Federation
- Taxpayers Association of Oregon
- Washington County Chamber of Commerce PAC
- Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
- Oregon State Police Officers' Association
- Sheriffs of Oregon
- Oregonians for Food & Shelter
- Crime Victims United
- Associated Oregon Loggers
- Defend Small Business PAC
- Oregon Family Farm Association
- Oregon Sportsmen Association PAC
- Oregon Nurseries PAC
- AG-PAC

"Suzanne has the experience to make sure the needs and priorities of Northwest Oregon are met!"

Mark Gregg, Banks City Council President

www.weberfororegon.com

(This information furnished by Suzanne Weber.)

State Representative, 23rd District

Anna M Scharf

Republican

Occupation: Farm Office Manager, State Representative

Occupational Background: Legislative Policy Analyst, Strategic Sourcing Manager, Supplier Manager

Educational Background: MBA, International Business Management, University of Phoenix; Bachelor's Political Science, SOU

Prior Governmental Experience: Perrydale School Board and Budget Committee, Polk County Fair Board, Precinct Committee Person

ABOUT ANNA SCHARF

Anna is married to a 4th generation farmer outside Amity and has two children. Anna has been married to her husband for almost 23 years and works with him and his family on the family farm and serves as your current State Representative.

STRONG ADVOCATE FOR BUSINESS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Anna has been advocating for businesses and natural resources for years. Prior to being an elected official, Anna introduced legislation and lobbied it through the legislature, giving all farmers increased payment protections. Family businesses, Main Street businesses and large employers are challenged now more than ever. Anna will continue to work to protect them from further government overreach and help gain them resources needed to be successful.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

The defund the police movement has made us less safe. Our community's value law enforcement, not lawlessness. Anna advocated to support our law enforcement and will continue working to restore the tools they need to keep us safe.

SUCCESSFULLY PARTNERING WITH LOCAL ELECTED LEADERS TO GET RESULTS

Working with Polk and Yamhill County elected officials is important to Anna. She will continue work with local leaders to help fill community infrastructure needs and bring resources to our communities.

ENDORSEMENTS

Polk County Commissioners: Pope, Mordhorst, and Gordon
Yamhill Commissioners: Berschauer and Starrett
Polk County Sheriff Garton
Yamhill County Sheriff Svenson
AG-PAC
Associated Oregon Loggers
Community Oriented Public Servants PAC
Crime Victims United
Defend Small Business PAC
Marion Polk First PAC
NFIB/ORPAC
Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs
Oregon Family Farm Association
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation
Oregon Nurseries' PAC
Oregonians for Food and Shelter
Taxpayers Association of Oregon
Timber Unity PAC

For a full list of endorsements, visit: voteannascharf.com

(This information furnished by Anna Scharf.)

State Representative, 23rd District

Kriss Wright

Democrat

Occupation: Chair, Planning Commission City of Newberg, Alternate, Planning Commission, NUAMC City of Newberg and Yamhill County, Representative CAC City of Newberg, Oregon, USA.

Occupational Background: Research Scientist, Land Use & Zoning Consultant, Grant Writer, Health Technician-US Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), Advocate, Farmworker, Salesperson, Childcare Provider, and Mom.

Educational Background: Portland State University, Bachelor of Science, GIS Certificate, P.C.C., Sylvania, AAS, Dietetic Technologies.

Prior Governmental Experience: 2022 Chair, Planning Commission, Newberg, OR. (2019 - Current), Alternate, Planning Commissioner, NUAMC (Newberg Urban Area Management Commission) City of Newberg and Yamhill County, OR. (2021-Current), Representative, CAC (Citizen Advisory Commission), City of Newberg, OR. (2022)

Leadership

Listening with an open mind from ALL my Community and Future Constituents promotes REAL solutions to problems our Communities face.

I will give the Counties of Polk and Yamhill the Representation it Deserves!

I'm Conservative, I believe in the Constitution, the Legislative Process, and the Rule of Law, all principles that should never be endangered.

Standing up to Powerful People and the Supermajority if it doesn't align with my communities needs.

What I Stand For

Bring Broad Band Internet to Rural & Underserved Areas

Small Business Relief & Support Services, Good Jobs, Career Ready Programs, Economic Justice.

Affordable, Accessible, Comprehensive Healthcare & Mental Wellness, no/low cost Medications, Reproductive Services, Childcare Incentives.

Quality Schools, Education Equity, Salary Incentives to Attract and Keep our excellent Teachers!

Affordable & Accessible Housing, Anti-displacement Mitigation, Encompassing Case Management Services for the Homeless.

Protection for Seniors & Disabled, Uphold Rights of Survivors & Victims, Hate Crimes & Discrimination Accountability.

Back our Blue with needed resources & training for Public & Personal Safety; Accountability for excessive use of force by Police and ICE.

Climate Change-Resilience-Restoration

We can grow our Economy while Improving Air, Water, and Soil Health. Forests, Farmlands, & Water Resource Industries are the very systems we depend on for our health and sustainability.

Please! Vote Kriss Wright for State Representative HD23 to Represent You!

KrissWright4StateRep@gmail.com

[KrissWright4StateRep \(Facebook\)](#)

(This information furnished by Kriss Wright for Oregon.)

State Representative, 24th District**Victoria Ernst**

Democrat
Independent
Working Families

Occupation: Human Rights
Lawyer; Professor

Occupational Background:
Nursery Sales, Educator,

Lawyer

Educational Background: Newberg High School, University of Oregon (Business Administration, B.S.), American University (J.D. & M.A.)

Prior Governmental Experience: McMinnville Budget Committee; European Parliament; United Nations

Community Involvement: Meals on Wheels, YCAP, Oregon Association of Nurseries Willamette Chapter Board (2012-2015)

Proven Advocate for Rural Oregon
You can count on me to prioritize
our communities and families over politics.

I'll be a strong voice for rural Oregon. A 5th generation Oregonian with deep agricultural roots in the Willamette Valley, I was raised on rural values: showing up, working hard, doing things right the first time, being there for your neighbors, and serving your community.

I'm a leader that listens and finds common ground. I believe in equality, protecting our rights and freedoms, and promoting access to economic opportunities. I'll fight for rural communities, small businesses, and a brighter future for all Oregonians.

I have years of agriculture and business experience. My family farms hazelnuts and hops all over the valley, and I understand the challenges facing agricultural industries and communities.

I'm ready to serve the community that raised and supported me by advocating for you in Salem. As the nominee for the Democratic, Working Families, and Independent Parties of Oregon, you can trust me to work collaboratively to:

- Protect reproductive freedom and abortion access
- Fully fund public safety and education
- Ensure a fair economy for working families and small businesses
- Address homelessness and the rising costs of living
- Increase access to mental health services
- Secure infrastructure dollars for small communities
- Protect agriculture industries and the environment

Endorsements:

Casey Kulla, Yamhill County Commissioner
Mayors: Rick Rogers (Newberg); Linda Watkins (Carlton)
Local City Councilors: Sal Peralta, Kellie Menke, Jessica Payne, Shirley Ward-Mullen
N Terry Lucich
Agri Seed Testing
Ernst Nursery & Farms LLC
Willamette Valley Hop Farms
Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC
The Mother PAC

Victoria4OregonHouse.com

(This information furnished by Victoria Ernst for District 24.)

State Representative, 24th District**Lucetta A Elmer**

Republican

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background:
Multi Small business owner;
Real Estate owner/manager

Educational Background:
Bachelor of Science in

Education, Linfield University

Prior Governmental Experience: None

ABOUT LUCETTA ELMER

Lucetta was raised on a farm right here in House District 24. It's where she and her husband put down their roots over 30 years ago, raised their kids and took the risk to start their first small business.

Community has always been the most important part of our story, and I am running for the legislature because the mandates and bad policies from Salem are hurting communities like ours. Let's write a new chapter for Oregon together—one where parents, small businesses, and taxpayers like us have a voice. – Lucetta Elmer

STANDING UP FOR TAXPAYERS AND CONSERVATIVE VALUES

Our schools are failing our kids, lawlessness and crime are increasing, and families can't make ends meet as everyday costs continue to skyrocket. Oregonians are hurting, and our state government and current policies have failed us.

Lucetta will give parents, small businesses, and taxpayers their voice back.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE

As a business owner, Lucetta Elmer knows firsthand about heavy handed government regulations, taxes, and shutdowns that make running a small business hard. She will be a voice in Salem to fight for main street business, so our local economy can thrive.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

Lucetta knows that the decisions made by our leaders in Salem will affect the future of our kids. As a mom of four, Lucetta will be a champion for parents, kids, school choice and a better education system, one that gives all kids an opportunity to succeed.

ENDORSED BY

State Representative Ron Noble
State Representative Anna Scharf
Yamhill County Sheriff Tim Svenson
AG-PAC
Oregon Nurseries' PAC
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Sheriffs of Oregon
Oregon Small Business Association PAC
Taxpayer Association of Oregon
National Federation of Independent Business/ORPAC
Oregon Right to Life PAC

Lucetta4oregon.com

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Lucetta Elmer.)

State Representative, 26th District



Jason Fields

Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Manufacturing; Retail Sales & Management

Educational Background: Rex

Putnam High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Yamhill County Budget Committee

Community Involvement: Oregon Small Woodlands Association; Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Annual Donor; Pioneer Gibbs Cemetery Sustaining Donor; OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital Donor

Family: Andrea, my love of 25 years; father, grandfather

Dear Neighbor,

*As a husband, father, grandpa, and small business owner, I want a safer, more prosperous Oregon. Courtney Neron voted to increase the cost of gas, groceries, and rent. **She approved freeway tolls.** And she voted against accountability in our schools. We all deserve better.*

Questions? Call me at 503-476-4123.

*I'd appreciate your vote to **serve you.**"*

Sincerely,

Jason Fields

**NO TOLLING ON FREEWAYS
FREEZE PROPERTY TAXES FOR SENIORS
SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT
KEEP OREGON AFFORDABLE**

"Jason Fields opposes tolls and STANDS UP for working families. Residents can't afford \$240 PER MONTH/ PER DRIVER in new freeway tolls!" - NO TOLLS OREGON PAC

REDUCING CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS

- Keep violent offenders off our streets
- Fully-fund police budgets
- Keep homelessness out of our communities

PROTECTING SENIORS

- Freeze property taxes for seniors over 65
- Bring down prescription drug costs
- Fund Oregon Project Independence

PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Increase mental health access/addiction treatment
- Fund K-12 Budgets FIRST
- Protect our environment

DEFENDING TAXPAYERS

- Keep the Kicker Tax Credit
- Reduce Income Taxes for Working Families
- Hold METRO Accountable

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS

- Oppose new small business taxes
- Create affordable workforce housing

WE STAND WITH JASON:

Representative Jessica George; Krista Thorne, Duncan Nyang'oro, Sherwood School Board; Ben West, Wilsonville City Councilor; Lindsay Berschauer, Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioners; Clackamas County Peace Officers Association; COPS-PAC; Crime Victims United; Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance; Taxpayer Association of Oregon; Oregon Property Owners Association; Oregon Small Business Association PAC Local Jobs Matter PAC; AG-PAC; Oregon Moms Building Excellent Schools Together; Kenneth & Beverly Becket, King City Seniors; Loren Boeckman, 6th-generation Wilsonville Business Owner; Matt Langer, Langer's Entertainment Center; Olivia Wengert, Sherwood Business Owner
www.FieldsForOregon.com

(This information furnished by Jason Fields for Oregon.)

State Representative, 26th District



Courtney Neron

Democrat
Independent
Working Families

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: High School French/Spanish

Teacher

Educational Background: Pacific University, MAT; University of Oregon, BA; Tigard High School

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative (2019-current)

As a teacher and a mother, I am focused on our future. That's why I'm **working to address climate change, prevent gun violence, protect abortion rights, expand mental health care, invest in education, and make childcare affordable.**

I have a track record of championing housing solutions, animal and human rights, community safety initiatives, lower health care costs, and economic relief for local businesses, seniors and families.

Investing in Safe and Affordable Communities

I work closely with our communities to invest in our top priorities. I secured funding for local projects including:

- The Sherwood Pedestrian Bridge
- Food bank support and rent assistance
- Affordable workforce and senior housing
- Broadband and transportation infrastructure

Supporting Strong Educational and Economic Opportunities

A comprehensive, fully funded education system is essential. I am committed to:

- Recruiting and retaining great teachers
- Improving safety for students and school staff
- Expanding job training and apprenticeships
- Aligning graduation standards with workforce needs

Championing Affordable and Accessible Care

Systems of care are vital for healthy communities. I'll continue focusing on:

- Quality, affordable childcare
- Services to prevent homelessness
- Lowering prescription drug costs
- Protecting choice and privacy in reproductive health care
- Advocating for seniors

We Stand with Courtney:

Pro-Choice Oregon PAC; Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund; Oregon State Police Officers Association; Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council; Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters; United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Oregon School Employees Association; Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Oregon Education Association; Oregon Nurses Association The Mother PAC; SEIU Oregon; Oregon AFL-CIO Oregon AFSCME; Tigard Chamber of Commerce Jaimie Fender, **King City** Mayor; Keith Mays, **Sherwood** Mayor Jason Snider, **Tigard** Mayor; Julie Fitzgerald, **Wilsonville** Mayor U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley; U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

More endorsements at: www.courtneyfororegon.com

(This information furnished by Courtney Neron.)

State Representative, 31st District**Anthony Sorace**

Democrat
Independent
Working Families

Occupation: Engineer

Occupational Background: Software and systems engineer; engineering management; non-profit director and treasurer; youth minister

Educational Background: The Pingry School - High school

Prior Governmental Experience: PCP (2018-present) and Chair (2021-present), Columbia County Democrats

As a working father raising a family in rural Oregon, Anthony understands what matters most to our communities. He will work tirelessly in the legislature, focusing on those issues:

Education

Every child deserves access to a quality education. Anthony will make sure we're investing in our schools and teachers to provide that. He'll make sure the transitions our schools are going through today lead to the best education our children can get.

Quality Healthcare

Every Oregonian should have access to the healthcare they need; Anthony will work to expand access, especially dealing with Oregon's mental health crisis and access to primary care.

Affordable Housing

The stability of secure housing is vital to strong, vibrant communities; rising costs put that in jeopardy. Anthony will ensure we get smart investment in housing which is affordable for working families.

Jobs

The nation is experiencing the fastest growth in jobs and wages we've seen in decades, along with the biggest resurgence in the labor movement in a generation. But we know not every community shares equally in that growth: too often rural communities are left behind. Anthony will make sure we invest in our communities to create lasting, family-wage jobs.

A Sustainable Environment

We need coordinated action between every level of government and the private sector if we're going to address worsening droughts, smoke filled air, and warming rivers. Anthony will make sure we're addressing our long-term needs while dealing with the damage these issues are causing in our lives today.

Anthony is proudly endorsed by:

- U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- Oregon Senator Rachel Armitage
- The Mother PAC
- Oregon AFSCME Council 75
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
- Pro-Choice Oregon PAC
- American Federation of Teachers — Oregon

For more information, see: <https://AnthonyForOregon.com>

(This information furnished by Anthony for Oregon.)

State Representative, 31st District**Brian G Stout**

Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Graphics and Printing Production Specialist and Business Professional

Educational Background: Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Republican Precinct Committee Person, 2022 HD31 Republican Nominee

Brian is a lifelong Republican and 45-year Oregon resident. He is a husband, father, grandfather, and leader in local civic organizations. Brian and his wife of over 32 years live in rural Columbia County while owning and operating local small businesses.

DEFENDING OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Brian will stand up against reckless Portland-based extreme politics, unnecessary taxes, and work towards restoring the balance of power in Salem. He is committed to traditional rural values.

VALUING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS

Brian believes that strong, safe, and clean communities are essential and that we must provide our first responders proper resources while enforcing our existing laws. He is a devout 2nd Amendment supporter.

RESTORING QUALITY EDUCATION

Brian supports getting our education system back to the basics and providing parents with robust choices that will help our children succeed.

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCE INDUSTRIES

Brian's House District economy and jobs are largely natural resource based with timber, rock, farms, and waterways. Brian's goals are to effectively manage these vital resources, not shut them down.

SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY AND ENDORSED BY:

Robin Loper, BSN, RN, NCSN, Columbia City
Casey Garrett, Columbia County Commissioner
Jerry Cole, Mayor of Rainier
Scott Sword, Mayor of Vernonia-Retired
Diane Dillard, St. Helens
Mike Pihl, Pihl Logging Inc., Vernonia
Larry Erickson, Past Port Commission President

and the following organizations:

National Federation of Independent Business, Taxpayers Association of Oregon, Oregon Small Business Association PAC, Oregon Chiefs of Police Association, Sheriffs of Oregon, Oregon State Police Officers' Association, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs, Crime Victims United, Oregon Right to Life PAC, #Timber Unity PAC, Oregon Sportsman Association PAC, Associated Oregon Loggers, Oregon Family Farm Association, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Oregon Nurseries PAC, AG-PAC, Oregonians for Food & Shelter

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(This information furnished by Stout for State Rep PAC ID 19073.)

Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries



Christina E Stephenson

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Civil Rights Attorney

Occupational Background: Oregon Employment Law, Business Management

Educational Background:

Hillsboro High School; University of Oregon School of Law, J.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: Commission on Economic Dignity, Multnomah County; Oregon Legislative Workgroup on lowering prescription drug prices

Christina Stephenson is a small business owner, civil rights attorney, and working mom. Salem isn't doing enough for working families and businesses hard-hit by inflation; but as Commissioner, Christina will put them first.

Christina has a plan to expand job training - helping businesses grow and **create new jobs** - so more Oregonians can **find a good-paying job, earn a raise, and keep up with inflation.**

Christina's Plan to Expand Job Training and Help Oregon Businesses and Workers:

- Invest in apprenticeship programs so everyone can earn a raise, whether or not they went to college
- Create more school-to-career pathways
- Staff our schools and hospitals by expanding job training in education and healthcare
- Protect workers' rights: guaranteed paid sick days, paid family leave, and fair wages

Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon supports Christina:

"We looked closely at both candidates in this race, and the choice is clear: Christina is the only candidate who will fiercely protect abortion access." - An Do, Executive Director

Small business owners support Christina:

"I'm voting for Christina because I trust her to lift up small businesses and invest in job training to help Oregon's economy." - Rachel Schoening, Owner, Fat Milo's, Sherwood

Bipartisan support for Christina:

Christina is endorsed by Oregon's **last five Commissioners**, Democrat and Republican, and the Independent Party of Oregon. Christina will work with both parties to help families and businesses succeed.

We support Christina!

- Oregon Nurses Association
- American Federation of Teachers-Oregon
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- Oregon State Police Officers' Association
- Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Pro-Choice Oregon PAC
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- Oregon Working Families Party
- SEIU Oregon
- National Electrical Contractors Association
- Oregon AFL-CIO

And 100+ more: ChristinaStephenson.com

(This information furnished by Christina Stephenson for Oregon.)

Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries



Cheri Helt

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Working Mom, Restaurant Owner

Occupational Background: Small Businesswoman

Educational Background: Michigan State University,

Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, School Board Member

CHERI HELT: Endorsed by CHRISTINE DRAZAN and BETSY JOHNSON

A bipartisan leader fighting for more opportunities for Oregonians, **Cheri earned the endorsements of both Christine Drazan and Betsy Johnson.**

- A small business owner, working mother, and Chamber of Commerce board member, Cheri supports small businesses and will keep them open for business by **cutting red tape.**
- **Helped pass the strongest paid family medical leave plan in the nation.**
- Fought for **better unemployment and health benefits for Oregonians.**
- During the pandemic, **Cheri took money out of her savings to pay for her employees' health insurance.**
- Will be impartial and **balance the needs of small businesses and workers.**

Cheri Helt: A fresh start for Oregon workers

Like Christine Drazan and Betsy Johnson, Cheri knows we need change to save Oregon. Cheri will fight for small businesses and Oregon's workers. As labor commissioner, **Cheri will work to cut taxes and red tape, reduce inflation, and grow Oregon's economy.** Cheri will help workers by expanding career and technical education programs, including apprenticeships that create opportunities and high-wage jobs for Oregonians. Cheri helped pass dedicated funding for shop classes and other job training programs in schools to prepare our students.

Christina Stephenson: More expensive extremism

Stephenson promises to double down on Kate Brown's failed policies. She supports the Green New Deal, which would make filling your tank and heating your home even more expensive. **Voting for Stephenson is voting for more of the same for Oregon:** homeless camps, record high gas and food prices, small-business-killing taxes and red tape, and state government so incompetent it can't even send unemployment checks to workers laid off due to Covid.

Vote for change.

Vote Cheri Helt for BOLI Commissioner.

We can't afford more of the same.

More endorsements, positions, and information at CheriHelt.com

(This information furnished by Cheri for Oregon.)

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 10

Kristina Hellman

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Judge, Court of Appeals

Occupational Background: Federal Public Defender's Office (Supervisory Assistant Federal Public Defender 2018-2022; Assistant Federal Public Defender 2007-2018; Research Attorney 2002-2007); Judicial Clerk, Hon. Edward C. Reed, Jr., United States District Judge for the District of Nevada (2000-2002)

Educational Background: Georgetown Law School (JD 2000); University of Michigan (BS 1997); Huron High School (Diploma 1993)

Prior Governmental Experience: See above

Judge Hellman has spent her entire legal career in public service. In practice, she was known not only for the excellent quality of her legal work, but for the compassion she brought to each client. She was also known to be a collaborator and consensus builder, both within her own office and with opposing counsel. She achieved victories in state and federal courts and also successfully negotiated many cases for her clients.

As a judge on the Court of Appeals, Judge Hellman:

- Treats everyone with respect, listens to their issues, and allows all voices to be heard. Cases before the court deal with extremely difficult situations in peoples' lives. Judges must meet people where they are at, even at the appellate level.
- Acts ethically in all aspects of her life.
- Approaches each case with an open mind and resolves the matter fairly and impartially.
- Works as long and as hard as it takes to get to the right answers.
- Recognizes structural barriers that exist for access to the appellate court system and acts to change them.
- Remembers that the decisions the court makes on legal issues affect all Oregonians. The parties deserve just, fair, and legally correct outcomes. Our citizens deserve those too.
- Is committed to a lifetime of learning, both about the law and about the people across our state whom the court serves.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Oregon as a judge on the Court of Appeals.

(This information furnished by Committee to Retain Judge Kristina Hellman.)

Senate Joint Resolution 12 – Referred at the 81st Legislative Assembly’s 2021 Regular Session to the Voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the November 8, 2022, General Election.

Measure No.

111

Amends Constitution: State must ensure affordable healthcare access, balanced against requirement to fund schools, other essential services

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Result of “Yes” Vote

“Yes” vote requires state to ensure affordable healthcare access. State must balance healthcare funding against funding for schools, other essential services; courts must respect balance.

Result of “No” Vote

“No” vote retains current law. The constitution does not require the state to ensure access to affordable health care; state provides some healthcare access.

Summary

Amends Constitution. Current state law outlines the general requirements for health insurance policies and provides health care for low income and disabled residents who meet eligibility requirements. Amends the Oregon Constitution to establish health care as a fundamental right; obligates the state to provide Oregon residents “access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care.” Amendment requires the state to balance that obligation against the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services. If the state is sued to enforce the amendment, the court may not order a remedy that interferes with the state’s requirement to balance healthcare funding against funding for public schools and other essential public services.

Estimate of Financial Impact

The financial impact to state and local expenditure and revenue is indeterminate. The measure does not require additional state government revenues or expenditures. The impact of the measure will depend on future legislative action to establish additional health benefits and determine how they will be paid for.

Committee Members:

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan
 State Treasurer Tobias Read
 Katy Coba, Director, Department of Administrative Services
 Betsy Imholt, Director, Department of Revenue
 Tim Collier, City, County, or District representative

(The estimate of financial impact was provided by the above committee pursuant to ORS 250.127.)

Text of Measure

Whereas there are many components that contribute to good health, including the ability to respond to sickness, disease and injury; and

Whereas achieving the goal of living a healthy life is impossible without the ability to access health care; and

Whereas health care should be available to everyone; and

Whereas the lack of available health care is a barrier to opportunity, success and quality of life; and

Whereas Oregonians should not be divided between those who can afford to be healthy and those who cannot; and

Whereas Oregonians should not be divided between those who have hopes and dreams and those whose sickness, disease or injury robs them of their hopes and dreams; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 47 to be added to and made a part of Article I, such section to read:

SECTION 47. (1) It is the obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.

(2) The obligation of the state described in subsection (1) of this section must be balanced against the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services, and any remedy arising from an action brought against the state to enforce the provisions of this section may not interfere with the balance described in this subsection.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; *[brackets and italic]* type indicates deletions or comments.

Explanatory Statement

Ballot Measure 111 amends the Oregon Constitution by establishing the obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.

The state must balance this obligation with its other obligations to fund public schools and other essential public services.

While this measure establishes a new constitutional obligation of the state, it does not specify what the state must do to comply, how that compliance will be measured, or identify specific steps the state must undertake should this measure pass.

If a suit is brought against the state to enforce the measure, a court could not interfere with the way the state balances its obligation to fund health care with the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services.

Committee Members:

Senator Rob Wagner
Representative Barbara Smith Warner
Senator Tim Knopp*
Representative Kim Wallan
Richard Devlin

Appointed By:

President of the Senate
Speaker of the House
Secretary of State
Secretary of State
Members of the
Committee

* Member dissents (does not concur with explanatory statement)

(The above committee was appointed to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.215.)

Legislative Argument in Support

Ballot Measure 111 is an opportunity for voters to amend the Oregon Constitution to declare that every Oregonian deserves to be healthy. Ensuring that everyone in the state has access to health care will help each individual thrive, and lead to positive outcomes for the state as a whole.

No Oregonian should ever have to decide between putting food on their table and being able to see a health care professional when they or their children are sick. The lack of access to affordable health care can prevent or delay Oregonians from making important life decisions, like starting a family or a business. People without access to health care are unable to pursue many opportunities that could enrich their lives, and that diminishes the overall quality of life in the state.

Ballot Measure 111 also makes good economic sense. People without health coverage often delay routine medical care. Over time, once manageable illnesses or injuries can become life-threatening emergencies, and patients end up in hospital emergency rooms, costing those seeking care and the state much more in the long run. People with otherwise treatable illnesses may also not be able to work, leading to a decrease in the state's productivity and harming our small businesses.

Importantly, Ballot Measure 111 protects state spending in other critical areas by requiring that health care spending be balanced with funding all other services the state provides, like schools and public safety. This measure also does not increase any taxes, and that is because it does not make any changes to current health programs or policies. By passing Ballot Measure 111, Oregonians will be saying with a clear voice that every one of us deserves to be healthy.

Please join us in voting **Yes on Measure 111.**

Committee Members:

Senator Rob Wagner
Representative Travis Nelson
Representative Barbara Smith Warner

Appointed By:

President of the Senate
Speaker of the House
Speaker of the House

(This Joint Legislative Committee was appointed to provide the legislative argument in support of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.245.)

Argument in Favor

Support health care as a human right. Vote Yes on Measure 111.

Providence Health & Services is a not-for-profit network of hospitals, health plans, physicians, clinics and home health, serving rural and urban communities across Oregon. Founded by the Sisters of Providence more than 165 years ago, Providence is proud to be Oregon's largest health system and private employer working every day to improve the health of our communities. Grounded in our Mission and values, we believe health care is a human right. Our support for Measure 111 is an expression of this commitment to the common good.

As a state and a nation, we have made great strides over the past decade to ensure access to health care for all, and there remain opportunities to build upon our success by continuing to broaden health care access in sustainable ways. We believe there are pathways to ensure health care is accessible and affordable while giving Oregonians choices in their health care options. Including access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right in our constitution will ensure Oregon continues to promote opportunities to advance health for a better world.

Join us in voting yes to make access to affordable health care a right in Oregon.

(This information furnished by Kristen Downey, Providence Health & Services.)

Argument in Favor

Rural Communities Need Measure 111

Measure 111 is a first step towards improving health care for all Oregonians by recognizing that affordable health care is a basic human right.

Health care costs are becoming increasingly unaffordable for the average Oregonian. According to a report by the Oregon Health Authority, Oregonians' personal health care expenditures outpaced the rest of the US from 2013 to 2019. While the US saw an increase of 27% during this time, Oregonians' expenditures increased by 34%.

Despite the high price we pay for our health care, the United States still falls behind other developed countries in terms of life expectancy. Our national average is 78.86 years compared with other developed countries where the average life expectancy is 82.1 years.

In rural Oregon, the impact of rising health care costs and affordability of care is significantly magnified due to the inequities in income. In 2020, the average per capita income in Oregon was \$56,312.00. In rural Oregon, the per capita income was \$47,152.00.

In 2019, 60% of all bankruptcies in Oregon included medical debt. In the same year, almost 16% of Oregonians reported delaying medical treatment due to costs.

Measure 111 will not increase your taxes or jeopardize other essential state services.

Please vote yes on this critical measure that amends Oregon's Constitution to affirm that affordable health care is a human right. **We cannot afford to continue down the same path of ever-increasing health care costs that far outpace the increase in wages for the average Oregonian.** Please vote yes on Measure 111!

Dwight Dill
La Grande, Oregon
Retired Union County Mental Health Director
Member of Oregon's Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 111 is Important to Providers with Private Practices

As a therapist with a small private practice, I am fully supportive of Measure 111. Everyone should be able to receive the health care services they need at affordable rates. This is relevant for both physical and mental health. Many people are only able to access therapy when they have insurance, and can afford the relevant copays, premiums, and deductibles. Additionally, many people recognize that therapy would be helpful to them, but look at the costs and realize that they cannot afford to pay for it. Measure 111 ensures that no one will be forced to go without care because they cannot afford to access it.

However, it is not only the cost of healthcare that is disrupting people's access. **When I speak with my colleagues across the state, I hear about the overwhelming demand for care across Oregon.** The barriers to accessing mental health care are complex and multifaceted. Our state must examine these barriers and create solutions to ensure that everyone can access care when they need it.

I also support Measure 111 as a small business owner.

Small business owners often experience challenges when it comes to health care costs: we often purchase insurance for ourselves and our families via the health insurance marketplace, and are especially vulnerable to insurance costs increasing. Any efforts to increase access to health care and to make it affordable to as many people as possible will not only benefit individuals who have struggled to access care, but benefits fellow small business owners as well.

I support Measure 111 because I believe that everyone deserves to be able to access affordable and necessary health care. **The more people have access to care, the healthier we can be as a state!** Vote Yes on Measure 111.

Robyn Gibbs, LCSW
Intentional Journeys Counseling and Consulting, LLC

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

*"The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members."
- Attributed to Mahatma Gandhi*

If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that without access to high-quality, affordable healthcare our communities cannot thrive. Oregon has always been a national leader in healthcare which is why I chose Oregon for my family medicine training. I was drawn to how the Oregon Health Plan improved healthcare for many vulnerable Oregonians. Since then, Oregon has continued its leadership in health systems reform through the Coordinated Care Organizations and other innovations. **Enshrining healthcare as a right in our constitution is the next logical step in protecting healthcare access.**

This measure requires the state to prioritize healthcare while balancing this with funding public schools and other social services. As the Co-Chair of the Ways and Means committee, we already weigh the importance of healthcare, education, and other vital services as we craft the state budget. Codifying this into Oregon's constitution guarantees this practice continues and protects Oregonians' access to affordable, evidence-based healthcare regardless of changes in political leadership. Simply adding healthcare as a constitutional right has been shown to improve health outcomes in states that have already adopted this provision.

Measure 111 would not be on the ballot if not for the vision of the late Representative Mitch Greenlick, an architect of the Oregon Health Plan, who long championed this constitutional amendment. Join me in honoring his vision for Oregon and establishing healthcare as a constitutional right in Oregon.

Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward MD

(This information furnished by Elizabeth Steiner Hayward.)

Argument in Favor

SEIU Oregon Supports a Yes Vote on Measure 111

SEIU Oregon believes that access to quality, affordable, equitable health care is a human right for all Oregonians. A belief that has only grown stronger due to the disproportionate impact of the COVID pandemic. It is clear that our healthcare system does not work for many Oregonians, including women, people of color, LGBTQ+ communities, immigrants, and working families. It is unjust for an individual to have to decide between paying for the care that they desperately need and deserve or putting food on the table and a roof over their head.

We need to take action to rein in the rising health care costs that are straining working families and close this gap so that healthcare is accessible and affordable for every Oregonian, regardless of their occupation, where they come from, the color of their skin, what language they speak, and if they're in a union or not. That is the reason that SEIU Oregon is proud to support Measure 111 to ensure that everyone has a constitutional right to access affordable, necessary healthcare.

Join our members in voting YES on Measure 111.

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

The Organizations You Trust Endorse a Yes Vote on Measure 111

A "yes" vote on Measure 111 will make access to affordable, necessary healthcare a fundamental right for every person in Oregon. Each of us deserve to get the care we need, without having to sacrifice putting food on the table, or facing bankruptcy. Access to care is critical for everyone, no matter if we live in urban or rural areas.

This measure is not a tax. Instead, it establishes a new obligation for the state, requiring action to be taken at the state level, and creating a path forward for future policy changes. Voting yes on Measure 111 is a critical first step to creating an Oregon where everyone can afford to be healthy.

That's why doctors, nurses, health care workers, and teachers, along with organizations across the state, urban and rural, from all backgrounds and who hold diverse political views are all support voting YES on Measure 111!

Oregon Nurses Association
Providence Health & Services
Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
Oregon Federation of Nurses
and Health Professionals (AFT Local 5017)
Oregon Academy of Family Physicians
Oregon Society of Physician Assistants
Physicians for a National Health Program Oregon
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Public Health Association
SEIU Oregon
Health Care for All Oregon
Oregon School-Based Health Alliance
Oregon Education Association
American Federation of Teachers- Oregon
Oregon Recovers
UFCW 555
Oregon AFL-CIO
Oregon AFSCME

PCUN
 American Federation of Musicians
 Local 99
 Oregon Public Employees Retirees Chapter 75
 Portland Jobs with Justice
 Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice
 Next Up
 Rural Organizing Project
 APANO
 United Seniors of Oregon
 Oregon State Council For Retired Citizens
 Adelante Mujeres
 The Ebony Collective Coalition
 Basic Rights Oregon
 National Organization for Women- Oregon
 Family Forward Oregon
 ACLU of Oregon
 Kol Shalom Community for Humanistic Judaism
 Project Access NOW
 American Association of University Women of Oregon
 Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
 U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

And more! View the complete list on
righttohealthcareoregon.org

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Educators Support Measure 111: Students Need to Be Healthy to Learn

As educators, our goal is to help every student learn and grow. It is much harder to support students whose health doesn't allow them to attend school consistently, or stay focused in class. **Furthermore, students who are sick learn less and don't do as well in school.** Oregon Health Authority's Health and Education Report found that Oregon students who reported more unhealthy habits, like binge drinking or tobacco use, or reported being in poor health, earned more Cs, Ds, and Fs than their classmates who made healthier choices and reported being in good health. **Health also impacts graduation rates: students who are chronically absent from school are less likely to graduate.** Asthma and dental pain were both identified as common health concerns that contributed to frequent absenteeism.

Measure 111 also ensures that health care funding will be balanced with the state's need to fund education. By guaranteeing that funding for our public schools remains a priority, Oregonians can trust that increasing access to health care will not result in weaker schools.

As educators, we see the effects of health in our students' lives and their academic achievement. Access to health care is not only critical to maintaining good health, but to learning. **Healthy kids learn better. Vote yes on Measure 111!**

**American Federation of Teachers–Oregon
 Oregon Education Association
 Oregon School-Based Health Alliance**

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

PNHP Oregon supports Measure 111, the "HOPE Amendment"

The Oregon chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) believe the next step toward achieving affordable healthcare for all Oregonians is clear: Pass Measure 111. Oregon should lead the nation toward a critical public good: single payer healthcare. We believe Measure 111 brings Oregon closer to single payer: A publicly funded and privately delivered healthcare system that allows us to seek the providers of our choice.

Single payer health care costs less money, covers more people, improves medical outcomes, and reduces burdens on those least able to pay. Single payer healthcare breaks the connection between employment and healthcare, freeing both employees and employers from an unwanted responsibility. Single payer allows Oregonians to keep or switch jobs without endangering their medical care. Single payer allows businesses to plan their futures without labor disputes over health benefits or sudden increases in insurance premiums.

Studies in Oregon and around the nation confirm that single payer healthcare provides better care to more people for less money. Single payer healthcare improves equity and reduces discrimination based on income, race, gender identity, and culture. Single payer encourages patients to seek primary care, behavioral care, and substance abuse care early enough to reduce complications. Single payer improves the quality of life of our families, our businesses, and our communities.

We believe most Oregonians share these goals.

The Oregon chapter of PNHP seeks to promote awareness of single payer healthcare and to encourage our legislature to consider methods to achieve it. Therefore, we ask Oregonians to vote "Yes" on Measure 111.

Physicians for a National Health Program, Oregon www.pnhp.org, www.pnhporegon.org

(This information furnished by Samuel Metz, Physicians for a National Health Program - Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 111 will put into the Oregon constitution that "access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care" is a fundamental right of every Oregon resident. The measure doesn't say how to protect that right.

After we pass Measure 111, how should the state ensure such an important right? Fairly and in a way that saves Oregonians money. Further:

- Fundamental rights should never be withheld or reduced for people who have less money than others.
- A fundamental right should be equitably available. A provider should not have a financial or other incentive to treat one patient rather than another.
- No one should have to risk financial ruin to get a fundamental right.

How do we change our system to equitably ensure the right and make it truly affordable?

- Make healthcare cost-effective by simplifying the system and reducing bureaucracy.
- Don't force practitioners to spend time checking whether they will be reimbursed when an Oregonian shows up to get care. Make defined covered care and reimbursement simple, standardized, and transparent.
- Eliminate layers between people who need care and people who give care, especially layers that increase costs by paying risk-bearing middlemen (such as insurance companies).
- Give patients freedom to see the provider of their choice, with all Oregon providers in one statewide network.
- Don't impose charges on patients at the time of service. (No copays or deductibles.)
- Engage communities in decisions about where major new healthcare resources will be built.

Oregon can ensure this fundamental right with a proven, cost-effective system. Countries around the world have implemented single-payer healthcare systems that meet these criteria with simplified, transparent practices, and greatly expanded patient choice. These countries spend much less per person than the complex U.S. system. And they get better health outcomes. A higher life expectancy. Fewer people dying from treatable conditions. No one suffering financial ruin because of the cost of healthcare. We can do this here! A fundamental right deserves no less!

(This information furnished by Charles E Swanson, Health Care for All Oregon-Action.)

Argument in Favor

All People Should Have Access to Quality, Affordable Health Care

At Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon, we believe that all people should have access to quality, affordable health care. When people are healthy, they have more freedom and the ability to make meaningful choices about their lives. All Oregonians should have the power, resources, and healthy communities they need to thrive, to choose whether or not to parent, and to parent the children they have. Healthcare access is essential, and it is a human right.

We know that barriers to accessing healthcare are not the same for everyone. People of color, immigrants, disabled folks, and members of the LGBTQ+ community are disproportionately impacted by structural barriers, discriminatory policies, and a shortage of culturally responsive care. For many, basic healthcare like contraception or cancer screenings are out of reach because of where they live, their income, or who their employer is. For many Oregonians, healthcare is simply too expensive. It's time to change that.

Measure 111 changes our constitution: it requires the state of Oregon to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, necessary healthcare. In doing so, it sets us on the path to become a state where everyone can get the care they need, when they need it, at affordable rates.

Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon is proud to support Measure 111. Vote YES on Measure 111.

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

Working People Support Measure 111!

Workers are proud to support Measure 111. We know that too many working families are not able to get the health care they need. In many cases across our state, it is because they cannot afford to pay for it. That is unacceptable. We believe that everyone deserves to access health care, regardless of how much money they make, where they work, the color of their skin, or where they live. Each of us deserves to get the health care we need, without having to make sacrifices to afford it.

Measure 111 is the next step towards affordable care for all families in Oregon. **By adding the right to access to healthcare to our state constitution, we are affirming that every Oregonian deserves to live a full, healthy life. We urge you to vote yes on Measure 111!**

Oregon AFL-CIO

SEIU Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555

American Federation of Musicians, Local 99

Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice

Portland Jobs with Justice

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

Health Care Providers Support Measure 111

As providers, we witness firsthand the struggles that people face when they cannot afford healthcare, and the impacts it has on our patients' health.

Access to care saves lives. It's very important that Oregonians can continue to receive emergency care when necessary, but it is equally important that they are able to receive consistent, routine care. It is at routine appointments that providers can notice the warning signs of serious health concerns, and can take steps to address. Doing so early allows providers to treat health concerns in ways that minimize disruption to the patient's life, and is far less expensive than going to the emergency room later on.

Sadly, many Oregonians have been forced to skip routine appointments: in 2021, an OSPIRG study found that **nearly 40% of Oregonians have avoided or delayed taking actions that they recognized were important to their health.** Common examples included not taking medication as prescribed, and canceling or rescheduling doctor's appointments. People did so because they were concerned about the costs of healthcare. **Unfortunately, by doing so, each community member put themselves at risk for worse health outcomes in the future.**

As providers, it is our mission to make sure that our patients get the care they need. Right now, many cannot, because they cannot afford to pay for that care. This is unacceptable. We urge a yes vote on Measure 111. It is a step forward towards ensuring that each Oregonian can get the care they need, without having to worry about the expense.

Oregon Academy of Family Physicians

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals,

AFT Local 5017

Oregon Society of Physician Assistants

Oregon School-Based Health Alliance

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 111 Gives Everyone an Equal Chance at Health

APANO

The Ebony Collective Coalition

Adelante Mujeres

ACLU of Oregon

Everyone deserves to access affordable, necessary healthcare. **Unfortunately, there are serious health disparities across our systems, and so members of groups who face broader discrimination and stigma are more likely to struggle to get the health care they need.** Health disparities are driven by social and economic inequality, which impact an individual's ability to get a good education, live in safe neighborhoods, or find a well-paying job. Unfortunately, many of those factors impact an individual's ability to receive necessary health care, too.

Inequity and health disparities have meant that:

- According to a OSHU's Center for Health Systems Effectiveness study published in 2018, **average life expectancy was two years lower for Oregonians who identified as Black, American Indian, or Alaska Native than for those who identified as White.** The same researchers found that more than 35 percent of women of color had no regular health care provider, compared with 18 percent of white women.
- Kaiser Family Foundation's research showed that, in 2020, **23% of American Indian and Alaska Native adults, 19% of Hispanic adults, and 18% of Black adults reported fair or poor health status compared to 13% of White adults.**
- Oregon Health Authority's Health Equity Analysis (2018) found that **adults living below the federal poverty limit or who had not completed high school experienced worse health,** and were more likely to report experiencing fair to poor general health than those with higher income and education.

By passing Measure 111, we can continue to chip away at health disparities across Oregon. Measure 111 creates new opportunities for every person, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, education level, ability, gender, or identity, to receive the health care they need, when they need it, affordably. **Vote YES on Measure 111!**

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 111 is Crucial for Communities Across Oregon

Too many Oregonians struggle to get health care. These struggles take many forms: although the majority of people living in our state have some health insurance coverage, many still cannot afford to pay for the services or medications they need. Others, especially those living in rural areas of our state, may live far away from the health care providers they need to see. Still others may be impacted by other hurdles, like not having providers that can speak their language.

Regardless of the reasons, we know that when people cannot access health care, they cannot live full lives.

Many miss work or school, possibly affecting their ability to support themselves or achieve their professional goals. Others are less able to engage in their communities, causing them to lose connection to their neighbors and social networks. This is not an individual issue, either: when one person cannot share their talents or be involved in the projects they are passionate about, everyone within their community loses. **Having access to affordable, necessary health care is a key element in healthy, thriving communities**

The legislative referral that put Measure 111 on the ballot reads, "Oregonians should not be divided by those who have hopes and dreams, and those whose sickness, disease, or injury robs them of their hopes and dreams." We agree. Measure 111 is a step towards health care access. The state will be required to make sure that everyone can get the care they need, at a price they can afford. **Measure 111 will help individuals be healthier. In turn, we will have healthier families and communities. Vote yes on Measure 111!**

Health Care for All Oregon

Project Access NOW

Oregon Recovers

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Oregon Public Health Association

(This information furnished by Emerson Hamlin, Right to Health Care PAC.)

Argument in Opposition

This measure is a solution looking for a problem. Please vote no. More government involvement in healthcare seems like the opposite direction than what is needed. Our state and federal government already make healthcare a priority and it is not always helpful. Increasing paperwork and red tape for government compliance means less resources being focused on caring for patients!

Some measure supporters might argue that we should settle on this version as a hold-your-nose compromise to avoid something worse. For example, despite current political trends, this measure does not define what is and is not included or required as healthcare. For instance, this measure does not guarantee a right to abortion or exclude funding for naturopathic medicine. Although it is wise not to embed such policy decisions in the constitution, this is not enough to save the measure.

I am urging a no vote on Measure 111 because increasing government involvement in healthcare generally is problematic, even if it doesn't further the abortion agenda.

(This information furnished by Josie Alexander.)

Argument in Opposition

This measure creates a new right, a "fundamental" right, in the Oregon constitution. It differs in one significant way from all other rights. Rights are limits on the laws the government can pass. Rights are freedoms from government.

This measure is a 180-degree departure from that. No definition of a right has ever obligated another person to do something so you can have your right. This measure would change all that.

Measure 111 gives every person in the state a right of access to appropriate health care. This requires the state to force some people to provide health care to others. It means the state will have to send doctors and nurses to remote areas, at a salary set by the state, to give everyone their right to health care.

After all, if you have a *right* to have health care, how are you going to get it if someone else doesn't give it to you? In fact, to those obligated to provide the service, and to those obligated to pay for it, it is the opposite of a freedom. It is coercion.

Supporters say that this measure does not force the state to spend any money on it, and that the courts cannot force it to. They know health care for all equals the entire state budget, so they essentially say that it is only a virtue signal, with no strings attached. However, there is no reason to think the courts will agree.

Because neither public safety nor public schools are listed in the constitution as rights, let alone fundamental rights, courts would probably force the state to fully fund health care, leaving police and education scrambling for funding. The court could even require a new tax for health care.

This measure had significant opposition in the legislature. Many voted no because it is simply too dangerous to risk being unable to fund important state services. Join us in voting no on Measure 111.

(This information furnished by Representative Kim Wallan.)

Senate Joint Resolution 10 – Referred at the 81st Legislative Assembly’s 2021 Regular Session to the Voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the November 8, 2022, General Election.

Measure No.

112

Amends Constitution: Removes language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime

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Result of “Yes” Vote

“Yes” vote amends constitution to remove language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime; allows programs to be ordered as part of sentencing.

Result of “No” Vote

“No” vote retains current language that generally prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude but allows slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime.

Summary

Amends Constitution. Article I, section 34 of the Oregon Constitution currently prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude but allows an exception to that prohibition as a punishment for crime. Measure removes language that allows slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. Under measure, a court or probation or parole agency is allowed to order a person convicted of a crime to engage in education, counseling, treatment, community service, or other alternatives to incarceration, as part of sentencing for the crime. Ordered programs must be in line with programs that historically, or in the future, have been in place to provide for accountability, reformation, protection of society, or rehabilitation. Effect on current constitutional provisions requiring inmate work programs unclear.

Estimate of Financial Impact

The financial impact to state and local expenditures and revenues is indeterminate. The measure removes language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime. The measure does not require additional state government revenues or expenditures however the impact of the measure will depend on potential legal action or changes to inmate work programs.

Committee Members:

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan
 State Treasurer Tobias Read
 Katy Coba, Director, Department of Administrative Services
 Betsy Imholt, Director, Department of Revenue
 Tim Collier, City, County, or District representative

(The estimate of financial impact was provided by the above committee pursuant to ORS 250.127.)

Text of Measure

Whereas the Oregon Constitution has prohibited slavery and involuntary servitude, which is the coerced service of one individual for the benefit of another, since 1857; and

Whereas the Constitution's prohibition on slavery and involuntary servitude contains antiquated language that on its face creates an exception to the prohibition on slavery and involuntary servitude; and

Whereas in a just society that respects human dignity and the exercise of free will, there must be no exception to an unqualified and absolute prohibition on slavery and involuntary servitude; and Whereas Oregon and the United States are examining past instances of discrimination and are striving to undo foundational and historical barriers that perpetuate the injustice and unfairness of discrimination; and

Whereas a state constitution is a foundational element of governance in a civil society and therefore no place for remnants of historical language that perpetuates principles of discrimination and racial intolerance; and

Whereas the voters of this state recognized in adopting section 41, Article I, of the Oregon Constitution (section 41), that individuals who are convicted of a crime benefit from being fully engaged in productive activity so as to successfully re-enter society with practical skills and a viable work ethic; and

Whereas section 41 envisions persons who are incarcerated performing labor at correctional institutions or pursuant to work release programs, participating in training and participating in educational opportunities, all of which develop motivation, work capabilities and cooperation; and

Whereas section 41 authorizes compensation for labor and describes several types of jobs or related training that those who are incarcerated may perform; and

Whereas because work provides myriad individual and collective benefits, the purpose of this proposed constitutional amendment is not to withdraw legitimate opportunities to work from individuals who have been convicted of a crime; and

Whereas section 41 and this proposed constitutional amendment may operate in tandem to achieve positive outcomes for persons who are incarcerated or who re-enter society while more fully and completely removing the stain of slavery and involuntary servitude from this state; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 34, Article I of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 34. (1) There shall be neither slavery[,] nor involuntary servitude in **this state** *[the State, otherwise than as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted]*. [-]

(2) Upon conviction of a crime, an Oregon court or a probation or parole agency may order the convicted person to engage in education, counseling, treatment, community service or other alternatives to incarceration, as part of sentencing for the crime, in accordance with programs that have been in place historically or that may be developed in the future, to provide accountability, reformation, protection of society or rehabilitation.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; *[brackets and italic]* type indicates deletions or comments.

Explanatory Statement

Ballot Measure 112 amends the Oregon Constitution to remove an exception to the prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude, for punishment for crime.

The Oregon Constitution currently prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, but permits slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime. Ballot Measure 112 removes all language creating an exception and makes the prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude unequivocal.

Ballot Measure 112 (Section 34, subsection 2) would work in tandem with Section 41 of the Oregon Constitution, which establishes work requirements for adults in custody, and is not intended to repeal that section.

Ballot Measure 112 permits a court, probation agency or parole agency to order a person convicted of a crime to engage in education, counseling, treatment, community service or other alternatives to incarceration, as part of the sentencing for the crime. The education, counseling, treatment, community service or other alternative to incarceration that is ordered must be in line with programs that historically, or in the future, provide accountability, reformation, protection of society or rehabilitation.

Committee Members:

Senator Rob Wagner
Representative Barbara Smith Warner
Senator Brian Boquist
David Wall
Margaret Carter**

Appointed By:

President of the Senate
Speaker of the House
Secretary of State
Secretary of State
Members of the
Committee

** Member absent at the time of voting

(The above committee was appointed to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.215.)

Legislative Argument in Support

Ballot Measure 112 is a critically important measure that will amend the Oregon Constitution to reflect our shared belief that slavery is wrong and has no place in our state.

Currently, Oregon is one of 20 states whose constitutions still read that slavery and involuntary servitude can be used as punishment for a crime. It is time to bring our constitution in line with our values and remove this outdated language.

The Oregon Constitution should reflect the people it represents. It is our shared statement about our values and priorities. The existing language that contains exceptions for slavery and involuntary servitude is an unnecessary relic. By voting yes on Ballot Measure 112, we will be saying in a clear voice: slavery is wrong with no exceptions.

Supporting Measure 112 is not a partisan issue. Amending this language is overwhelmingly supported across the political spectrum.

The legislative referral to send this measure to the ballot was passed by a large bipartisan majority of Oregon legislators. Now, we are asking you to join us in removing language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude from our state constitution.

Please vote **Yes on Measure 112**.

Committee Members:

Senator Rob Wagner
Representative Barbara Smith Warner
Representative Kim Wallan

Appointed By:

President of the Senate
Speaker of the House
Speaker of the House

(This Joint Legislative Committee was appointed to provide the legislative argument in support of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.245.)

Argument in Favor

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT VOTING YES ON MEASURE 112

Slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime has no place in Oregon's constitution or our criminal justice system. We are members of law enforcement who are united in support for passing Measure 112.

Voting YES on Measure 112 will still allow important rehabilitation and accountability programs to continue.

Prison work programs are a part of rehabilitation efforts for those serving time. Our current system includes mandated and voluntary work programs. Passing Measure 112 will clean up our state constitution while allowing these programs to continue.

Additionally, important programs offered as part of sentencing, probation, or parole, – including education, counseling, treatment, and community service – will still continue if Measure 112 is passed.

Measure 112 includes language to preserve these programs. Just as we have seen in other states that have passed similar ballot measures to remove exceptions for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment from their constitutions, those programs were not impacted.

Slavery or involuntary servitude is never justified. Not even as punishment.

It's time to remove this language from the Oregon Constitution.

Jeff Auxier, Columbia County District Attorney
Kara K. Davis, Gilliam County District Attorney-Elect
Matthew Ellis, Wasco County District Attorney
John Hummel, Deschutes County District Attorney
Mike Schmidt, Multnomah County District Attorney

(This information furnished by Erwin Mendoza, Oregonians United to End Slavery.)

Argument in Favor

Vote YES on Measure 112 for Racial Equity and Justice in Oregon

Slavery is one of the darkest and most hurtful practices in American history. Many people are surprised to learn that the Oregon Constitution, as well as the 13th Amendment, make an exception that allows for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime. We cannot close the chapter on slavery until we remove this exception from our most important documents.

"Slavery loophole" language in the 13th Amendment and many state constitutions enabled Black Code laws during the post-Civil War era. These laws led to the arrest and re-enslavement of many Black people for vaguely worded minor offenses such as vagrancy, loitering, and malicious mischief. The legacy of exploiting loopholes for racism has continued through Jim Crow laws and mass incarceration.

Voting YES on Measure 112 is an essential step toward showing Oregon's active commitment to being anti-racist. We believe it is imperative that all Oregonians take this proactive step to demand a more just and equitable future, wherein everyone has the rights, resources, and recognition needed to thrive.

If we aspire to live in a society that is safe, equitable and inclusive for ALL of us, we must vote YES on Measure 112 to abolish slavery without exception in the Oregon Constitution.

ACLU of Oregon
Advancing Racial Justice Action Group, First Unitarian
Portland
APANO
Basic Rights Oregon
Black Joy Oregon
Brown Hope
Coalition of Communities of Color

Criminal Justice Reform Clinic
 Latino Network
 League of Women Voters of Oregon
 Next Up
 Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)
 Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
 Racial Justice Organizing Committee
 Showing Up For Racial Justice Portland Chapter
 The Street Trust
 Willamette Women Democrats

(This information furnished by Erwin Mendoza, Oregonians United to End Slavery.)

Argument in Favor

Voting YES on Measure 112 is the Right Choice

We represent people of all different backgrounds living and working in Oregon, and support efforts to improve equity, diversity and inclusion in our communities. **There is no question that voting YES on Measure 112 is the right choice for Oregon.**

Black, Indigenous and people of color have been marginalized for centuries. Voting YES on Measure 112 will remove fifteen words from the Oregon Constitution that enshrine our country's history of slavery and involuntary servitude by still allowing it today as "punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

Oregonians' values have evolved significantly since our state was founded in 1859. Our state's most important document should reflect its people and our modern day values.

We are proud Oregonians. People in our state believe in individual freedoms, treating one another with dignity and respect, and righting moral wrongs.

It's time to take the next step and remove the slavery "loophole" from the Oregon Constitution. Join us in voting YES on Measure 112.

American Federation of Teachers Oregon
 Columbia Pacific Building Trades
 IBEW Local 48
 Metropolitan Alliance for Workforce Equity (MAWE)
 Oregon AFSCME
 Oregon Education Association
 Oregon Nurses Association
 Oregon and S. Idaho District Council of Laborers (LiUNA)
 SEIU Oregon
 TPI Workers United, AFSCME Council 75 Local 88-3
 UFCW Local 555

(This information furnished by Erwin Mendoza, Oregonians United to End Slavery.)

Argument in Favor

Vote YES on Measure 112

It's time for the Oregon Constitution of 1857 to reflect the values and principles of Oregonians in 2022.

The Oregon Constitution was approved by the people of the Oregon Territory in 1857. It contained language that made an exception for slavery and involuntary servitude as a form of punishment for a crime in Article 1, Section 34. During the late 1700s and 1800s, this slavery "loophole" language was a common compromise in documents establishing new states and territories because white Americans were divided on the topic of slavery.

Today, in 2022, there is no question that slavery and involuntary servitude are wrong under any circumstance. Oregonians of all backgrounds and political views can agree: there is no reason to keep this dehumanizing language in our founding document.

The Oregon Constitution is a reflection of the people of Oregon. Voting YES on Measure 112 will ensure that Oregon's constitution reflects our modern values and principles.

Measure 112 will eliminate the exception for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime from Oregon's founding document, and add language to ensure that beneficial programs such as community service, education and recovery programs can continue.

Voting Yes on Measure 112 is the right choice. We trust that you will cast your "YES" vote on Measure 112 to make Oregon fair and safe for all of us.

– Ted Kulongoski, former Governor of Oregon (2003-2011)

(This information furnished by Erwin Mendoza, Oregonians United to End Slavery.)

Argument in Favor

STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR MEASURE 112

The Oregon Constitution reflects the people it represents. Language that makes exceptions for slavery and involuntary servitude is a 165-year-old relic that is far out of touch with our values as Oregonians – and as moral human beings.

That's why Democrats and Republicans overwhelmingly agree: voting YES on Measure 112 is common sense.

Measure 112 has united Oregon lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to work together for a shared cause. When the Oregon Legislature voted to send Measure 112 to the voters, it passed with near unanimous support: 51-7 in the House, and 25-4 in the Senate.

Voting YES on Measure 112 is a matter of amending our state's founding document to reflect our modern values. The section of the Oregon Constitution that requires adults in custody to participate in productive work, training, or skill-building programs will not be changed by Measure 112.

Across the country, efforts to remove similar language from state constitutions have received large bipartisan support.

In both "Red" and "Blue" states – including Utah, Nebraska, and Colorado – voters have approved similar ballot measures to repeal slavery exceptions from their state constitutions. This November, voters in Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Vermont will be joining Oregon voters to end slavery and involuntary servitude. It's time for Oregon to lead and do the same.

There is no question that allowing slavery and involuntary servitude for any reason has no place in the Oregon Constitution.

Voting YES on Measure 112 is the clear right choice.

As Democratic and Republican legislators, we urge you to join us, our colleagues, and Oregonians from all backgrounds to vote yes.

Senator Rob Wagner (D)
 Senator Tim Knopp (R)
 Senator Bill Kennemer (R)
 Representative Raquel Moore-Green (R)
 Representative Travis Nelson (D)
 Representative Rob Nosse (D)

(This information furnished by Erwin Mendoza, Oregonians United to End Slavery.)

Argument in Favor

Oregonians Are Coming Together to Vote YES on Measure 112

Oregon voters have the opportunity to rid our state constitution of language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime. We are united in our belief that slavery has no place in Oregon.

We must vote YES on Measure 112 to fully abolish slavery in Oregon.

Slavery for any reason is inhumane. There is no reason to keep this language in our state's most important document, and ignoring it is morally unacceptable.

States like Colorado, Nebraska, and Utah have **overwhelmingly voted YES** to rid their constitutions of similar "slavery loopholes." [Now it's Oregon's turn.](#)

Join trusted organizations and leaders in voting YES on Measure 112:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal
Portland Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson
ACLU of Oregon
Advanced Tribal, LLC
Advancing Racial Justice Action Group
First Unitarian Portland
AFT-Oregon
Albies, Stark, and Guerriero, LLC
APANO
Basic Rights Oregon
Black Joy, Oregon
Brown Hope
Coalition of Communities of Color
Columbia Pacific Building Trades
Criminal Justice Reform Clinic
Democratic Party of Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; Free At Last Coalition
Family Forward Oregon; HELD Communications
IBEW Local 48
Latino Network
League of Women Voters of Oregon
Metropolitan Alliance for Workforce Equity (MAWE)
Narrative Alchemy; National CURE
Neil Kelly Co.
Next Up; Oregon AFSCME
Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices; Oregon CURE
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon School-Based Health Alliance
Oregon and S. Idaho District Council of Laborers (LiUNA)
Partnership for Safety & Justice
Pinosos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)
Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon
Portland Reign Basketball, Inc
Portland Business Alliance
Racial Justice Organizing Committee
Rural Engagement Project; Rural Organizing Project
SEIU Oregon
Sponsors Inc
Showing Up For Racial Justice Portland Chapter
The Street Trust; Sunrise Movement PDX
UFCW Local 555
Walking the Camino LLC
Willamette Women Democrats
Working Families Party of Oregon

www.OregoniansUnitedToEndSlavery.com

(This information furnished by Erwin Mendoza, Oregonians United to End Slavery.)

Argument in Opposition

Oregon Sheriffs do not condone or support slavery and/or involuntary servitude in any form.

With this being said, Oregon Sheriffs cannot support Measure 112 as drafted-it creates unintended consequences for Oregon Jails that will result in the elimination of all reformatory programs and increased costs to local jail operations.

Oregon Jails have a long history of reformatory programs that serve as an incentive for good behavior, helps Adults in Custody (AIC's) gain skills, and provides AICs with something to do that reduces their sentence. These programs allow opportunities for both those people waiting for trial and for those already convicted.

The programs include working in a jail library, cleaning cells/day rooms, laundry, working in the commissary, preparing meals or a jail work crews that clean up roadways, parks, and other public spaces.

There are two major problems with this measure. First, only those convicted are covered by this measure, leaving behind individuals awaiting trial. Second, the programs currently operated by jails, are NOT ordered by a court or a probation or parole officer. This measure provides NO authority for existing programs without an order from court, probation officer or parole officer.

Participation by AIC's in these programs is voluntary, but the way this measure is written any involvement in a Jail program by an AIC without an order from a court, probation officer or parole officer would likely be seen as involuntary servitude. AICs in these programs can earn both good time and work time credits reducing their sentences. This means they must participate or serve longer sentences making these programs inherently coercive. Sheriffs will have no choice but to suspend all reformatory programs due to this inherent coercion. Local funding will have to be allocated for all of the vital positions currently held by AIC's.

Oregon Sheriffs do not condone or support slavery and/or involuntary servitude in any form but cannot support Measure 112 due to the unintended consequences it creates.

(This information furnished by Jason Myers, Executive Director-Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.)

Proposed by initiative petition to be voted on at the General Election, November 8, 2022.

Measure No.

113

Amends Constitution: Legislators with ten unexcused absences from floor sessions disqualified from holding next term of office

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Result of “Yes” Vote

“Yes” vote disqualifies legislators with ten unexcused absences from legislative floor sessions from holding office as legislator for term following current term of office.

Result of “No” Vote

“No” vote retains existing law. Absent legislators may be punished by legislative chamber (potentially expelled by supermajority); present legislators have legal authority to compel attendance.

Summary

Amends Oregon Constitution to add language prescribing consequences for unexcused absences by legislators from floor sessions. Currently, Senators and Representatives may be “punished” or, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senator’s or Representative’s chamber, “expelled” for “disorderly behavior,” but law does not define “disorderly behavior.” Additionally, absent legislators may be “compelled” to attend legislative floor sessions, but current law does not specify consequences for unexcused absences. Measure specifies that “disorderly behavior” includes legislator’s failure to attend ten or more legislative floor sessions during a regular or special legislative session without permission or excuse. Under measure, legislator who engages in “disorderly behavior” through unexcused absences is disqualified from serving as a Senator or Representative for the term following the end of the legislator’s current term.

Estimate of Financial Impact

This measure will have no financial effect on either state or local government expenditures or revenues.

Committee Members:

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan
 State Treasurer Tobias Read
 Katy Coba, Director, Department of Administrative Services
 Betsy Imholt, Director, Department of Revenue
 Tim Collier, City, County, or District representative

(The estimate of financial impact was provided by the above committee pursuant to ORS 250.127.)

Text of Measure

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon, Article IV, section 15 of the Oregon Constitution is amended to read:

Section 15. Punishment and expulsion of members. Either house may punish its members for disorderly behavior, and may with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member; but not a second time for the same cause. **Failure to attend, without permission or excuse, ten or more legislative floor sessions called to transact business during a regular or special legislative session shall be deemed disorderly behavior and shall disqualify the member from holding office as a Senator or Representative for the term following the election after the member’s current term is completed.**

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; *[brackets and italic]* type indicates deletions or comments.

Explanatory Statement

Ballot Measure 113 amends the Oregon Constitution to create a constitutional ban on holding state legislative office, for one term, if a state Senator or Representative is absent without excuse ten or more times from floor sessions during any one legislative session. The measure deems the failure to attend without excuse to be disorderly behavior and disqualifies the legislator from holding office after the legislator's current term ends. A candidate may run for office in the next primary and general elections and win, but cannot hold office under this measure due to ten or more unexcused absences.

The Oregon Constitution currently requires two-thirds of all members of the Senate or of the House of Representatives to be present for the Senate or the House of Representatives to conduct legislative business during a floor session. A "floor session" is the term used when the full Senate or the full House meets to conduct legislative business, including to debate and vote on bills. A "floor session" does not include committee meetings or hearings. If less than two-thirds of the members of the Senate or the House are present, the Senate or the House cannot conduct legislative business. Elected members from both major political parties have sometimes been absent without excuse for various reasons, including to deny this two-thirds requirement known as the quorum.

The Constitution currently does not establish automatic consequences for a legislator being unexcused and absent from floor session but does authorize members of the Senate or the House who are present for a scheduled floor session to compel the attendance of absent members. The Constitution also authorizes the Senate or the House to discipline a member of their respective legislative chamber for disorderly behavior, including the authority to expel a member by a two-thirds vote in favor of expulsion. The Constitution currently leaves it up to each chamber to determine whether particular conduct of a member of that chamber amounts to disorderly behavior. This measure defines disorderly behavior to include failure to attend ten or more floor sessions without excuse.

Legislative rules governing absences are determined through a vote at least once a year by both chambers, and those rules may define an "unexcused" absence and specify the process for determining an excused or unexcused absence. Currently there is no formal definition or limit in Oregon legislative rules concerning what constitutes an "unexcused" absence. The process to have an absence excused begins by filing paperwork explaining the absence with chamber staff, with a determination made by the Senate President or House Speaker who are elected by a vote of the chamber. Through the years, there have been wide variations in making this determination.

Currently there is no right of appeal against those determinations and no requirement for the Senate President or House Speaker to formally explain their decision to declare a legislator's absence as unexcused.

Committee Members:
Joe Baessler
Tan Perkins
Bruce Gilley
Senator Dennis Linthicum
Lynn Nakamoto

Appointed By:
Chief Petitioners
Chief Petitioners
Secretary of State
Secretary of State
Members of the Committee

(The above committee was appointed to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.215.)

Argument in Favor

Politicians have failed to address some of Oregonians' biggest concerns simply because not enough of them bothered to show up to work to vote on bills.

The following bills were sunk or stalled, all because of unexcused absences by politicians serving in Oregon's legislature.

- Senate Bill 1536 (2020) - Would have **mitigated wildfire damage** by updating Oregon's building codes, land-use planning, and treatment of forest debris.
- House Bill 4124 (2020) - Would have addressed the influence of **big money in politics**, creating a taskforce to propose campaign contribution limits
- House Bill 4001(2020) - Would have funded the **Emergency Housing Account** and would have made it easier for cities to **build homeless shelters**
- House Bill 4147 (2020) - Would have brought down the **cost of prescription drugs**, like Insulin
- House Bill 3427 (2019) - **Increased school funding** by \$2 billion dollars in order to decrease class sizes, add back electives and sports, and hire more nurses and counselors to help our students
- House Bill 4085 (2020) - Would have provided additional funding for **veterans services**
- House Bill 4005 (2020) - Would have created rules for safe storage of firearms when not in use, in order to **help prevent suicides, mass shootings, and other gun-related tragedies**
- House Bill 4092 (2020) - Would have helped **protect water rights in southern Oregon**, along the Big Butte Creek drainage area of the Rogue River
- House Bill 4116 (2020) - Would have required insurance companies to **cover the costs of prescriptions** for emergency medical conditions
- A 2020 budget bill that included: \$30 million to step up the state's **mental health system**, \$11 million dollars in emergency **funding for victims of flooding** in Umatilla County, and additional investments in community corrections and public defense to strengthen our **criminal justice system**.

Enough is enough!

It's time to hold politicians accountable for their actions and ensure they show up to work and get things done for the people of Oregon.

(This information furnished by Tan Perkins, Vote Yes On 113.)

Argument in Favor

Independents, Republicans, and Democrats agree:

Vote Yes on 113

No matter who you are, where you live, or where you stand on the political issue of the day, we can all agree on one thing:

We expect politicians to do the jobs we sent them to Salem to do:

Vote on bills and represent the people who elect them.

Today, there are ZERO consequences for politicians who don't show up to their jobs in Salem. Some politicians are taking unfair advantage of this loophole. But by voting YES on Measure 113, we can come together to create real consequences for politicians who want special treatment when they skip work.

Independents, Republicans and Democrats all agree that Politicians should SHOW UP TO WORK and DO THEIR JOBS.

Republican State Sen. Lynn Findley:

"Findley told the Blue Mountain Eagle in June that going to the floor of the Senate was doing the job voters sent him to Salem to do: represent constituents' positions and values through the legislative process." (Blue Mountain Eagle, June 16, 2021)

Democratic State Sen. Rob Wager:

"When I took my oath of office to serve in the Oregon Senate, I vowed that I will show up and represent my constituents to the best of my ability. Each one of my 29 Senate colleagues swore the same oath." (Pamplin Media, February 26, 2020.)

Public Opinion Research made public in March 2021 showed that across the political spectrum, voters overwhelmingly support Measure 113.

- 82% of **Independents** Support Measure 113
- 76% of **Republicans** Support Measure 113
- 92% of **Democrats** Support Measure 113

Regardless of what political party you belong to, or if you belong to no party at all, it's safe to say that we all think politicians should do their jobs.

For more information, visit www.VoteYesOn113.org

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(This information furnished by Tan Perkins, Vote Yes On 113.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Nurses Association says Vote Yes On Measure 113

Nurses in Oregon were and are on the frontlines of the pandemic.

When the first Covid-19 cases were discovered in Oregon, nurses throughout the state worked overtime helping with the overflow of patients – bravely putting patients first.

At the same time in the Oregon Legislature, certain politicians were taking tax-payer funded vacations and avoiding doing the work they were elected to do.

Because some politicians decided to not show up to work, emergency response to the pandemic was delayed – increasing the danger for us all.

We deserve politicians who show up for our state and take their oath of office seriously. No one is above facing consequences for their actions.

This is why nurses across Oregon support Measure 113. We need to hold politicians accountable!

In solidarity,

Oregon Nurses Association

(This information furnished by Paige E Spence, Oregon Nurses Association.)

Argument in Favor

Like many workers in Oregon, farmworkers delivered for us throughout the pandemic,

Never abandoning their jobs, ensuring that we all had food.

Two years after farmworker overtime was proposed, farmworkers worked through a pandemic, wildfires, and 100+ degree weather, without overtime pay. Meanwhile, politicians received payment for work that they missed, without excuse.

M113 says, if a politician misses 10 or more floor sessions in Salem they will not be able to run for re-election. Let's elect someone who will show up for work like Oregon farmworkers do everyday.

That is why we support Measure 113.

Como muchos en Oregon, los trabajadores del campo cumplieron con su trabajo durante la pandemia,

Nunca abandonaron su trabajo y garantizaron que nuestras mesas tuvieran alimentos.

Alrededor de 86,240 trabajadores del campo nos proporcionan nuestros alimentos, y aun muchos políticos se oponen a que tengan protecciones básicas que otros trabajadores gozan, incluyendo el pago por tiempo extra.

En lugar de hacer su trabajo, estos políticos decidieron abandonar el Capitolio en el 2020 y dejaron muchas propuestas de ley expirar sin llegar a un voto que las pudiera aprobar.

Durante los dos años que han pasado desde que la ley de pago justo fue declarada, los trabajadores del campo trabajaron durante la pandemia, el humo creado por los fuegos forestales, y en temperaturas de más de 100 grados sin obtener ningún pago por su tiempo extra trabajado.

Mientras tanto, los políticos continúan a recibir su pago regular, aun por los días en los que no trabajaron.

La medida M113 dice que, si un político falta a 10 o más sesiones legislativas en Salem entonces no podrá volver a postularse para su reelección, dándonos la oportunidad de elegir a alguien que si se va a presentar a trabajar todos los días al igual que lo hacen los trabajadores del campo.

Por eso apoyamos la medida M113.

PCUN – La Unión de Campesinos Y Familias Trabajadoras

(This information furnished by Reyna I Lopez, PCUN.)

Argument in Favor

Public Health Advocates Say Vote Yes on 113

The last three years have resulted in losses for Public Health in Oregon.

Just in 2020 our state lost the chance to:

- Reduce the cost of prescription drugs
- Increase and improve Oregon's mental health system
- Have insurance cover the cost of prescriptions for emergency medical conditions
- To make matters worse, at the beginning of 2020 some Salem legislators were gone for weeks, just as COVID was reaching Oregon. This took away precious time that could have been invested in preparing our health care system to deal with the pandemic.

All of these losses are a result of certain politicians walking off the job, *and leaving Oregonians without the care they deserve.*

We can't allow politics to be put above the people of Oregon.

It is time to hold politicians accountable to their oath, and to us. Every Oregonian deserves a better public health system, and Measure 113 can help. If a politician has more than 10 unexcused absences they will not be able to run for re-election. This means we will be able to elect someone who will not walk away from their duty.

That is why we support voting yes on Measure 113.

Thank you,

Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals PAC (AFT Local 5017), SEIU Local 503, & Cascade AIDS Project

(This information furnished by Jonathan Frochtzawaj, Cascade AIDS Project.)

Argument in Favor

MEASURE 113: HOLD POLITICIANS ACCOUNTABLE A CONSENSUS CHANGE!

Together, we all endorse a Yes Vote on Measure 113. Today, the politicians we elect can skip work and skip voting on bills with zero consequences. Measure 113 will change that by banning politicians who skip work 10 times or more without an excuse from keeping their jobs after the next election.

We believe that politicians should follow the constitution and uphold their oaths of office-and if they don't, they should find a new job.

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Education Association

Rural Organizing Project

Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon

Oregon AFL-CIO

Coalition of Communities of Color

American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

ACLU of Oregon

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

Service Employees International Union Oregon

Everytown For Gun Safety Action Fund

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon Wild

Cascade AIDS Project

Oregon & South Idaho District Council of Laborers (LIUNA)

And More.....

Learn More at www.VoteYesOn113.org.

(This information furnished by Tan Perkins, Vote Yes On 113.)

Argument in Favor

Dear Voter,

You work hard to support your family and contribute to your community. You fulfill your civic duty and vote in elections. Why can't we count on politicians to do the same thing?

Too many times over the last three years, certain politicians in Salem have refused to show up to work, logging countless unexcused absences, and stalling progress on some of our state's most pressing issues, like homelessness, climate change, wildfires, mental health, gun violence, prescription drug costs, and more. And even though showing up and voting on bills is the constitutional duty of lawmakers we elect to serve us, there are currently no consequences for politicians who simply don't show up and do their jobs.

That means there's no incentive for politicians to show up to work, even on days when they don't feel like it. How is that fair? Everyday Oregonians don't have that option, why should politicians?

What would Measure 113 do? It would create a consequence for lawmakers who skip 10 sessions without an excuse, by banning them from holding their seat the following term.

That's why we all strongly encourage a YES vote on Measure 113! It's time to finally hold politicians accountable to doing the job we elect them to do.

Signed,

Pro-Choice Oregon

Rural Organizing Project

Oregon Education Association

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

Service Employees International Union Oregon

ACLU of Oregon

Oregon Wild

Coalition of Communities of Color

Basic Rights Oregon

Cascade AIDS Project

Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Care Professionals (OFNHP)

NAYA Action Fund

Oregon AFL-CIO

Washington County Ignite

Oregon Center For Public Policy

American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noreste (PCUN)

Next Up Action Fund

Family Forward

Oregon & South Idaho District Council of Laborers (LIUNA)

PLEASE JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 113
ON NOVEMBER 8

www.voteyeson113.org for more information

(This information furnished by Tan Perkins, Vote Yes On 113.)

Argument in Favor

A statement from the Coalition of Communities of Color:

We are an alliance of culturally-specific community based organizations with representation from the following communities of color: African, African American, Asian, Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, Native American, Pacific Islander, and Slavic. Our mission is to address the socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism and inequity of services experienced by families, children and communities; and to organize our communities for collective action resulting in social change to obtain self-determination, wellness, justice and prosperity.

We believe that it is a privilege to serve in elected office. When voters choose you, you should be honored by their trust. We have been disappointed to see many politicians over the last several years walk away from their jobs and their constitutional duties, failing to attend work in the State Capitol in Salem, instead taking taxpayer-funded vacations out of state because they think that is more important than showing up to ensure state government works for ALL of us, including the communities we serve who have been historically underrepresented.

Because of their recklessness, we've lost opportunities to invest in housing and homelessness services, to invest in foster care, and to invest in robust mental health services.

We've had enough. That's why our coalition supports Measure 113. Measure 113 is simple – when it passes, politicians with 10 or more unexcused absences won't be able to serve after their next election. It's not fair that politicians can skip work and keep their jobs. They should have to play by the same rules as all other Oregonians.

We sincerely hope that every voter will join us and vote Yes on Measure 113.

(This information furnished by Jenny Lee, Coalition of Communities of Color.)

Argument in Favor

**Oregon's Education Professionals Ask you to
Please Vote Yes on Measure 113**

A statement from the members of the Oregon Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

As educators and other professionals in Oregon's schools, we know that attendance matters. Students have one job: to show up to school, put their best foot forward, and learn! And we know that kids can only learn when they come to class.

Unfortunately, too many politicians don't take their attendance seriously. Over the past three years, politicians have skipped work, refusing to work on bills that would improve the quality of education for our students.

In 2019, certain politicians were absent without excuses from the legislature, leading them to block a vote on House Bill 3427, which included historic investments in Oregon's public schools.

The investments that politicians said NO to when they skipped work and refused to vote?

- Programs to keep kids motivated and improve high school graduation rates
- College and career readiness programs, like expanded career technical education
- Expanded school nutrition programs
- Improvements to school safety, like increased security
- Early intervention programs for students in Special Education
- Expanded pre-school and early childhood learning
- Hiring more nurses and school counselors in public schools
- And much more

If Measure 113 had been in effect before 2019, politicians would have been far less likely to refuse to show up and vote on this historic bill. **But we can make a change to help future generations of students and educators by voting Yes on Measure 113**

Support Oregon Students.

Join the Oregon Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers - Oregon.

Vote Yes on 113 when you return your ballot.

(This information furnished by Ira I Erbs, American Federation Of Teachers- Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

OREGON CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY URGES YES ON 113

Do you think things need to change in order for the economy to better serve all Oregonians? If so, **vote YES on Measure 113.**

Oregon is a prosperous state and yet so many Oregonians struggle economically. Many of us struggle to put food on the table and pay the rent. Even middle-class families are just one serious illness away from financial ruin.

We need change. And most people want change. **That's why Measure 113 is so important.**

The reason why changing things for the better is so hard is because the rich and the corporations they control use their power to block change. They have rigged the rules of the economy in their favor, and they rely on silencing the voices of everyday people to keep things as they are. They use campaign donations, aggressive lobbying tactics, deceptive campaigns, and arcane legal rules to prevent common-sense reforms that most Oregonians support, such as making the rich and corporations pay their fair share in taxes and boosting worker power.

More recently, we have seen an even more extreme form of anti-democratic obstructionism: legislative walkouts. Under this tactic, if just 11 of the Oregon Senate's 30 members decide not to show up to work, it brings legislative progress to a halt – no bills can be voted on. A relatively small number of lawmakers, more easily beholden to special interests, can force its will upon the majority. Two years ago, along with other important legislation, an effort to reign in a tax break for wealthy investors and create transparency died because of a walkout. That's why we need Measure 113 – to hold politicians accountable for their behavior.

Without Measure 113, we will not bring about the change that Oregonians need and want.

Measure 113 helps restore power to the people of Oregon. This November, vote YES on Measure 113.

(This information furnished by Juan C Ordonez, Oregon Center for Public Policy.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 113 is SIMPLE. We're voting YES.

The Oregon AFL-CIO is the statewide federation of unions, representing over 300,000 working people across Oregon. We are a strong and consistent voice for workers.

Here's what we know:

- Politicians get elected and take an oath of office to follow the constitution.
- The Oregon Constitution says they have one job: to appear at the Capitol and vote on bills.
- If politicians won't do the one task they swear to do as a leader, then they should find a new job.

When Measure 113 passes, any politician who misses ten or more days of voting on bills, without an excuse, won't be able to keep their job. That's right – the voters will find someone new to represent them. Someone who will do their job.

Regular people in Oregon show up to their jobs, day in and day out. Shouldn't we be able to count on the politicians we elect to do the same thing?

The Oregon AFL-CIO recommends VOTING YES on MEASURE 113.

(This information furnished by Graham Trainor, President, Oregon AFL-CIO.)

Argument in Favor

The 85,000 Workers of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Oregon Urge You to

VOTE YES
On
MEASURE 113

Oregon's essential workers show up to work every day.

We are healthcare workers, janitors, child welfare workers, highway repair workers, food servers, caregivers for seniors and people with disabilities, and more. And every day, including throughout the pandemic, we showed up to do our jobs. We *know* that people depend on us.

We are so disheartened by politicians who don't do *their* jobs. **And that's why our union proudly endorses YES on Measure 113.**

If we don't show up to work, there are real consequences. Not just for us - such as losing pay, being fired, or other discipline - but also for the people we serve - like children in the foster care system or seniors who need help cooking and taking their medication. And if we skipped work 10 times in just a couple months, without calling in sick or being excused - we definitely wouldn't get to keep our jobs.

But politicians? Right now, politicians who skip work - including to block or delay voting on certain bills - don't face the same consequences that regular working people face. And that must change.

Luckily, we have the power to make that change by voting Yes on Measure 113. Measure 113 changes the constitution so that any lawmaker who skips work 10 times in a session without an excuse doesn't get to keep their job the following term. We don't think politicians should get special rules. **If politicians don't want to show up to work and do their jobs, it's time for them to GO so we can elect someone who will do the job the constitution requires.**

Let's finally hold politicians accountable!
Vote YES on Measure 113!

For more reasons to vote YES and a full list of endorsers,
visit www.VoteYesOn113.com

(This information furnished by Courtney A Graham, SEIU Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Hold Politicians Accountable for Wildfire Mismanagement

Vote Yes on Measure 113

In February 2020, certain politicians refused to come to work and policies that would have reduced wildfire risk died without a vote. A few months later, the wildfires in 2020 burned **1.2 million acres**, caused **\$1.15 billion in damages**, destroyed **5,000 homes** and other structures, put **1 in 8 Oregonians under evacuation orders**, and **killed nine people**. We need to vote YES on Measure 113 to hold politicians accountable for their actions moving forward.

Oregon Wild

Wildfire risk isn't going away. We are already behind in finding solutions to this ongoing crisis and politicians who walk away from their constitutional duties, leaving important, lifesaving policies in their wake, need to be held accountable.

Oregon Just Transition Alliance

Communities on the front lines of severe weather and natural disasters, like wildfires, deserve politicians to at least show us the respect of doing the jobs we elect them to do. When politicians refuse to show up to work, countless families, like the ones forced to evacuate or who lost homes to the fires, are the ones who pay the price.

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregonians value clean air, clean water, and our beautiful natural environment. And we're counting on the people we elect to preserve those things for future generations. We believe that politicians should be held responsible for their actions, especially when those actions are a dereliction of duty that causes harm to the environment and the state as a whole. Measure 113 will simply make sure politicians show up to do their jobs, or face consequences.

Join us in voting YES on Measure 113!

(This information furnished by Joel Iboa, Oregon Just Transition Alliance.)

Argument in Favor

Commentary From The Sources We Trust

Why It's Time to Hold Politicians Accountable
for Unexcused Absences

"It's hard to see how they [politicians] can build a convincing case that they merit such power when they won't even report to work."

-Oregonian Editorial Board, March 6, 2020

Some politicians "in the Oregon Legislature apparently have decided they no longer need to participate in the process of lawmaking when things don't go their way. They just leave, and block every bill - not just the one they object to the most - from being enacted into law."

-Ashland Tidings Editorial Board, Feb 27, 2020

"We have to get our state back on track and take action to ensure that lawmakers who take an oath of office actually show up to work and do their jobs."

-Kenya Juarez in *The Portland Tribune*, May 6, 2021

"Legislative leaders unexpectedly adjourned the session three days before the constitutional deadline. The unprecedented move meant more than one hundred bills perished - among them, bills to create an independent public records advocate, strengthen the state's gun laws, and declare a statewide homelessness emergency. Several of the bills were budget related, carving out money to address a mental health and foster care crisis."

-OPB, March 5, 2020

"I think on both sides there's a lot of concern about what this means for our process. We do not want Salem to become a miniature version of Washington, D.C. It seems like a step down that path. We don't want the dysfunction there to become the dysfunction here."

-Marty Wilde in the *Oregon Capitol Bureau*, March 2, 2022

"This is a failed short session. I cannot believe that. It's a failed short session because 11 elected officials who are state senators would not come do their job."

-Peter Courtney in *Blue Mountain Eagle*, March 6 2020, discussing why zero bills passed in 2020 due to lawmakers' unexcused absences

(This information furnished by Tan Perkins, Vote Yes On 113.)

Argument in Favor

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 113 TODAY

The last few years in Oregon have yielded few important successes. Our communities have needed bold action but instead, politicians in Salem have walked off the job, **choosing partisan politics over the people**.

In fact, only two bills in the entire 2020 session were passed. That means that legislation that would have helped countless Oregonians deal with the pandemic and everyday issues never happened. Showing up and voting on bills is the only job that the Constitution dictates to lawmakers. And they couldn't even do that!

Why should politicians be held to a different standard than other Oregonians? It's time to hold politicians accountable to the same standards as the rest of us. They must show up and do their work – or face consequences.

Under Measure 113, if a politician has 10 or more unexcused absences, they will be barred from holding their office the following term. That will give Oregonians the chance to elect someone who actually will show up and do their job.

This is why we support Yes on Measure 113!

Thank you,

Fairshot For All Coalition

(This information furnished by Heather L Stuart, Fair Shot For All Coalition.)

Argument in Favor

An Important Message from Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund:

We believe it is possible to solve Oregon's most pressing problems, like gun violence. But only if politicians show up and do their jobs. **Measure 113 will provide real consequences for politicians who skip work. Please vote YES.**

- Between 2009 and 2020, one out of every four mass shooting victims was a child or a teen.
- The suicide rate among young people has increased almost every year since 2007 and is now at a near-record high.
- Three out of every four firearm suicides by young people take place in or around a home. And over 80 percent of firearm suicides by children (age 18 or younger) involve a gun belonging to a family member.

Responsible gun owners agree that securely storing a firearm when it's not in use is a common sense way to prevent tragedies like unintentional shootings and gun suicides.

In 2020, only three bills passed the entire legislative session because nearly half of the Oregon legislature decided not to come to work. Instead, they were absent for weeks on end. As a result, a bill that would have required the secure storage of firearms died without a vote.

Politicians should NOT get to pick and choose when they come to work. They took an oath of office to serve their constituents, follow the constitution, and vote on bills. We need to be able to count on them to address important issues like gun violence.

That's why Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund supports Measure 113 and we urge you to join us and vote YES.

For more information on Measure 113, visit www.VoteYesOn113.com

For more information on gun violence, visit www.Everytown.org

(This information furnished by Monisha Henley, Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund.)

Argument in Favor

Dear Oregonians,

Oregon AFSCME represents over 27,000 public service workers in Oregon. We are nurses, corrections officers, road workers, behavioral health workers, and many more. Legislators walking out on the job have impacted all our members and all Oregonians. And we urge you to vote yes on Measure 113.

When lawmakers walkout and refuse to do their jobs, they shut down the whole legislature and kill bills with bipartisan and even unanimous support. Walkouts threaten public safety, wildfire recovery, reforms to our failing public defense system and many more..

It is an attack on our democracy.

This attack on our democracy also has no consequences for those that participate.
That's why we need to **VOTE YES ON 113.**

Legislators that did not show up to work were still paid their salary – which we all pay for as taxpayers in Oregon. And on top of that, they could fundraise from special interest donors to make up for the costs of their tax-payer funded vacations.

We have heard people equate legislative walkouts to a labor strike. Well as a Union, we can tell you that is inaccurate.

- You don't get paid if you are on strike - They do.
- You can be replaced on the job the same day if you strike, but they shut down the legislature, giving the people of Oregon no other option.
- When workers strike, we have to follow a set of laws and try to work through our differences. Lawmakers who don't show up to work don't have to give notice - or face any consequences.

If you didn't show up to your job you would not be allowed to return without consequences. It's time for politicians to face consequences for their action and be held accountable for their decisions to walk out on the job, just as you or I would.

Vote Yes on 113 and hold legislators accountable to the same standard that all working Oregonians are held to.

(This information furnished by Joseph E Baessler, Oregon AFSCME.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Education Association Says 'Vote Yes on Measure 113!'

For so many Oregonians education is one of the top priorities and concerns. Yet in 2019 certain legislators in Salem decided to **not to listen** to parents, teachers, and students. Instead, they walked off the job over a bill that provided groundbreaking new funding for our schools.

This funding was aimed at:

- Decreasing class sizes
- Ensuring that electives were available
- Adding more school counselors
- Career training and job readiness programs
- Early childhood education and Head Start programs

The list goes on...

After finally coming back, those politicians promised not to leave their post again - but quickly went back on their word.

Again.

And again.

And again.

This is why educators urge you to Vote Yes on Measure 113. This measure would keep legislators who have ten or more unexcused absences from Salem floor sessions - where they debate and vote on bills and do their work - from holding office in the next term. This means we can elect someone who *will* show up.

We expect our politicians to show up for our students and parents just like we do. It's time to ensure that education isn't just a campaign slogan, but is actually prioritized in the Oregon legislature.

(This information furnished by Elvyss Argueta, Oregon Education Association.)

Argument in Favor

Abortion Rights Advocates say: Vote Yes on Measure 113

This year we saw the Supreme Court strip away and attack our bodily autonomy. **Oregon is holding strong. In Oregon, your right to an abortion is codified in law, and we won't go back.**

But, we must continue to push. We must ensure that abortion remains protected and actually increase access to abortion in Oregon, especially as people from other states are forced to travel here to access reproductive health care.

We need to know that politicians will do the very minimum they can do – show up for work – so that we can keep fighting for abortion rights. Politicians shouldn't be making anyone's personal health care decisions – and that means that they should not be allowed to deliberately skip work so they can stall or altogether avoid voting on bills that increase abortion access.

Now more than ever, we can't afford for politicians to abandon their post.

Measure 113 will ensure that politicians who choose to have 10 or more *unexcused absences* will not be able to run for re-election. This will give *us* the power to elect someone who **will** show up for us everyday!

We cannot take a single step backwards.

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Proposed by initiative petition to be voted on at the General Election, November 8, 2022.

Measure No.

114

Requires permit to acquire firearms; police maintain permit/firearm database; criminally prohibits certain ammunition magazines

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Result of “Yes” Vote

“Yes” vote requires background check, safety training, fee for permit to acquire firearms; state police maintain new permit/firearm database; criminally prohibits certain magazines; exceptions.

Result of “No” Vote

“No” vote retains current law: seller/ transferor must request criminal background check; permit, safety course not required; no magazine capacity restrictions.

Summary

Oregon law currently allows persons over age 18 to acquire firearms (federal law requires age 21 for some handgun purchases), seller/ transferor must request criminal background check. Measure requires permit from local law enforcement to acquire firearm; person must pay fee, submit photo ID, fingerprints, complete approved safety training, pass criminal background check, not be prohibited from possessing firearms; officer may deny permit to person believed danger to self or others. Permit issued within 30 days, valid 5 years. Permit denials appealable. Must present permit, pass background check to acquire firearm. State Police creates/ maintains permit/ firearm database. Magazines over 10 rounds, or readily modifiable to exceed 10 rounds, prohibited; exception for current owners /inheritors. Exceptions for law enforcement, armed forces. Criminal penalties. Other provisions.

Estimate of Financial Impact

The intent of the measure is for revenues from permits to cover administrative costs. Cost estimates related to the measure were received from state and local government. However, there is uncertainty in the assumptions regarding the estimates made, including the projections of the number of permit applications, the revenue associated with those permits and other related costs. There is also uncertainty in potential cost savings to state and local government expenditures due to an expected decrease in firearm related injuries and death. Therefore, the financial impact of Measure 114 for state and local governments is indeterminate.

Committee Members:

Secretary of State Shemia Fagan
 State Treasurer Tobias Read
 Katy Coba, Director, Department of Administrative Services
 Betsy Imholt, Director, Department of Revenue
 Tim Collier, City, County, or District representative

(The estimate of financial impact was provided by the above committee pursuant to ORS 250.127.)

Text of Measure

PREAMBLE

Whereas the People of the State of Oregon have seen a sharp increase in gun sales, gun violence, and raised fear in Oregonians of armed intimidation, it is imperative to enhance public health and safety in all communities; and

Whereas the gun violence in Oregon and the United States, resulting in horrific deaths and devastating injuries due to mass shootings, homicides and suicides is unacceptable at any level, and the availability of firearms, including semiautomatic assault rifles and pistols with accompanying large-capacity ammunition magazines, pose a grave and immediate risk to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of this State, particularly our youth; and

Whereas Oregon currently has no permit requirements for purchasing a semiautomatic assault firearm or any other type of weapon and studies have shown that permits-to-purchase reduce firearm-related injuries and death and studies further have shown that firearm ownership or access to firearms triples the risk of suicide and doubles the risk of homicide when compared to someone who does not have access, this measure will require that anyone purchasing a firearm must first complete a safety training course, successfully pass a full background check and, only then, will an individual be granted a permit-to-purchase a firearm, so that firearms are kept out of dangerous hands; and

Whereas large-capacity magazines are often associated with semiautomatic assault rifles, and can also be used with many semiautomatic firearms including shotguns and pistols, and estimates suggest that nearly 40% of crime guns used in serious violent crimes, including attacks on law enforcement officers, are equipped with large-capacity magazines; and

Whereas firearms equipped with large-capacity magazines increase casualties by allowing a shooter to continue firing for longer periods of time before reloading, thus explaining their use in all 10 of the deadliest mass shootings since 2009, and in mass shooting events from 2009 to 2018 where the use of large-capacity magazines caused twice as many deaths and 14 times as many injuries, including the 2015 shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon in which 10 people were killed and 7 more were injured; and

Whereas restrictions on high-capacity magazines during the 10-year federal ban from 1994-2004 and the ban in over nine (9) states and the District of Columbia have been found to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in shooting incidents, this measure will enhance the safety of residents, particularly children, of this state by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transfer of large-capacity ammunition magazines and regulate the use of such magazines that are currently owned;

Now, therefore:

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon

SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 11 of this 2022 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 166.210 to 166.490.

SECTION 2. The People of the State of Oregon find and declare that regulation of sale, purchase and otherwise transferring of all firearms and restriction of the manufacture, import, sale, purchase, transfer, use and possession of ammunition magazines to those that hold no more than 10 rounds will promote the public health and safety of the residents of this state and this Act shall be known as the Reduction of Gun Violence Act.

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 3. Definitions. As used in sections 3 to 10 of this 2022 Act:

(1) **“Criminal background check”** has the same meaning given to this term in ORS 166.432(1)(a) to (e).

(2) **“Department”** means the Department of State Police.

(3) **“Gun dealer”** means a person engaged in the business, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring a firearm, whether the person is a retail dealer, pawnbroker or otherwise.

(4) **“Permit”** or **“permit-to-purchase”** mean an authorization issued to a person to purchase or acquire a firearm, provided all other requirements at the time of purchase or acquisition are met.

(5) **“Permit Agent”** means a county sheriff or police chief with jurisdiction over the residence of the person making an application for a permit-to-purchase, or their designees.

(6) **“Transfer”** has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.435(1)(a).

(7) **“Transferor”** means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to deliver a firearm to a transferee.

PERMIT-TO-PURCHASE PROCESS

SECTION 4.

(1)(a) A person may apply for a permit-to-purchase a firearm or firearms under this section to the police chief or county sheriff with jurisdiction over the residence of the person making the application, or their designees, hereinafter referred to as “permit agent”.

(b) A person is qualified to be issued a permit-to-purchase under this section if the person:

(A) Is not prohibited from purchasing or acquiring a firearm under state or federal law, including but not limited to successfully completing a criminal background check as described under paragraph (e) of this subsection;

(B) Is not the subject of an order described in ORS 166.525 to 166.543;

(C) Does not present reasonable grounds for a permit agent to conclude that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to self or others, or to the community at large, as a result of the applicant’s mental or psychological state or as demonstrated by the applicant’s past pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence or threats of unlawful violence;

(D) Provides proof of completion of a firearm safety course as defined in subsection (8) of this section; and

(E) Pays the fee described in paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of this section.

(c) An application for a permit under this section must state the applicant’s legal name, current address and telephone number, date and place of birth, physical description, and any additional information determined necessary by department rules. The application must be signed by the applicant in front of the permit agent.

(d) The permit agent shall verify the applicant’s identity with a government-issued form of identification bearing a photograph of the applicant.

(e) The applicant must submit to fingerprinting and photographing by the permit agent. The permit agent shall fingerprint and photograph the applicant and shall conduct any investigation necessary to determine whether the applicant meets the qualifications described in paragraph (b) of this section. The permit agent shall request the department to conduct a criminal background check, including but not limited to a fingerprint identification, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall return the fingerprint cards used to conduct the criminal background check and may not keep any record of the fingerprints. Upon completion of the criminal background check and determination of whether the permit applicant is qualified or disqualified from purchasing or otherwise acquiring a firearm the department shall report the results, including the outcome of the fingerprint-based criminal background check, to the permit agent.

(2)(a) If during the background check, the department determines that:

(A) A purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c), the department shall report the attempted application for a permit, the purchaser's name and any other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the attempted application for a permit was made and where the permit applicant resides;

(B) Based on the judgment of conviction, the permit applicant is prohibited from possessing a firearm as a condition of probation or that the permit applicant is currently on post-prison supervision or parole, the department shall report the attempted application for a permit to the permit applicant's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred.

(C) The permit applicant is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a court order described in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted application for a permit to the court that issued the order.

(D) The permit applicant is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board, the department shall report the attempted application for a permit to the board.

(b) Reports required by paragraphs (A) to (D) of subsection (2)(a) shall be made within 24 hours after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation, in which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investigation.

(c) On or before January 31 of each year, beginning in 2024, the department shall annually publish a report indicating for each county the number of applications made to any permit agent, the number of permits-to-purchase issued and the number of permits-to-purchase denied and the reasons for denial. The department may, by rule, include any additional information that it determines would be helpful to ensuring the permit-to-purchase process is being administered in a consistent and equitable manner.

(3)(a) Within 30 days of receiving an application for a permit under this section, if the permit agent has verified the applicant's identity and determined that the applicant has met each of the qualifications described in paragraph (1)(b) of this section, the permit agent shall issue the permit-to-purchase.

(b) The permit agent may charge a reasonable fee reflecting the actual cost of the process but shall not exceed \$65, including the cost of fingerprinting, photographing and obtaining a criminal background check.

(4)(a) The department shall develop:

(A) A standardized application form for a permit under this section; and

(B) A form in quadruplicate for use by permit agents in issuing permits under this section.

(b) The issuing permit agent shall maintain a copy of each permit issued under this section.

(c) The person named in a permit shall:

(A) Maintain a copy of the permit as long as the permit is valid.

(B) Present a copy of the permit to the gun dealer or transferor of a firearm when required under ORS 166.412, 166.435, 166.436 or 166.438.

(5)(a) The permit agent shall report the issuance of a permit under this section to the department, and shall provide to the department a copy of the permit and any information necessary for the department to maintain an electronic searchable database of all permits issued under this section. A permit agent revoking a permit shall report the revocation to the department at the time that notice of the revocation has been sent to the permit holder.

(b) The department shall maintain the electronic database described in paragraph (a) of this subsection by ensuring that new permits are added to the database, renewed permits are assigned a new expiration date, and expired or revoked permits are marked expired or revoked but retained in the database.

(6)(a) A permit-to-purchase issued under this section does not create any right of the permit holder to receive a firearm.

(b) A permit-to-purchase issued under this section is not a limit on the number of firearms the permit holder may purchase or acquire during the time period when the permit is valid.

(7)(a) A permit-to-purchase issued under this section is valid for five years from the date of issuance, unless revoked.

(b) A person may renew an unexpired permit issued under this section by repeating the procedures set forth in subsection

(1) of this section, except:

(A) A full finger print set does not need to be taken again if the original set has been retained by the permit agent or is otherwise available; and

(B) The training course does not need to be completed, provided the course previously taken fully complies with each of the requirements set forth in subsection 8 of this section.

(c) The permit agent may charge a reasonable fee for renewal of the permit, reflecting the actual cost of the process but shall not exceed \$50, including the cost of obtaining a criminal background check and photographing.

(8) As used in this section, "proof of completion of a firearm safety course" means the following:

(a) Proof of completion of any firearms training course or class available to the general public that is offered by law enforcement, a community college, or a private or public institution or organization or firearms training school utilizing instructors certified by a law enforcement agency, and that includes the components set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection; or

(b) Proof of completion of any law enforcement firearms training course or class that is offered for security guards, investigators, reserve law enforcement officers, or any other law enforcement officers, and that includes the components set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection;

(c) A firearms training course or class required for issuance of a permit-to-purchase must include:

(A) Review of federal and state laws in place at the time of the class and other safe practices related to ownership, purchase, transfer, use and transportation of firearms;

(B) Review of federal and state safe storage laws in place at the time of the class and other safe practices related to safe storage, including reporting lost and stolen guns;

(C) Prevention of abuse or misuse of firearms, including the impact of homicide and suicide on families, communities and the country as a whole; and

(D) In-person demonstration of the applicant's ability to lock, load, unload, fire and store a firearm before an instructor certified by a law enforcement agency. This requirement may be met separately from the other course requirements in subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) of paragraph (c), which may be completed in an on-line course, provided the on-line course has been conducted by a trainer certified by law enforcement.

(d) Proof of successful completion of a training course in order to meet the requirements for a concealed handgun license issued under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 may be submitted for a permit as a substitute for the requirements in paragraph (c) of this subsection, provided the completed course included each of the components set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(9) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

PERMIT-TO-PURCHASE DUE PROCESS APPEAL

SECTION 5. (1) If the application for the permit-to-purchase is denied, the permit agent shall set forth in writing the reasons for the denial. The denial shall be placed in the mail to the applicant by certified mail, restricted delivery, within 30 days after the application was made. If no decision is issued within 30 days, the person may seek review under the procedures in subsection (5) of this section.

(2) **Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of section 4 of this 2022 Act, and subject to review as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a permit agent may deny a permit-to-purchase if the permit agent has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to self or others, or to the community at large, as a result of the applicant's mental or psychological state or as demonstrated by the applicant's past pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence or threats of unlawful violence.**

(3)(a) Any act or condition that would prevent the issuance of a permit-to-purchase is cause for revoking a permit-to-purchase.

(b) A permit agent may revoke a permit by serving upon the permittee a notice of revocation. The notice must contain the grounds for the revocation and must be served either personally or by certified mail, restricted delivery. The notice and return of service shall be included in the file of the permit holder. The revocation is effective upon the permit holder's receipt of the notice.

(4) **Any peace officer or corrections officer may seize a permit-to-purchase and return it to the issuing permit agent if the permit is held by a person who has been arrested or cited for a crime that can or would otherwise disqualify the person from being issued a permit. The issuing permit agent shall hold the permit for 30 days. If the person is not charged with a crime within the 30 days, the permit agent shall return the permit unless the permit agent revokes the permit as provided in subsection (3) of this section.**

(5) **A person denied a permit-to-purchase or whose permit is revoked or not renewed may petition the circuit court in the petitioner's county of residence to review the denial, nonrenewal or revocation. The petition must be filed within 30 days after the receipt of the notice of denial or revocation.**

(6) **The judgment affirming or overturning the permit agent's decision shall be based on whether the petitioner meets the criteria that are used for issuance of a permit-to-purchase and, if the petitioner was denied a permit, whether the permit agent has reasonable grounds for denial under subsection (2) of this section. Whenever the petitioner has been previously sentenced for a crime under ORS 161.610 (Enhanced penalty for use of firearm during commission of felony) or for a crime of violence for which the person could have received a sentence of more than 10 years, the court shall grant relief only if the court finds that relief should be granted in the interest of justice.**

(7) **Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 9.320 (Necessity for employment of attorney), a party that is not a natural person, the state or any city, county, district or other political subdivision or public corporation in this state, without appearance by attorney, may appear as a party to an action under this section.**

(8) **Petitions filed under this section shall be heard and disposed of within 15 judicial days of filing or as soon as practicable thereafter.**

(9) **Filing fees for actions shall be as for any civil action filed in the court. If the petitioner prevails, the amount of the filing fee shall be paid by the respondent to the petitioner and may be incorporated into the court order.**

(10) **Initial appeals of petitions shall be heard de novo.**

(11) **Any party to a judgment under this section may appeal to the Court of Appeals in the same manner as for any other civil action.**

(12) **If the governmental entity files an appeal under this section and does not prevail, it shall be ordered to pay the attorney fees for the prevailing party.**

REQUIRES PERMITS FOR LICENSED DEALER SALES

SECTION 6. ORS 166.412 is amended to read:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Antique firearm" has the meaning given that term in 18 U.S.C. 921;

(b) "Department" means the Department of State Police;

(c) "Firearm" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210, except that it does not include an antique firearm;

(d) "Firearms transaction record" means the firearms transaction record required by 18 U.S.C. 921 to 929;

(e) "Firearms transaction thumbprint form" means a form provided by the department under subsection (11) of this section;

(f) "Gun dealer" means a person engaged in the business, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring a firearm, whether the person is a retail dealer, pawnbroker or otherwise; and

(g) "Purchaser" means a person who buys, leases or otherwise receives a firearm from a gun dealer.

(2) Except as provided in subsection[s (3)(c) and] (12) of this section, a gun dealer shall comply with the following before a firearm is delivered to a purchaser:

(a) The purchaser shall present to the gun dealer current identification meeting the requirements of subsection (4) of this section **and a valid permit issued under section 4 of this 2022 Act.**

(b) The gun dealer shall complete the firearms transaction record and obtain the signature of the purchaser on the record.

(c) The gun dealer shall obtain the thumbprints of the purchaser on the firearms transaction thumbprint form and attach the form to the gun dealer's copy of the firearms transaction record to be filed with that copy.

(d) The gun dealer shall, [request] by telephone **or computer, verify that the purchaser has a valid permit-to-purchase a firearm issued under section 4 of this 2022 Act and request** that the department conduct a criminal history record check on the purchaser and shall provide the following information to the department:

(A) The federal firearms license number of the gun dealer;

(B) The business name of the gun dealer;

(C) The place of transfer;

(D) The name of the person making the transfer;

(E) The make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred;

(F) The name and date of birth of the purchaser;

(G) The Social Security number of the purchaser if the purchaser voluntarily provides this number to the gun dealer; and

(H) The type, issuer and identification number of the identification presented by the purchaser.

(e) The gun dealer shall receive a unique approval number for the transfer from the department and record the approval number on the firearms transaction record and on the firearms transaction thumbprint form.

(f) The gun dealer may destroy the firearms transaction thumbprint form five years after the completion of the firearms transaction thumbprint form.

(3)(a) Upon receipt of a request of the gun dealer for a criminal history record check, the department shall immediately, during the gun dealer's telephone call or by return call:

(A) Determine, from criminal records and other information available to it, whether the purchaser is disqualified under ORS 166.470 from completing the purchase; and

(B) Notify the gun dealer when a purchaser is disqualified from completing the transfer or provide the gun dealer with a unique approval number indicating that the purchaser is qualified to complete the transfer.

(b) If the department is unable to determine if the purchaser is qualified or disqualified from completing the transfer within 30 minutes, the department shall notify the gun dealer and provide the gun dealer with an estimate of the time when the department will provide the requested information.

(c) The dealer may not transfer the firearm unless the dealer receives a unique approval number from the department and, within 48 hours of completing the transfer, the dealer shall notify the state that the transfer to the permit holder was completed. *[If the department fails to provide a unique approval number to a gun dealer or to notify the gun dealer that the purchaser is disqualified under paragraph (a) of this subsection before the close of the gun dealer's next business day following the request by the gun dealer for a criminal history record check, the gun dealer may deliver the firearm to the purchaser.]*

(4)(a) Identification required of the purchaser under subsection (2) of this section shall include one piece of current identification bearing a photograph and the date of birth of the purchaser that:

(A) Is issued under the authority of the United States Government, a state, a political subdivision of a state, a foreign government, a political subdivision of a foreign government, an international governmental organization or an international quasi-governmental organization; and

(B) Is intended to be used for identification of an individual or is commonly accepted for the purpose of identification of an individual.

(b) If the identification presented by the purchaser under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not include the current address of the purchaser, the purchaser shall present a second piece of current identification that contains the current address of the purchaser. The Superintendent of State Police may specify by rule the type of identification that may be presented under this paragraph.

(c) The department may require that the gun dealer verify the identification of the purchaser if that identity is in question by sending the thumbprints of the purchaser to the department.

(5) The department shall establish a telephone number that shall be operational seven days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. for the purpose of responding to inquiries from gun dealers for a criminal history record check under this section.

(6) No public employee, official or agency shall be held criminally or civilly liable for performing the investigations required by this section provided the employee, official or agency acts in good faith and without malice.

(7)(a) The department may retain a record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal history record check for no more than five years, **except for the information provided to the dealer under subsection (2)(d) of this section, sufficient to reflect each firearm purchased by a permit holder, which must be attached to the electronic record of the permit stored by the department. The department may develop a system for removal of the information in subsection (2)(d)(E) of this section, upon proof of sale or transfer of the firearm to another permit holder and for recording of the information to reflect the transfer of ownership to the permit of the new owner.**

(b) The record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal history record check by a gun dealer is exempt from disclosure under public records law.

(c) If the department determines that a purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c), the department shall report the attempted transfer, the purchaser's name and any other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the attempted transfer was made and where the purchaser resides.

(d) If the department determines that, based on the judgment of conviction, the purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm as a condition of probation or that the purchaser is currently on post-prison supervision or parole, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the purchaser's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred.

(e) If the department determines that the purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a court order described in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted transfer to the court that issued the order.

(f) If the department determines that the purchaser is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the board.

(g) Reports required by paragraphs (c) to (f) of this subsection shall be made within 24 hours after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation, in which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investigation.

(h) On or before January 31 of each year, a law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's office that received a report pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection during the previous calendar year shall inform the department of any action that was taken concerning the report and the outcome of the action.

(i) The department shall annually publish a written report, based on any information received under paragraph (h) of this subsection, detailing the following information for the previous year:

(A) The number of purchasers whom the department determined were prohibited from possessing a firearm under ORS

166.250 (1)(c), arranged by category of prohibition;

(B) The number of reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection;

(C) The number of investigations arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection, the number of investigations concluded and the number of investigations referred for prosecution, all arranged by category of prohibition; and

(D) The number of criminal charges arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection and the disposition of the charges, both arranged by category of prohibition.

(8) A law enforcement agency may inspect the records of a gun dealer relating to transfers of firearms with the consent of a gun dealer in the course of a reasonable inquiry during a criminal investigation or under the authority of a properly authorized subpoena or search warrant.

(9) When a firearm is delivered, it shall be unloaded.

(10) In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Superintendent of State Police may adopt rules necessary for:

(a) The design of the firearms transaction thumbprint form;

(b) The maintenance of a procedure to correct errors in the criminal records of the department;

(c) The provision of a security system to identify gun dealers that request a criminal history record check under subsection

(2) of this section; and

(d) The creation and maintenance of a database of the business hours of gun dealers.

(11) The department shall publish the firearms transaction thumbprint form and shall furnish the form to gun dealers on application at cost.

(12) This section does not apply to transactions between persons licensed as dealers under 18 U.S.C 923.

(13)(a) If requested by a transferor who is not a gun dealer, a gun dealer may request a criminal background check pursuant to ORS 166.435 or 166.438 and may charge a reasonable fee for providing the service.

(b) A gun dealer that requests a criminal background check under this subsection is immune from civil liability for any use of the firearm by the recipient or transferee, provided that the gun dealer requests the criminal background check as described in this section **and also provided that the dealer verifies that the recipient has a valid permit-to-purchase the firearm and the dealer has received a unique approval number from the department indicating successful completion of the background check.**

(14) Knowingly selling or delivering a firearm to a purchaser or transferee who does not have a valid permit-to-purchase a firearm in violation of subsection 2(d) of this section, or prior to receiving a unique approval number from the department based on the criminal background check in violation of subsection 3(c) of this section, is a Class A misdemeanor.

REQUIRES PERMITS FOR PRIVATE TRANSFERS

SECTION 7. ORS 166.435 is amended to read:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Transfer" means the delivery of a firearm from a transferor to a transferee, including, but not limited to, the sale, gift, loan or lease of the firearm. "Transfer" does not include the temporary provision of a firearm to a transferee if the transferor has no reason to believe the transferee is prohibited from possessing a firearm or intends to use the firearm in the commission of a crime, and the provision occurs:

(A) At a shooting range, shooting gallery or other area designed for the purpose of target shooting, for use during target practice, a firearms safety or training course or class or a similar lawful activity;

(B) For the purpose of hunting, trapping or target shooting, during the time in which the transferee is engaged in activities related to hunting, trapping or target shooting;

(C) Under circumstances in which the transferee and the firearm are in the presence of the transferor;

(D) To a transferee who is in the business of repairing firearms, for the time during which the firearm is being repaired;

(E) To a transferee who is in the business of making or repairing custom accessories for firearms, for the time during which the accessories are being made or repaired; or

(F) For the purpose of preventing imminent death or serious physical injury, and the provision lasts only as long as is necessary to prevent the death or serious physical injury.

(b) "Transferee" means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to receive a firearm from a transferor.

(c) "Transferor" means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to deliver a firearm to a transferee.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 166.436 and 166.438 and subsection (4) of this section, a transferor may not transfer a firearm to a transferee unless the transfer is completed through a gun dealer as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(3)(a) A transferor may transfer a firearm to a transferee only as provided in this section. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, prior to the transfer both the transferor and the transferee must appear in person before a gun dealer, with the firearm **and a valid permit-to-purchase issued to the transferee under section 4 of this 2022 Act**, and request that the gun dealer perform a criminal background check on the transferee.

(b) If the transferor and the transferee reside over 40 miles from each other, the transferor may ship or deliver the firearm to a gun dealer located near the transferee or a gun dealer designated by the transferee, and the transferor need not appear before the gun dealer in person.

(c) A gun dealer who agrees to complete a transfer of a firearm under this section shall request a criminal history record check on the transferee as described in ORS 166.412 and shall comply with all requirements of federal law.

(d) If, upon completion of a criminal background check, the gun dealer:

(A) Receives a unique approval number from the Department of State Police indicating that the transferee is qualified to complete the transfer, the gun dealer shall notify the transferor, enter the firearm into the gun dealer's inventory and transfer the firearm to the transferee.

(B) Receives notification that the transferee is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing or receiving the firearm **or that the department is unable to determine if the transferee is qualified or disqualified from completing the transfer**, the gun dealer shall notify the transferor and neither the transferor nor the gun dealer shall transfer the firearm to the transferee. If the transferor shipped or delivered the firearm to the gun dealer pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection, the gun dealer shall comply with federal law when returning the firearm to the transferor.

(e) A gun dealer may charge a reasonable fee for facilitating a firearm transfer pursuant to this section.

(4) The requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to:

(a) The transfer of a firearm by or to a law enforcement agency, or by or to a law enforcement officer, private security professional or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, while that person is acting within the scope of official duties.

(b) The transfer of a firearm as part of a firearm turn-in or buyback event, in which a law enforcement agency receives or purchases firearms from members of the public.

(c) The transfer of a firearm to:

(A) A transferor's spouse or domestic partner;

(B) A transferor's parent or stepparent;

(C) A transferor's child or stepchild;

(D) A transferor's sibling;

(E) A transferor's grandparent;

(F) A transferor's grandchild;

(G) A transferor's aunt or uncle;

(H) A transferor's first cousin;

(I) A transferor's niece or nephew; or

(J) The spouse or domestic partner of a person specified in subparagraphs (B) to (I) of this paragraph.

(d) The transfer of a firearm that occurs because of the death of the firearm owner, provided that:

(A) The transfer is conducted or facilitated by a personal representative, as defined in ORS 111.005, or a trustee of a trust created in a will; and

(B) The transferee is related to the deceased firearm owner in a manner specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection. (5)(a) A transferor who fails to comply with the requirements of this section commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a transferor who fails to comply with the requirements of this section commits a Class B felony if the transferor has a previous conviction under this section at the time of the offense.

REQUIRES PERMITS FOR ALL TRANSFERS AT GUN SHOWS

SECTION 8. ORS 166.436 is amended to read:

(1) The Department of State Police shall make the telephone number established under ORS 166.412 (5) available for requests for criminal background checks under this section from persons who are not gun dealers and who are transferring firearms at gun shows.

(2) Prior to transferring a firearm at a gun show, a transferor who is not a gun dealer *[may request]* **shall** by telephone **verify that the transferee has a valid permit-to-purchase a firearm under section 4 of this 2022 Act and request** that the department conduct a criminal background check on the recipient upon providing the following information to the department:

(a) The name , address and telephone number of the transferor;

(b) The make , model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred;

(c) The name, date of birth , race, sex and address of the recipient;

(d) The Social Security number of the recipient if the recipient voluntarily provides that number;

(e) The address of the place where the transfer is occurring; and

(f) The type, issuer and identification number of a current piece of identification bearing a recent photograph of the recipient presented by the recipient. The identification presented by the recipient must meet the requirements of ORS 166.412 (4)(a).

(3)(a) Upon receipt of a request for a criminal background check under this section, the department shall immediately, during the telephone call or by return call:

(A) Determine from criminal records and other information available to it whether the recipient is disqualified under ORS 166.470 from completing the transfer or is otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a firearm; and

(B) Notify the transferor when a recipient is disqualified from completing the transfer or provide the transferor with a unique approval number indicating that the recipient is qualified to complete the transfer. The unique approval number is a permit valid for 24 hours for the requested transfer. If the firearm is not transferred from the transferor to the recipient within 24 hours after receipt of the unique approval number, a new request must be made by the transferor.

(b) If the department is unable to determine whether the recipient is qualified for or disqualified from completing the transfer within 30 minutes of receiving the request, the department shall notify the transferor and provide the transferor with an estimate of the time when the department will provide the requested information.

(c) The transferor may not transfer the firearm unless the transferor receives a unique approval number from the department and, within 48 hours of the completed transfer, the transferor shall notify the state that the transfer to the permit holder was completed.

(4) A public employee or public agency incurs no criminal or civil liability for performing the criminal background checks required by this section, provided the employee or agency acts in good faith and without malice.

(5)(a) The department may retain a record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal background check under this section for the period of time provided in ORS 166.412 (7), **as amended by this 2022 Act.**

(b) The record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal background check under this section is exempt from disclosure under public records law.

(c) If the department determines that a recipient is prohibited from possessing a firearm under ORS 166.250 (l)(c), the department shall report the attempted transfer, the recipient's name and any other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the attempted transfer was made and where the recipient resides.

(d) If the department determines that, based on the judgment of conviction, the recipient is prohibited from possessing a firearm as a condition of probation or that the recipient is currently on post-prison supervision or parole, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the recipient's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred.

(e) If the department determines that the recipient is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a court order described in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted transfer to the court that issued the order.

(f) If the department determines that the recipient is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the board.

(g) Reports required by paragraphs (c) to (f) of this subsection shall be made within 24 hours after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation, in which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investigation.

(h) On or before January 31 of each year, a law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's office that received a report pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection during the previous calendar year shall inform the department of any action that was taken concerning the report and the outcome of the action.

(i) The department shall annually publish a written report, based on any information received under paragraph (h) of this subsection, detailing the following information for the previous year:

(A) The number of recipients whom the department determined were prohibited from possessing a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c), arranged by category of prohibition;

(B) The number of reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection;

(C) The number of investigations arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection, the number of investigations concluded and the number of investigations referred for prosecution, all arranged by category of prohibition; and

(D) The number of criminal charges arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection and the disposition of the charges, both arranged by category of prohibition.

(6) The recipient of the firearm must be present when the transferor requests a criminal back-ground check under this section.

(7)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a transferor who receives notification under this section that the recipient is qualified to complete the transfer of a firearm, has the recipient fill out the form required by ORS 166.438 (1)(a) and retains the form as required by ORS 166.438 (2) is immune from civil liability for any use of the firearm from the time of the transfer unless the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, that the recipient is likely to commit an unlawful act involving the firearm.

(b) The immunity provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply:

(A) If the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, that the recipient of the firearm intends to deliver the firearm to a third person who the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, may not lawfully possess the firearm; or

(B) In any product liability civil action under ORS 30.900 to 30.920.

REQUIRES PERMITS FOR ALL TRANSFERS AT GUN SHOWS (2015 Amendment)

SECTION 9. ORS 166.438 is amended to read:

(1) A transferor who is not a gun dealer may not transfer a firearm at a gun show unless the transferor:

(a)(A) Verifies with the department that the recipient has a valid permit-to-purchase issued under section 4 of this 2022 Act;

([A]B) Requests a criminal background check under ORS 166.436 prior to completing the transfer;

([B]C) Receives a unique approval number from the department indicating that the recipient is qualified to complete the transfer; and

([C]D) Has the recipient complete the form described in ORS 166.441; or

(b) Completes the transfer through a gun dealer.

(2) The transferor shall retain the completed form referred to in subsection (1) of this section for at least five years and shall make the completed form available to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of criminal investigations.

(3) A person who organizes a gun show shall post in a prominent place at the gun show a notice explaining the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The person shall provide the form required by subsection (1) of this section to any person transferring a firearm at the gun show.

(4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if the transferee is licensed as a dealer under 18 U.S.C. 923.

(5)(a) Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section is a Class C felony if the person has two or more previous convictions under this section **at the time of the offense.**

(6) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating subsection (1) or (3) of this section that the person did not know, or reasonably could not know, that more than 25 firearms were at the site and available for transfer.

SECTION 10. The amendments to ORS 166.412, 166.435, 166.436 and 166.438 by sections 3 to 9 of this 2022 Act apply to firearm transfers conducted on or after the effective date of this 2022 Act.

PROHIBITIONS/EXCEPTIONS TO LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

SECTION 11. (1) As used in this section:

(a) **“Armed Forces of the United States”** has the meaning given that term in ORS 348.282.

(b) **“Detachable magazine”** means an ammunition feeding device that can be loaded or unloaded while detached from a firearm and readily inserted in a firearm;

(c) **“Fixed magazine”** means an ammunition feeding device contained in or permanently attached to a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action;

(d) **“Large-capacity magazine”** means a fixed or detachable magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, helical feeding device, or similar device, including any such device joined or coupled with another in any manner, or a kit with such parts, that has an overall capacity of, or that can be readily restored, changed, or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition and allows a shooter to keep firing without having to pause to reload, but does not include any of the following:

(A) An ammunition feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it is not capable, now or in the future, of accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition;

(B) An attached tubular device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with 0.22 caliber rimfire ammunition; or

(C) A tubular ammunition feeding device that is contained in a lever-action firearm.

(e) **“Loaded”** has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.360;

(f) **“Person”** means any natural person, corporation, partnership, fire or association.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 166.250 to 166.470, and except as expressly provided in subsections (3) to (5) of this section, a person commits the crime of unlawful manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale or otherwise transferring of large-capacity magazines if the person manufactures, imports, possesses, uses, purchases, sells or otherwise transfers any large-capacity magazine in Oregon on or after the effective date of this 2022 Act.

(3) Subsection (2) of the section does not apply during the first 180 days following the effective date of this 2022 Act, with respect to:

(a) A licensed gun dealer that within 180 days of the effective date of this 2022 Act:

(A) Transfers or sells the large-capacity magazines in the gun dealer’s inventory to a non-resident gun dealer or other transferee outside of this state;

(B) Purchases or acquires temporary custody from an owner of any large-capacity magazine for permanent removal from this state within the 180 days of the effective date of this 2022 Act;

(C) Permanently alters any large-capacity magazine in the gun dealer’s inventory or custody so that it is not capable, upon alteration or in the future, of accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition or permanently alter the magazine so it is no longer a; or

(D) Permanently disposes of the large-capacity magazines in the gun dealer’s custody or inventory.

(b) A firearms manufacturer, properly licensed under federal, state and local law, that is a party to a contract, in existence and binding on the effective date of this 2022 Act, with an entity outside of this state, for the manufacture of large-capacity magazines, provided that:

(A) All manufacturing is completed no later than 180 days after the effective date of this 2022 Act; and

(B) The entity outside of Oregon receiving the large-capacity magazines is made aware in writing on or before the delivery of the ammunition devices of the restrictions pertaining to large-capacity magazines in this state as set forth in this 2022 Act.

(4) Subsection (2) of the section does not apply at any time to:

(a) A firearms manufacturer properly licensed under federal, state and local law that manufactures large-capacity magazines, provided:

(A) The manufacturing is for exclusive sale or transfer to the Armed Forces of the United States or a law enforcement agency and solely for authorized use by that entity related to the official duties of the entity; and

(B) Any large-capacity magazine, permitted to be manufactured under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection after the effective date of this 2022 Act, shall include a permanent stamp or marking indicating that the large-capacity magazine was manufactured or assembled after the effective date of this 2022 Act. The stamp or marking must be legibly and conspicuously engraved or cast upon the outer surface of the large-capacity magazine. The department may promulgate such rules as may be necessary for the implementation of this section, including but not limited to rules requiring such large-capacity magazine be stamped with information indicating the limitation for use only by military and law enforcement or such other identification to distinguish clearly large-capacity magazines manufactured after the effective date of this 2022 Act. Except as provided in paragraph (3)(b) of this section, no large-capacity magazines without such stamp may be manufactured in this state after the effective date of this Act.

(b) A licensed gun dealer that sells or otherwise transfers large-capacity magazines to the Armed Forces of the United States or a law enforcement agency solely for authorized use by that entity, provided the large-capacity magazines have been engraved as provided in paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection.

(c) Any government officer, agent or employee, member of the Armed Forces of the United States or peace officer, as that term is defined in ORS 133.005, that is authorized to acquire, possess or use a large-capacity magazine provided that any acquisition, possession or use is related directly to activities within the scope of that person's official duties.

(5) As of the effective date of this 2022 Act, it shall be an affirmative defense, as provided in ORS 166.055, to the unlawful possession, use and transfer of a large-capacity magazine in this state by any person, provided that:

(a) The large-capacity magazine was owned by the person before the effective date of this 2022 Act and maintained in the person's control or possession; or

(b) The possession of a large-capacity magazine was obtained by a person who, on or after the effective date of this section, acquired possession of the large-capacity magazine by operation of law upon the death of a former owner who was in legal possession of the large-capacity magazine; and

(c) In addition to either (a) or (b) of this subsection the owner has not maintained the large-capacity magazine in a manner other than:

(A) On property owned or immediately controlled by the registered owner;

(B) On the premises of a gun dealer or gunsmith licensed under 18 U.S.C. 923 for the purpose of lawful service or repair;

(C) While engaging in the legal use of the large-capacity magazine, at a public or private shooting range or shooting gallery or for recreational activities such as hunting, to the extent permitted under state law; or

(D) While participating in firearms competition or exhibition, display or educational project about firearms sponsored, conducted by, approved or under the auspices of a law enforcement agency or a national or state-recognized entity that fosters proficiency in firearms use or promotes firearms education; and

(E) While transporting any large-capacity magazines in a vehicle to one of the locations authorized in paragraphs (c) (A) to

(D) of this subsection, the large-capacity magazine is not inserted into the firearm and is locked in a separate container.

(d) The person has permanently and voluntarily relinquished the large-capacity magazine to law enforcement or to a buyback or turn-in program approved by law enforcement, prior to commencement of prosecution by arrest, citation or a formal charge.

(6) Unlawful manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale or otherwise transferring of a large-capacity magazine is a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 12. If any provision of this 2022 Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable. The people hereby declare that they would have adopted this Chapter, notwithstanding the unconstitutionality, invalidity and ineffectiveness of any one of its articles, sections, subsections, sentences or clauses.

SECTION 13. The provisions of this 2022 Act apply to all actions taken on or after the effective date of this 2022 Act, unless expressly stated otherwise herein. This 2022 Act may be known and cited as the Reduction of Gun Violence Act.

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; *[brackets and italic]* type indicates deletions or comments.

Explanatory Statement

This measure changes Oregon law relating to firearms by (1) requiring safety training and completed background check to obtain a permit to purchase firearms; and (2) generally prohibiting use, manufacture, sale and purchase of large capacity ammunition magazines.

Currently:

- No permit required to obtain firearms.
- Background checks required, but after three days, firearms may be sold/transferred before background check completed.
- Firearms cannot be possessed by prohibited persons, including felons, certain criminal defendants, individuals with certain adjudged mental illnesses, and individuals subject to domestic abuse or extreme risk protection orders.
- License required to carry concealed handgun.
- State Police tracks background checks; no requirement for searchable database of gun purchases/ownership; may retain records for five years.
- No required safety training, except for concealed handgun license and hunting license for youth.
- Sheriff must deny concealed handgun license based on failed background check or determining applicant poses danger to self or others.
- No restrictions on firearm magazines.
- Violations by sellers/transfers are Class A misdemeanors; repeat violations may be felonies.

Under Measure:

- Individuals must have permit to obtain firearm from gun dealer, private individual or at gun show.
- To obtain permit (valid five years) applicant must:
 - Complete approved safety course including review of relevant laws, safe firearm storage, firearm abuse/misuse prevention, applicant's hands-on demonstration of basic firearms handling and firing; instructor certified by law enforcement agency.
 - Pay initial fee (maximum \$65) covering fingerprints, background check; \$50 renewal.
 - Submit application to State Police, which prepares rules for required information in application.
 - Pass background check, be cleared to possess firearm.
- Permit may be denied if applicant poses danger to self or others.
- Establishes appeals process for denied, revoked or non renewed permits.
- Requires State Police to maintain electronically searchable database of permits.
- State Police reports statistical permit data; may report other information to ensure permit process administered in "consistent and equitable manner."
- Sale/transfer of firearm to person without a permit is Class A misdemeanor; repeat violations may be felonies.
- Possessing a firearm without a permit is not itself a crime.
- Regulates "large capacity magazines":
 - "Large capacity magazines" include fixed/detachable magazines (or functional equivalent) that can accept "more than 10 rounds of ammunition and allows a shooter to keep firing without having to pause to reload."
 - Exceptions for "lever action" firearms and permanently altered fixed magazines, 10 rounds or fewer.
 - 180 days after passage the manufacture, sale, use or possession of large capacity magazines is a Class A misdemeanor:
 - exception for law enforcement and armed services personnel in performance of their duties; and

- those who own or later inherit large-capacity magazines when used on owner's property, at shooting ranges/competitions, while hunting consistent with applicable regulations, and during transport to permissible location (if secured separately from firearm) have affirmative defense.
- At any time, individuals may avoid criminal liability by turning-in large-capacity magazines through a law enforcement-approved buyback or turn-in program, provided no charges are pending.

Committee Members:

Elizabeth McKanna
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Appointed By:

Chief Petitioners
Chief Petitioners
Secretary of State
Secretary of State
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* Member dissents (does not concur with explanatory statement)

(The above committee was appointed to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.215.)

Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) received a written request from a member of the Legislative Assembly from each major political party requesting a racial and ethnic impact statement pursuant to ORS 137.685 for Measure 114, titled the Reduction of Gun Violence Act. As required by ORS 137.685, this statement must describe the effects of the proposed measure on potential impacts to the criminal offender population attributable to changes in the specific crimes described in Measure 114. There are several components of Measure 114 that are not anticipated to impact the criminal offender population specifically, and this statement does not include an estimate of the racial and ethnic impact of those components.

SECTION 6

Section 6 modifies ORS 166.412 by requiring a permit-to-purchase for all licensed dealer firearm sales and creates a new Class A misdemeanor crime for “knowingly selling or delivering a firearm to a purchaser or transferee who does not have a valid permit-to-purchase a firearm ... or prior to receiving a unique approval number from the department based on the criminal background check ...” (Section 6(14)).

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) provides data on the number of firearm background checks conducted by state. In 2021, there were 454,133 firearm background check requests in Oregon for 338,330 firearm transfers (a firearm transfer can have multiple background check requests for varying reasons, such as ATF 30-day re-query requests and name and other identifying information corrections). However, this data is not available by race or ethnicity to the CJC for analysis purposes, and the CJC is unable to determine the estimated impact of this section.

SECTION 7

Section 7 modifies ORS 166.435 by requiring a permit-to-purchase for all private firearm transfers. Violations of ORS 166.435 are a Class A misdemeanor unless the individual who fails to comply has a previous conviction for a violation of 166.435 at the time of the offense. For individuals with a previous conviction for violating 166.435, the violation is a Class B felony.

Table 1. ORS 166.435
Class A Misdemeanor Convictions, 2017-2021

Asian	0
Black	1
Latinx	0
Native American	0
Whites	22
Total	23

CJC queried data concerning arrests and convictions for violations of 166.435. No records for any arrests were located. Records for criminal convictions, however, were located and are reported in Table 1. Since 2017, when the first conviction for 166.435 occurred, a total of 23 individuals have been convicted of the Class A misdemeanor version of this violation. No convictions were found for the Class B felony violation of ORS 166.435.

The CJC is unable to provide predictions regarding the number of future violations of this section related to the changes proposed in Measure 114 and is also unable to provide predictions regarding the racial demographics of individuals arrested or convicted of violations of 166.435 should Measure 114 pass.

SECTIONS 8 & 9

Section 8 modifies ORS 166.436 by requiring a permit-to-purchase for firearm transfers at gun shows. Section 9 modifies ORS 166.438, stating that if the individual making the transfer has two or more previous convictions for this crime at the time of the offense, then that individual has committed a Class C felony; if the individual does not have two or more previous convictions for failure to comply with these requirements, then the individual has committed a Class A misdemeanor.

CJC queried data on both arrests and convictions for violations of ORS 166.438 and found no records for arrests or convictions for this crime.

SECTION 11

Section 11 creates a new Class A misdemeanor crime for the “[u]nlawful manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale or otherwise transferring of a large-capacity magazine ...” (Section 11(6)). Given that this is a new crime, it is not possible for CJC to provide an estimated impact of this section.

SENTENCING

According to ORS 161.615, the maximum incarceration sentence for a Class A misdemeanor is 364 days to be served in a local jail. According to ORS 161.605, the maximum incarceration sentence for a Class C felony is 5 years and for a Class B felony is 10 years.

METHODOLOGY

Arrest data were queried from the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS), which includes data on all fingerprinted arrests. Any reported arrest data includes arrest events with at least one charge for the statutes listed. It is possible that other crimes may be associated with an arrest event as well, but that information is not reported in this statement.

Conviction data were queried from the Oregon Judicial Department’s Odyssey or Oregon eCourt data system, which includes felony and misdemeanor convictions from Oregon’s circuit courts. Convictions occurring in municipal courts or justice courts are not included, as these courts do not provide data to the Oregon Judicial Department or the CJC. Any reported conviction data includes cases with at least one charge for the statutes listed. It is possible that other charges and convictions could also be included on a single case, but that information is not reported in this statement.

Argument in Favor

CRIMINAL PROSECUTORS URGE A YES VOTE ON MEASURE 114

As law enforcement professionals, we know too well the consequences of lax gun regulations.

We have seen the carnage again and again throughout our careers. Suicides and tragic preventable deaths. Lives destroyed by people who should never have had access to firearms. Mass shootings made exponentially more deadly by the easy availability of large-capacity magazines. Lives lost. Families shattered. Bodies destroyed. Unimaginable grief. Useless regrets. Futures erased.

The components of Measure 114: Permit-to-purchase, new gun owner training, completed background checks, and magazine limits each address a different part of the problems we have seen in our work.

Measure 114 will undoubtedly help save lives, while also safeguarding 2nd Amendment rights.

PROSECUTORS WHO WORK EVERY DAY TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER SAY VOTE YES ON MEASURE 114

"Currently, a person may purchase a gun if the state does not finish a background check by the close of the next business day. This measure requires a completed background check, and a firearm safety course before a person may purchase a gun. It also limits magazines to ten bullets. A mass shooter having to re-load can be an opportunity to save lives. We are voting for Measure 114 because it will make Oregon safer."

District Attorney Matt Ellis, Wasco County
District Attorney John Hummel, Deschutes County
District Attorney John Haroldson, Benton County
District Attorney Mike Schmidt, Multnomah County
Pete Sandrock, District Attorney (Retired), Benton County
Mike Dugan, District Attorney (Retired), Deschutes County
Jim Hayden,
Sr. Deputy District Attorney (Retired), Multnomah County
James M. Brown, District Attorney (Retired), Benton County
Christian Van Dyke,
District Attorney (Retired), Marion County
Scott Heiser, District Attorney (Retired), Benton County
Michael Brown, Assistant US Attorney (Retired)
Susan Hayden,
Assistant US Attorney, Counsel to US Attorney (Retired)

Find out more at VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

I lost my husband to firearm suicide.

I'm voting YES on Measure 114 because it could have saved his life.

My husband Olof was a respected physician, a loving husband, and an amazing father to our three daughters. He struggled with depression in college, but had been symptom-free for years.

One April day, seemingly out of the blue, he drove to our local mall, bought a gun with no safety training or waiting period, and shot himself in our backyard. He died within two hours of having purchased the gun. My family is forever changed.

Stories like mine are far too common. Suicide accounts for more than 80 percent of gun deaths in Oregon. Commonsense safeguards, like those included in Measure 114, can prevent firearm suicide.

Measure 114 would make it harder for individuals in crisis to get immediate access to a firearm and do harm to themselves or others.

Guns are by far the most deadly means of suicide, with nearly 9 in 10 attempts being fatal. But the vast majority of people who survive an attempt do not go on to die by suicide.

That means **securing firearms from people in crisis saves lives.**

Measure 114 will require people to undergo safety training before buying a firearm. That process means new gun owners must undergo a waiting period between buying a gun and accessing it, which could provide a lifesaving opportunity to seek help.

If Measure 114 had been in place, my husband would not have been able to purchase a gun that day and use it to end his life. I would still have my husband, my daughters would still have their father, our friends and community would still have their caring friend and physician.

I will vote yes on Measure 114 to help prevent other families from experiencing the pain and grief that mine has endured.

– *McKay Sohlberg, Lane County*

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

EDUCATORS SAY: KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE

Teachers and educators know all too well the horrors of mass shootings and the danger posed to our students, our coworkers, and our communities by too-easy access to guns and high-capacity magazines.

From Thurston to Parkland, Reynolds to Newtown, Uvalde to Umpqua Community College, enough is enough. Active shooter drills. Teachers texting for help from locked classrooms. The remains of children that are identifiable only by their DNA. It doesn't have to be like this.

American Federation of Teachers (AFT-Oregon) encourages a YES vote on Measure 114.

Measure 114 won't end school shootings, but limits on high-capacity magazines will make them less deadly. It won't take all guns off the streets, but permit-to-purchase and completed background checks will help keep guns out of the wrong hands. And it won't prevent all firearm injuries, but live-fire training will help gun owners stay safer. It is a step in the right direction.

Our children deserve to grow up in a state that keeps them safe.

Measure 114 will make our schools safer for teachers and students.

Please join with Oregon teachers and education workers in Pre-K-12 and higher education in voting Yes on Measure 114.

No other country has school shooting after school shooting, month after month, year after year. Schools should be a safe place to learn.

"As a 30-year school psychologist, and a gun owner, I fully support Measure 114. Children should not have to spend instructional time engaging in active shooter drills or fear gun violence when they go to school. Regulation is essential to keeping kids safe at school."

– *Kim Hosford, School Psychologist, Jackson County*

Find out more at VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

The organizations and leaders you know and trust all support

YES vote on Measure 114

United States Senator Jeff Merkley
Lift Every Voice Oregon
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Medical Association
Oregon PTA
Stand for Children
American Federation of Teachers (AFT-Oregon)
Family Forward Oregon
Former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords
Ceasefire Oregon
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund
Oregon Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety
Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Oregon Board of Rabbis
Oregon Coalition for Christian Voices
Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice
Congregation Beth Israel
Augustana Lutheran Church
Zen Community of Oregon
Imam Abdullah Polovina
Rev. LeRoy Haynes Jr., Pastor Allen Temple CME
Oregon High School Democrats
Oregon Academy of Family Physicians
Oregon Pediatric Society
Oregon Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians
Oregon Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Oregon Chapter American College of Surgeons
Oregon Psychiatric Physicians Association
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Oregon Society of Physician Assistants
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
League of Women Voters of Oregon

Plus hundreds of religious leaders, hunters, gun owners, District Attorneys, police chiefs, military veterans, and many, many more...

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Argument in Favor

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS URGE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 114

As doctors, nurses, and health care professionals, we work every day to heal Oregonians from illness and injury. Every day, many of us are confronted with the worst and most heartbreaking injuries imaginable.

We strongly support Measure 114 and the move that it represents towards more rational gun laws that will protect lives of Oregonians.

"Gun violence is now the leading cause of death in youth in Oregon. This measure requires rigorous background checks that will save children's lives."

- **Dr. Debra Koutnik, MD, Pediatric Behavioral Physician, Ashland**

"The amount of physical and psychological pain attributed to gun violence in my 15 years as a trauma RN at Legacy Emanuel Hospital is unfathomable. Please, in the spirit of common sense and empathy for your fellow Oregonians, vote yes on Measure 114."

- **Christopher Nowatski, RN**

"As a physical therapist, I've worked with patients who have suffered devastating injuries from gun trauma. Many of these injuries require months of rehabilitation and years of surgeries. Patients often endure lifetime deficits. Measure 114 will help keep guns out of the wrong hands."

- **Janey Paterno, Physical Therapist**

"Please vote yes on Measure 114 to help prevent more deaths from homicide and suicide. We cannot heal if the harm from gun violence continues."

- **Dr. Saskia Hostetler Lippy, MD**

"As physicians, we work to save lives. Seeing the injuries and death caused by gun violence is so painful for us. Measure 114 will reduce this carnage."

- **Dr. Andy Felcher, MD**

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(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

On August 2nd, my 24 year old brother shot himself with a handgun he purchased legally. Sam was a wonderful person, my dearest friend, and someone I will ache for every day the rest of my life.

Of suicide attempts by means other than firearm only 4% succeed, contrastingly 90% of people who try to take their life with a gun are successful.

Sam lived with chronic mental illness and had made attempts before. What changed on that day however was his access to a lethal weapon. 9 out of 10 people who attempt suicide will not go on to kill themselves. These statistics reveal how poignant access to a method of such efficacy is in the loss of so many people.

Sam was initially in the first group, after attempting to kill himself with other methods we were able to get him support and he could receive help.

Once he had a gun his probability of a successful suicide sky rocketed, and this time we were not able to help him. In 2019 82% of suicides among Oregonians were due to firearms.

It is those who loved my brother that are left now and the only thing we know for certain, is with his history and intentions he should not have been able to have a gun that day, but like so many others he was. We see clearly that Sam's death is part of a large, and easily identifiable pattern in our state.

We don't blame him, but instead the numerous systems that failed him, the final being our legal system which allowed him access to a gun, something so few people, if any, truly need.

I am asking my community to support Measure 114. Had this measure been in place, multiple barriers would have stood between my brother and the gun he used to take his life.

Aliya Schwartz, 21
Portland, Oregon

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon's Physicians support practical solutions to prevent injuries and save lives.

According to CDC data, Oregon averaged more than 500 firearm-related deaths per year from 2014-2020.

Many more Oregonians suffer from serious firearm-related injuries.

Measure 114 Will Reduce Gun Violence and Save Lives.

Physicians and healthcare teams are on the front lines caring for patients injured by firearms. We witness the devastation firearms cause to patients and their families. As such, we have a responsibility to advocate for solutions to prevent these needless tragedies. That's why we support Measure 114, which delivers practical, evidence-based policies to reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths.

We work in hospitals, clinics and emergency departments.

We urge you to vote YES on Measure 114.

Measure 114 requires a permit to purchase firearms. Evidence shows that permit-to-purchase reduces firearm murders and suicides.

Following implementation of permit-to-purchase in Connecticut, firearm homicides fell by 28% and suicides fell by 33%. When Missouri repealed its permit-to-purchase law in 2007, the state saw a 40% increase in firearm homicides and a 24% increase in suicides. Requiring a permit to purchase guns effectively prevents firearm injuries.

Measure 114 also prohibits large-capacity magazines. Data shows that states without large-capacity magazine bans have twice as many mass shootings as states that ban them, and that mass shootings in states without bans are three times deadlier.

As health care professionals, we put aside personal politics when we put on our white coats and scrubs. Our concern is the health and wellbeing of our patients and our communities.

Help us promote the health and wellbeing of Oregonians.

Vote YES on Measure 114.

Oregon Medical Association

Oregon Chapter of the American College of Physicians

Oregon Academy of Family Physicians

Oregon Pediatric Society

Oregon Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians

Oregon Chapter American College of Surgeons

Oregon Chapter American College of Cardiology

Oregon Psychiatric Physicians Association

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon

Oregon Society of Physician Assistants

(This information furnished by Courtni Dresser, Oregon Medical Association.)

Argument in Favor

Former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords Urges Yes on 114

I am a former Congresswoman, a proud gun owner, and a survivor of a mass shooting that changed my life forever.

The gun violence our country faces is not normal; we can do more to protect our communities while respecting the rights of gun owners. Balanced reforms like Measure 114 do just that.

Gunshot wounds are now the leading cause of death for American children and teens. Mass shootings have become increasingly frequent. Despite this, our political leaders fail to act, choosing to appease the gun lobby rather than us, the voters.

The good news is that we are not powerless. We can choose to vote and make a difference.

Right now, in Oregon there are loopholes in the law that allow people to buy a gun without ever passing a background check.

Measure 114 closes that loophole, requiring people to pass a thorough criminal background check before they can buy a gun.

It also ensures people receive practical safety training about how to responsibly use firearms and puts reasonable limits on large-capacity magazines that enable gunmen to kill dozens of people in seconds.

Experts have shown that this reform alone would be one of the most effective things we can do to save lives from mass shootings.

These reforms won't stop every tragedy. But they will make a lifesaving difference for many.

I want to offer one example that is especially meaningful to me: The gunman who shot me was armed with two large-capacity magazines, each holding nearly three dozen rounds.

He opened fire and quickly shot through his first magazine, killing six people and shooting over a dozen more. He was stopped and tackled by brave heroes when he finally had to pause to reload.

If he'd had to pause after shooting 10 rounds instead of dozens, lives could have been saved.

Please vote YES on Measure 114.

- Former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

LA MEDIDA 114 SALVARÁ VIDAS

Las comunidades negras, indígenas y de color se ven más afectadas por la violencia con armas de fuego que las comunidades blancas. Las noticias se enfocan en las tragedias masivas en lugares como Charleston, Búfalo, Uvalde y El Paso. Pero la historia no termina allí.

Todos los días, los habitantes negras y morenas de Oregon son asesinados, heridos y afectados por la violencia con armas de fuego sin mucha cobertura de los medios informativos. Esto sucede en nuestras comunidades, a nuestras familias, a nuestros hijos.

- Los hombres negros, que representan sólo el 6% de la población estadounidense, concentran el 52% de todas las muertes violentas por armas de fuego.
- Los jóvenes latinos, apenas el 4% de la población, representan el 8% de las víctimas de los homicidios con armas de fuego.
- En 2020, los indios americanos y nativos de Alaska tuvieron 3.7 veces más probabilidades de ser víctimas de un homicidio con arma de fuego en comparación con los blancos. Los hombres indios americanos y nativos de Alaska tuvieron la tasa más alta de suicidio con arma de fuego en comparación con las otras razas y etnias.

No podemos detener todos los tiroteos antes de que ocurran, pero podemos hacer más por nuestras comunidades.

Francisco Aguirre, VIVA Red Inclusiva del Migrante:

"La violencia de armas en Oregon está afectando a nuestras comunidades latinas, especialmente a nuestros jóvenes. Votemos por un Oregon más humano donde todos construyamos amor para todos sin la violencia de armas."

María Delgado, Líder Comunitario:

"Apoyo a la Medida 114 porque me preocupa la inseguridad, porque tengo hijos y porque conozco a personas de la comunidad afectadas directamente por los tiroteos."

Los negros, los indígenas y las comunidades de color son los más afectados por la violencia con armas de fuego y los tiroteos diarios. Por favor, vote SÍ a la Medida 114.

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor**AS A GUN OWNER, VETERAN, AND RETIRED PROSECUTOR, I SUPPORT MEASURE 114**

I'm a gun owner who completed an NRA hunter safety course as a teenager. I competed on a rifle team in college. I'm a Vietnam veteran, a retired Navy officer, and served five terms as Benton County's District Attorney.

MEASURE 114 REQUIRES SAFETY TRAINING

I support Measure 114 because it reintroduces and enforces the standards of responsible firearm handling that I learned through training and public service.

Measure 114 enables the State Police to conduct rigorous background checks and requires hands-on live fire safety training before a purchase permit is issued. It limits magazine capacity to 10 rounds, far more than needed for hunting, target shooting, or legitimate self-defense.

I WAS THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR FOR BENTON COUNTY. HERE'S WHY I'M VOTING YES ON 114.

In 22 years as District Attorney, I saw the human tragedies of firearm violence, not just for those who had been shot, but for their families and bystanders as well. The toll was endless: senseless suicides, family violence, unintentional shootings, and murder.

Imagine yourself as a law enforcement officer patrolling alone in a rural area. You pull over the suspected drunk driver. Is he reaching for a gun or for his registration? Is he an ex-felon who shouldn't have been able to have a gun? Or you're responding to a domestic violence call miles from help. Are you going to find yourself face to face with an emotionally unstable abuser armed with a large-capacity long gun intent on hurting someone?

MEASURE 114 REQUIRES COMPLETED BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN SALES

By requiring a permit and completed background check to purchase a gun and prohibiting high-capacity magazines, Measure 114 will help keep high-powered firearms out of the hands of people most likely to cause harm.

Please vote YES on Measure 114. It will make our schools, our families, and our communities safer.

Pete Sandrock, Benton County District Attorney (1977-1999)

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons poses a major health and safety threat to Oregonians. Gun violence, the leading cause of premature death in the US, should be confronted with a sense of urgency and a range of evidence-based solutions.

Here is why the League strongly supports Measure 114:

Research shows that a permit-to-purchase requirement is one of the most effective ways to reduce firearm homicide and suicide rates. The multi-step permitting process, renewable every five years, would:

- Include safety training, including hands-on safe firearm handling to reduce unintended injuries and abuse.
- Close loopholes in our background check system, providing more thorough screening for those who pose a danger to themselves or others.
- Prevent impulsive gun purchases by criminals or those experiencing mental health crises.
- Help to curb gun trafficking.

Research also shows that bans on large-capacity magazines save lives. We have seen what happens when shooters have easy access to semi-automatic weapons equipped with large-capacity magazines—they enable continuous firing without pausing to reload, denying victims time to escape or time for others to intervene, and greatly increasing casualties. It is unacceptable that the U.S. now accounts for 73% of global mass shootings.

The League agrees with the many gun safety researchers who conclude that requiring a permit-to-purchase and banning large capacity magazines are two of the best ways to reduce gun violence.

Be part of the solution to reduce gun violence. Vote yes on Measure 114.

(This information furnished by Rebecca Gladstone, President, League of Women Voters of Oregon.)

Argument in Favor**Oregonians of Faith are Voting Yes on 114**

We are a diverse group of religious leaders from many faith traditions, living in communities throughout Oregon. As gun violence surges in our state and nation, we will choose to take action. The right to own and maintain firearms does not outweigh the sanctity of life. Acting out of a sense of sacred obligation and moral conviction, we believe that greater gun safety regulation is necessary to prevent the tragedies and deaths that have become all too common. Responsible gun ownership will make Oregon a safer place for everyone. We endorse Measure 114 as an important step toward building safer communities not governed by fear, but by love for neighbor.

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Albina Ministerial Alliance**

Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., President

Allen Temple C.M.E.

Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., Pastor

Rev. Beverly Jackson

Rev. Rhonda Smith

Oregon Board of Rabbis

Rabbi Jonathan Seidel, President

Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ**Presbytery of the Cascades (PCUSA)**

Rev. Brian Heron, Executive Presbyter

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

The Very Rev. Nathan LeRud, Dean

Oregon-Idaho Methodist Federation for Social Action

Rev. Karen Nelson

Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices

Dr. Andrew Harris

Clear Hearts Quaker Circle**Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice****First Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Dan Fowler, Pastor

Oregon Synod ELCA

Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar

Congregation Beth Israel**Ainsworth United Church of Christ**

Rev. Lynne Smouse-Lopez

Rev. Hector Lopez

Rev. Cecil Prescod
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Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Havurah Shalom
 Rabbi Benjamin Barnett
New Thought Center for Spiritual Living
 Rev. Dr. Sally Rutis, Board of Trustees
**Jewish Community Relations Council of the
 Jewish Federation of Greater Portland**
Salem Friends Meeting
 Virginia Wood, Co-Clerk
**WestM Campus Ministry of Westminster House
 Oregon State University, Corvallis**
 Rev. Robert Kirby, Campus Minister
Zen Community of Oregon
 Nancy Kodo Conover, Board President/Priest

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

We are Oregon military veterans.

We were trained to use firearms.

We are voting YES on 114.

Those of us who have served in the military understand, perhaps better than anyone, the responsibility that comes with handling firearms.

When we entered the military, we went through extensive training and safety protocols before ever handling a weapon.

In Phase 1 of our military firearms training alone, we have to master assembly and disassembly of our weapon, identification of all parts, function checks, magazine loading and unloading, ammunition types and care, correcting malfunctions, sight adjustments, peer coaching, and eight cycles of troubleshooting.

After all of that, we are still only allowed to handle and fire our weapons as part of further, closely supervised training.

Firearm safety training keeps our military members safe.

But right now in Oregon, a teenager can walk into a sporting goods store and buy a military-style weapon with a high capacity ammunition magazine without any safety training at all.

Measure 114 requires hands-on safety training before someone purchases a firearm. This will go a long way towards reducing accidents and making new gun owners and those around them safer.

Requiring completed background checks will help keep guns out of the wrong hands.

Limiting large-capacity magazines, which serve no purpose outside of a war zone, will make mass shootings less deadly, and help protect law enforcement officers who protect us.

Our communities should not be war zones. Reasonable limits like those in Measure 114 will make everyone safer while preserving our 2nd Amendment rights.

Please stand with those of us who have served our country, who understand the importance of firearm safety, in voting YES on 114.

LOU JAFFE, FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. ARMY (Ret.)

EMIL GRAZIANI, LANCE CORPORAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
(Ret.)

PAUL SLYMAN, COMMANDER, U.S. COAST GUARD (Ret.)

ANTHONY LATHAN, E5, U.S. NAVY (Ret.)

DARREN GOLDEN, FORMER SSGT, U.S. AIR FORCE

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

**The Co-Founder of the Independent Party of Oregon
 Supports Measure 114**

I helped found the Independent Party of Oregon because Oregonians deserve a smart, solution-oriented party committed to addressing the long-term challenges that we face as a state, a party that rejects extremism, is committed to individual rights, and strives for a better and more functional government.

Measure 114, Oregon's gun violence prevention initiative, reflects Oregon's independent spirit, and that's why I'm voting YES.

Measure 114 is smart and solution-oriented.

It closes Oregon's background check loophole, helping keep guns out of the hands of people who absolutely should not have them. It institutes permit-to-purchase, which requires hands-on safety training for new gun owners.

This will help reduce the number of unintentional firearm injuries and deaths. It will also curb "impulse" purchases by people in the heat of anger or suicidal depression. And it prohibits the sale of large-capacity magazines, the kinds that have been used in every one of the deadliest mass shootings in our nation's history.

Measure 114 addresses a long-term challenge.

Gun violence is a serious and growing problem in our state. From 2016-2021, gun homicides in Oregon increased more than 75%, and in 2022, that number is projected to go even higher.

Measure 114 respects individual rights.

Measure 114 allows us to protect our 2nd Amendment rights, while also requiring basic safety training for gun purchasers.

Measure 114 is a smart, pragmatic response to the high and growing rates of gun deaths in Oregon by homicide, accident, and suicide that impact every one of our communities, urban and rural, rich and poor, liberal and conservative.

These are the kinds of solutions I have always worked to support. **That's why I'm voting YES on 114, and I hope that you will too.**

Sal Peralta

McMinnville, Oregon

Co-Founder of the Independent Party of Oregon

Find out more at VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

**A RURAL GUN OWNER, HUNTER, AND MILITARY VETERAN
 VOTING YES ON MEASURE 114**

I've been a gun owner since I was 14, hunting with my father and siblings. Safety is always the first goal.

During my years in the military, in my job as a State Penitentiary corrections officer, and later as a probation officer, gun safety was a top priority. We're now faced with an unconscionable disregard for personal and community safety by gun manufacturers and those who believe unrestricted gun ownership attests to "freedom," personal power, or political prowess.

Guns are tools, even when used for sport. Yet they are dangerous tools.

Our military follows strict training and safety protocols before soldiers are allowed to handle and fire weapons with high capacity magazines.

Measure 114 requires permits and hands-on safety training so people who buy firearms can use them safely.

Gun deaths and injuries are preventable. Common sense rules regarding the manufacture, sale, storage, transport, and possession of those weapons will make our schools and communities safer.

In my 77 years, no one has tried to seize my weapons or ammunition, despite the hyperbole spouted about such imminent efforts. We must look beyond the political divide.

I'm a gun owner and I support the 2nd Amendment. And I'm voting YES on Measure 114.

With common sense regulation, we can have fewer mass shootings, accidental deaths, and suicides.

Measure 114 is reasonable. It will save lives.

- **Dave Looney**

U.S. Navy, 1967-1969

State corrections officer and probation officer, 1970-72

Federal probation officer, 1973-2000

Learn more at VoteYesOn114.org.

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

OREGON NURSES SAY: MEASURE 114 WILL SAVE LIVES

Whether in the emergency room, trauma center, intensive care, surgery, pediatrics, med-surg, or in rehabilitation, nurses know firsthand the damage that gun violence does to bodies, young and old.

Too many of us have tried in vain to stem the flow of blood from a gunshot wound, or held the hand of a dying child unintentionally shot by a friend or sibling, or been summoned to work due to a mass shooting, or tried to help people re-learn to walk, or speak, or feed themselves.

Ask any nurse and they will tell you how heartbreaking it is to bear witness, again and again, to this preventable pain and loss.

The combination of required training, completed background checks, permit-to-purchase, and limiting magazine size will prevent many of the tragedies we see. Those of us here on the front lines of health care urge you, please, support Measure 114 as a significant step forward on gun violence.

Oregon Nurses Association Endorses YES on Measure 114

"Nurses see the impacts of gun violence every single day, in hospitals and clinics in every corner of our state. Nurses also know that so much of that violence is preventable. Measure 114 will enact common sense changes to our gun laws, and there is no doubt it will help make Oregon safer. Supporting Measure 114 will save lives and prevent tragedies, and that's why I am voting yes." **Linda Ramsey, retired nurse, Corvallis**

"Gun violence is a public health emergency. As a trauma nurse working in Portland, I see firsthand the deadly effects guns have on my patients and my community. Shootings create a ripple effect that causes more violence, more harm, and more pain for victims and their families. We need bold action to save lives and tackle this growing epidemic of gun violence. I urge all Oregonians to vote YES on Measure 114." **Patrick Hennessy, registered nurse, Portland**

(This information furnished by Paige E Spence, Oregon Nurses Association.)

Argument in Favor

Oregonians Want Safe Schools and Safe Communities

Stand for Children Urges a YES vote on Measure 114

Since 1998, Stand for Children has partnered with parents and educators to strengthen Oregon schools and support the educational success and overall well-being of Oregon students.

We care deeply about Oregon students and are deeply concerned that the rise of gun violence in Oregon is putting our kids' future at risk.

School shootings are singularly horrific events. In the nine and a half years since 20 first-graders and 6 teachers were massacred at Sandy Hook Elementary, there have been 900 incidents of gunfire on school grounds and nearly 3,500 mass shootings.

The United States is the only country on earth with frequent mass shootings.

Yet year after year, elected officials refuse to take serious action. So now it's up to us, the voters.

Measure 114 will make our schools and communities safer.

Requiring completed background checks for all gun purchases will help keep guns out of the hands of violent and unstable individuals.

Safety training requirements will ensure that people who own legal firearms know how to handle them – and how to store them safely.

And **limiting high capacity ammunition magazines** means people who intend to hurt others will have less access to military-style weapons designed to kill a lot of people quickly.

We may not be able to stop all gun violence. But, by passing Measure 114, we can take real steps to make Oregon a safer place for school children and educators.

Our children shouldn't grow up worrying about gun violence. Kids shouldn't have to practice active shooter drills in elementary schools.

As adults, our job is to make smart decisions to keep kids safe.

Please join Stand for Children in supporting Measure 114. Our kids, and their futures, depend on it.

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Hunters Support Gun Safety and Rational Regulations

Here is what Measure 114 does:

- Require completed criminal background checks, fingerprinting, safety training and a permit for gun purchases
- Limit the sale and use of ammunition magazines that can fire 20, 30 or even 50 bullets without needing to reload.

From: Michael T. Dugan, Oregon hunter and retired District Attorney, Deschutes County:

I am a long time Oregon hunter. I hunt and own guns for big game, as well as for migratory and upland birds.

Oregon has had gun safety laws for hunters for decades. Oregon restricts big game hunters to a magazine capacity of 5 bullets, and just 2 bullets for bird hunting. These restrictions have never impacted my hunting. I was also required to take and pass a hunter's safety course before obtaining my first tag. Never have these reasonable restrictions affected my ability to hunt and harvest wild game.

As a former District Attorney, I also know first hand the damage that guns in untrained hands, and high-capacity magazines can do.

Measure 114 contains reasonable regulations that will save lives in Oregon.

From: Todd Jessell, Hunter, Gun Owner:

I am a gun owner and collector, and a long-time hunter and target shooter. Like many Oregon youngsters, I first received a BB gun and then moved on to firearms. I was trained in gun and hunter safety, which I feel is critical to responsible gun ownership.

I support Measure 114, which contains a Permit-to-Purchase provision, requiring a completed background check and safety training. Permitting also discourages spur of the moment gun purchases by angry or depressed people.

Measure 114 won't take away our guns. But it will reduce gun suicides, unintentional shootings, and anger-fueled crimes.

Please join me and other responsible gun owners in voting YES on Measure 114.

Find out more, see who supports Measure 114 and get your questions at www.VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence was founded in 1974 by Jim Brady, and his wife Sarah, after Jim was shot and severely injured in the assassination attempt on President Reagan.

Jim and Sarah led the fight to pass federal legislation requiring background checks for gun sales. Today the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence continues to uphold Jim and Sarah's legacy by uniting Americans from coast to coast, young and old, liberal and conservative, to end gun violence.

Protecting the lives, safety, and prosperity of the American people is what our work is rooted in.

Gun violence goes beyond the catastrophic mass shootings that make the front page. It is a public health epidemic that profoundly impacts millions of Americans every single day.

Gun violence is a preventable and uniquely American tragedy that claims more than 100 lives each day, inflicting immeasurable trauma on not only survivors, but their families, friends, and communities as well.

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence strongly supports Measure 114, which will implement evidence based and lifesaving policies and will not undermine the right afforded under the Second Amendment.

Measure 114 will ensure that those who have firearms in public are well-vetted, have had hands-on training and are licensed, ensure that those who are prohibited or should not have access to guns are not able to get their hands on firearms, and gun owners are adequately trained on safest firearm practices.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 114.

For more information visit bradyunited.org.

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

**Smart Regulation Protects Communities
AND the 2nd Amendment**

Gun owners support Measure 114

We are gun owners. Hunters. Target shooters. Collectors. Oregonians. Parents and Grandparents.

We support Measure 114, Oregon's gun violence prevention initiative.

We are gun owners who believe that with rights come responsibilities. Firearms can be useful tools for hunting, target shooting and very rarely for personal protection. But we understand as well as anyone the dangers of guns used improperly, or maliciously, or self-destructively.

We believe part of responsible gun ownership is supporting common-sense rules like Measure 114 that seek to keep our fellow citizens and families safe from gun violence.

Measure 114

- Ensures that new gun owners receive basic firearm safety training to avoid unintentionally harming themselves or others.
- Closes Oregon's background check loophole, so violent criminals are identified before they can purchase a weapon.
- Institutes permit-to-purchase for new gun owners, reducing "impulse buys" by people experiencing their worst moments.
- Bans the sale of large-capacity magazines over ten rounds.

These are reasonable requirements to help reduce the gun violence in our communities. At the same time, they maintain our ability to continue to own and use firearms for hunting, target shooting, collecting, and for self-defense.

We believe we can help break this vicious cycle of gun-violence if responsible gun owners step forward and demand changes that effectively address these harms while protecting our rights. If we don't, we all remain locked in stalemate and arguments that produce no solutions.

We support responsible gun ownership. We support Measure 114.

**Paul Kemp & Tom O'Connor
Co-Founders of Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership PAC**

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

OUR SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SAFE PLACES TO LEARN

"For over 100 years, Oregon PTA has been dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being, and educational success. Our schools need to be safe places for children to learn and grow. That's why we encourage a YES vote on Measure 114"

- Lisa Kensel, Oregon PTA President

For parents, students and educators, there are no more frightening words than "active shooter."

Schools should be safe spaces for learning. But gun violence shatters that safety.

Active shooters are often armed with large-capacity magazines. These are military-style firearms that can shoot 20 or more times without reloading.

Teachers and educators have literally stood between their students and an active shooter. Now we ask you to stand with us.

Oregonians want safe schools

We are voting YES on Measure 114

Measure 114 will prohibit large-capacity magazines, close the background check loophole, and require a permit to purchase firearms. According to Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, states with similar laws have 56% fewer mass shootings.

Please stand with current and former teachers. Vote yes on Measure 114.

*Ginger Rembold, Baker City, Middle School Teacher, Retired
Adaline Padlina, Albany, School Family Advocate, Retired
Gretchen Kimsey, The Dalles,
Elementary School Teacher, Retired
Liz Henderson, Salem, Public Health Educator
Julie Hastings, Gladstone, College Educator
Chris Nord, Albany, Community College Educator
Marsha Goldwasser, Hillsboro, Middle School Teacher
Cary Strauch, North Clackamas,
Elementary School Teacher, Retired
Carey Hilbert, Eugene, Academic Advisor
Dayna Sims Curtis, Centennial School District,
Elementary School Teacher*

*Thiel Larson, Bend-LaPine School District,
Music Teacher, Retired*

*Lorraine Anderson, Corvallis, College Educator, Retired
Cheryl Stevenson, Corvallis, High School Teacher, Retired
Barbara Hanawalt, Portland,
Elementary School Teacher, Retired*

Theresa Kirsch, Beaverton, High School Teacher, Retired

Barbara Ternus, Hillsboro, High School Teacher, Retired

Lydia Rich, Portland, Preschool Teacher, Retired

Theresa J. May, Eugene, College Educator

Sue Burden-Dickman, Springfield, Middle School Teacher

Mike Hawes, Seaside, High School Teacher

Kim Hosford, School Psychologist, Jackson County

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Military-Style High-Capacity Magazines Make Shootings Deadlier - Vote YES on Measure 114

There have been more mass shootings in America in 2022 than days in the year. We volunteer with Moms Demand Action because we know it doesn't have to be this way. **Our movement has over 200,000 supporters across Oregon from Bend to Eugene to Hillsboro to Portland, and we'll be voting YES on Measure 114 because it will save lives.**

High-capacity magazines have been used in all of the deadliest mass shootings in the last decade. That's why Washington, California, and ten other states already prohibit them. Measure 114 would limit the sale and possession of magazines capable of firing more than 10 bullets without needing to reload.

Firearms that hold 20, 30 or even 50 rounds are not designed for hunting or self-defense; they are military-grade weapons designed to kill as many people as quickly as possible. High-capacity magazines make it easy for shooters to inflict maximum damage by allowing more shots to be fired without needing to stop to reload. **When high-capacity magazines are used in a mass shooting, nearly five times as many people are shot.**

Our military follows strict training and safety protocols before soldiers are allowed to handle and fire weapons with high-capacity magazines. Yet here in Oregon an 18-year-old can purchase a gun with a military-style high-capacity magazine from a sporting goods store in less than an hour.

Many of us are gun owners, and we don't need these military-grade magazines to go hunting, enjoy a day at the range or to defend our families. We urge our fellow Oregonians to vote YES on Measure 114.

Hilary Uhlig, Hillsboro, OR
Jean Carlton, Bend, OR
Diane Peterson, Eugene, OR
Amie Wexler, Portland, OR

Leaders with the Oregon Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

(This information furnished by Hilary Uhlig, a leader of the Oregon Chapter of the volunteer grassroots network of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.)

Argument in Favor

The number of people in Oregon killed or injured by gunfire increased by 86% between 2014 and 2021, but Oregonians can reverse the tidal wave of gun violence by passing Measure 114.

Measure 114 creates higher standards of gun ownership and reduces the number of bullets in a firearm magazine. Permit to purchase and limiting ammunition capacity are two of the most effective laws to reduce gun violence.

MEASURE 114 ACCOMPLISHES 5 CRITICAL GOALS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE:

- Requires a permit to purchase or trade a firearm.
- Eliminates the Charleston Loophole by requiring a gun buyer to successfully pass a firearm background check before acquiring the gun.
- Requires a buyer to successfully complete a training course with classroom and hands-on firearm experience.
- Limits magazine capacity to ten rounds (bullets).
- Prohibits the sale, transfer, trade, or manufacture of high-capacity magazines for civilian use.

Measure 114 provides a long-needed method to ensure that the BIPOC and LGBTQI communities, women, and other minorities can acquire a firearm without fear of discrimination. According to a June 2021 survey by Johns Hopkins, 80% of Black gun owners support permit to purchase laws. Under Measure 114, if a permit is denied, the permit agent must state the reason for denial in writing. The applicant has the right to a prompt appeal process in court.

Permits reduce both homicide and suicide. When Connecticut passed a firearm permit law, its homicide rate dropped by 28% and its suicide rate dropped by 33%.

Reduced magazine size saves lives. When the Sandy Hook shooter stopped to reload, 11 children escaped to safety. The Tucson shooting that injured Gabby Giffords was stopped when a woman grabbed the magazine from the shooter as he reloaded. Oregon hunters will not be impacted by limited magazine capacity.

Ceasefire Oregon urges you to vote YES on Measure 114.

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Clergy and Clerics Urge Your Yes Vote On 114

Our support of Measure 114 is a moral act and expression of our deeply-held religious beliefs. We come from communities all across our great state with a shared belief that we are called to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

As faith leaders, we preside at memorials for those who've lost their lives to gun violence, provide healing and support to survivors, raise awareness about these preventable events, and vow to not stand idly by, but take appropriate action to prevent gun-related tragedies from happening again. We believe that the right to own and maintain firearms does not outweigh our responsibility to protect life against injury or death related to firearms. So we stand united in urging all Oregonians to vote YES in favor of this common sense, gun safety legislation.

Rev. Dr. Hugh Anderson, former Executive Presbyter, Cascades Presbytery
Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie, United Methodist Campus Minister, Pacific University
Imam Abdulah-ef. Polovina, Islamic Bosniaks Educational and Cultural Organization
Revs. Patricia and Thomas Campbell-Schmitt, Pastors Emeriti, St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Rev. Judith B. Meckling, retired Episcopal Priest
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth G.W. Klein, Deacon, Grace Memorial
Rev. Andrea Cano, Minister, United Church of Christ
Rev. Cynthia Wunder, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Jeroird Russell, Jr., D. Min., Roman Catholic Community
Sheila O'Connell-Roussell, D. Min, Roman Catholic Community
Rabbi Rachel Joseph, Congregation Beth Israel
Rev. Murray Richmond, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. J.W. Matt Hennessee, Vancouver Avenue Baptist
Rev. David Knapp, Pastor, St. James Lutheran Church
Rabbi David Kosak, Congregation Neveh Shalom
Rev. Anthony Lathan, Augustana Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Koski, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Linda Jaramillo, United Church of Christ, former national staff
Rev. Sylvia J. Egan, Clergy, United Church of Christ

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

My brother-in-law was killed in the Clackamas Town Center shooting on December 11, 2012

We can reduce the number of tragic gun deaths in our community.

That's why I am voting YES on Measure 114.

Just under 10 years ago, an angry young man spent the night at a friend's house with the intention of taking several guns that were left unattended, unlocked, and fully loaded, in order to commit a mass shooting.

With premeditation, the shooter bought four 30 round high-capacity magazines and ammunition to fill those magazines in the days ahead of December 11, 2012 shooting.

That young man used the military-style weapon he had stolen and loaded with high capacity magazines to kill my brother-in-law Steve Forsyth, hospice nurse Cindy Yuille and to severely wound a teenager. Then the killer committed suicide.

My brother-in-law was at the Clackamas Town Center Mall that day, along with my sister and niece and several thousand other people working and shopping.

Steve was a father, husband, son, brother, friend, coach, neighbor, and businessman.

I will never forget the screams I heard when we had to tell my teenage nephew that his father had been killed at the mall. Or, when I called Steve's brother to let him know that Steve had been shot to death.

This was not an isolated incident of gun violence. And still **today, a teenager in Oregon can walk into a sporting goods store and buy a military-style weapon with a magazine that can fire 30 or more times without needing to reload.**

We can take action to prevent these types of senseless tragedies in the future.

Measure 114 will limit sales of the kind of high capacity magazines that were used in the Clackamas Town Center shooting. And it will require safety training and education for new gun purchasers about how to safely store firearms.

Please, join me in voting YES on Measure 114.

- Paul Kemp, Clackamas County

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

IRAQ WAR VETERAN VOTING YES ON 114

As an Iraq War Veteran, I have experienced the reality of assault weapons and the destruction they cause firsthand. That's why I am voting YES on Measure 114.

I served in the Marine Corps Infantry from 2007-2011. During my enlistment, I deployed to Fallujah, Iraq in 2008 and a Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2010.

In the Marine Corps, you earn the right to carry your rifle through months of training, and weapons safety is paramount.

The discipline and respect for our weapons is important because an accidental discharge can have life-ending consequences. Anytime we were training with live ammunition, safety was always the number one priority.

Yet, right now anyone in Oregon can buy military-grade weapons without any training or additional screening.

Measure 114 will require a completed background check, permit and hands-on safety training to make sure that people who buy these weapons use them safely.

Semi-automatic assault rifles and high-capacity magazines were designed for the battlefield and do not belong in our communities. There is a reason that this type of equipment has been used in mass shootings-they were designed as weapons of war.

Measure 114 will limit access to magazines that can fire 20, 30 or even 50 bullets without needing to reload. This will help prevent future mass shootings.

Since I have returned to civilian life, I have done a lot of reflection and healing regarding my service. These days I see a disconnect for some people between the idea of having the freedom to own and use these types of weapons, and the actual responsibility that comes with that freedom.

Operating a firearm is a huge responsibility. I believe background checks and hands-on gun safety training should be part of the process for anyone who wants to own these types of weapons.

-- Jordan VanSise, Oregonian and Former U.S. Marine

Find answers to your questions at VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon says vote "YES" on Measure 114

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon represents a diverse coalition of Christians across the state of Oregon.

We invite all people of faith and goodwill to vote YES on Measure 114.

This measure emerges out of a grassroots effort led by faith leaders. It is a powerful example of citizens enacting change for the good of our state.

Every act of gun violence is an affront to Christian principles, tearing at the fabric of social order and corroding human flourishing and dignity.

We believe all Oregonians have the right to reside in a state free from gun violence. Ensuring responsible and well-trained gun ownership and eliminating high-capacity magazines is vital to this effort.

As people of faith, we must act: our faith compels us. These reasonable policies have broad support and give us a real chance at curbing gun violence in Oregon.

A "yes" vote on Measure 114 sends a strong message that enough is enough.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a nonprofit with a nearly 100-year history. We run programs for houseless youth, the food insecure, immigrants, refugees, survivors of intimate partner violence, those living with HIV/AIDS, and more. EMO also partners with community members in advocating for policies that help create a more just and sustainable Oregon by building bipartisan coalitions that lead to lasting change.

Visit us at www.emoregon.org to join us in this work.

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Lift Every Voice Oregon - Yes on Measure 114

We started Lift Every Voice Oregon in response to horrific mass shootings in schools, shopping malls, houses of worship, festivals, nightclubs, and stores in our state and around the nation.

We also saw inaction on common sense gun laws in the face of rising suicides and shootings which don't make the news but destroy lives, families, and communities.

States that have enacted laws similar to Measure 114, requiring permits to purchase, training, completed background checks before the gun is placed in the hands of a buyer, and prohibiting the sale of large-capacity magazines, have seen dramatic reductions in gun violence.

Measure 114 provides for consistent and equitable administration of these changes for all.

It is time for Oregon voters to take a stand to keep our schools and communities safe.

[Vote YES on Measure 114.](#)

Rev. Dr. Walter John Knutson, III, Sr. Pastor,
Augustana Lutheran Church
Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Sr. Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel
Marilyn Keller, Vocal Instrument/Lyricist, International vocalist
Rev. Alcena Boozer, Chief Petitioner (2018-2020), Rector
Emerita St. Philip the Deacon Church, Former Principal
Jefferson High School

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Retired Oregon Police Chief and Crisis Intervention Specialist:

[Measure 114 is an Opportunity For Us All](#)

I have 33 years in law enforcement, including five years as Police Chief in Astoria, and fifteen years as Police Chief in Hillsboro. I trained as a hostage negotiator, and I've written a book about crisis intervention. I currently teach Criminal Justice at Portland State University and Portland Community College.

I am also a U.S. Marine veteran who served in Vietnam.

I can say with confidence that I know something about guns, gun safety, and the impact of regulations – and the lack of regulations – on public safety and the safety of law enforcement personnel.

[Measure 114 is an opportunity, and I deeply hope that my fellow Oregonians will seize it.](#)

Permit-to-purchase allows us to provide vital services to gun owners, including training and important safety information.

This will help prevent tragedies. It also allows us to identify and exclude people who should not own a gun, including those with violent criminal histories or those experiencing a mental health crisis.

The Measure provides an important safety check in the gun buying process and a pause that reduces impulse purchases made in the heat of anger or the depths of despair. I believe Measure 114 will absolutely save lives.

I'm a war veteran. I saw what a semi-automatic rifle with a 20-round magazine could do to a human being. Sadly, this is a tragedy we now see so often across America.

[My time in the Marines and as Police Chief in Astoria and Hillsboro convinced me that large-capacity magazines have no place on our streets.](#) They are for war, and don't belong in our communities. Measure 114 puts reasonable limits on the sale and use of large-capacity ammunition magazines.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 114.

- Retired Police Chief Ron Louie

Find out more at VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

Voting YES on Measure 114 Will Save Lives

At a time when both gun deaths and gun sales are near all-time highs in Oregon, it's more important than ever to strengthen the state's background check system to prevent dangerous people from having easy access to guns.

Measure 114 would require Oregonians to obtain a permit before buying a firearm, allowing law enforcement to keep guns out of the hands of those who shouldn't have them. It ensures that before anyone can purchase a gun in Oregon, they must first go through a **background check and safety training** to guarantee they know how to use a gun responsibly. Basic training on how to handle, load, shoot, and store a gun makes everyone safer, including the gun owner.

Permits also help prevent suicides by making it harder for individuals in crisis to get quick access to a firearm. New gun owners must undergo a waiting period while their permit application is reviewed by law enforcement, which can provide a lifesaving opportunity to seek help when they are in crisis.

When states pass firearm permitting laws, gun homicide rates can decrease by 28 percent and gun suicide rates can decrease by 33 percent. In fact, states with permit requirements have among the lowest rates of gun violence in the country. There are also checks and balances to permitting systems - anyone whose application for a permit is denied can appeal the decision in court.

Not only would Measure 114 save lives - it can save Oregon billions of dollars. As survivors, families, communities, employers, and taxpayers, we all pay for the enormous costs associated with gun violence. In an average year, 544 people die by guns in Oregon and an additional 617 are injured, costing Oregon more than \$8 billion for things like medical care, police response, criminal justice services, employer costs, and lost earnings when someone dies or becomes disabled.

-Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund

(This information furnished by John Feinblatt, President, Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund.)

Argument in Favor

GUN VIOLENCE IMPACTS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR EVERY DAY

We've seen too many tragedies, attended too many funerals, prayed for too many families. We have waited too long for the Oregon legislature to be bold and take action to prevent gun violence.

Now we can vote YES for the safety of our schools and communities.

- Permit-to-purchase will limit impulsive gun purchases by people experiencing rage or a mental health crisis.
- Limiting large-capacity magazines will make mass shootings less deadly.
- Closing the background check loophole will keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them.

[The victims of gun violence in America are disproportionately Black and brown.](#)

States that have adopted permit-to-purchase and background checks have significantly reduced their gun homicides and suicides. And Buffalo, Charleston, El Paso, and Uvalde remind us that large-capacity magazines are weapons of war, and don't belong in civilian hands.

"We need bold, decisive, actions against gun violence in our schools, churches, and our communities. Together we can and must make a stand to protect our children and our neighbor's children. Join me and vote YES."

--**State Senator James Manning**

"As a dad, a gun owner and a Black man, I am voting yes on Measure 114 because it will make our communities safer."

--**Gary Hollands, School Board Member, Portland**

"Fully 70% of the people who are killed by gun violence in the Portland area are Black, Indigenous and People of Color. I'm voting yes on Measure 114 because I know it will help reduce gun violence in our communities."

--**State Representative Khahn Pham**

"When tools of any kind are misused by community members, we have to make and take extra care to increase safety."

--**Andrea Robideau, Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota**

"Measure 114 will save lives." -

--**Antoinette Edwards, Community Leader, Portland**

Find more information and see who else supports Measure 114 at VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

A Message From Survivors of Gun Violence

We are survivors of gun violence. Some of us have been injured, or narrowly escaped. Some of us have lost friends and siblings, parents and children, loved ones and spouses. We bear the weight of unbearable loss. We work every day to find our way through the deepest grief.

For some of us, this measure would have made all the difference.

We can't change what happened to us and to our loved ones in the past. But we can take action now to reduce gun violence in the future.

Measure 114 will save lives.

Please vote YES on Measure 114.

Join us in voting yes on Measure 114. Vote yes for everyone you love who doesn't yet know what it means to have their whole world shattered, in the time it takes to pull a trigger.

Carol & Robert Christ, in memory of our niece, Pam

Victoria Hartt, in memory of a hospice nurse

Eugenia Diane Imel, in memory of Kevin Imel

Catherine Ingram, in memory of Mark Fagan

Mary Jacks, in memory of my husband, Dave

Eileen Kemp, in memory of a family member

Liz McKanna, in memory of my family friend

Rev. Judith B. Meckling, in memory of a close friend

Dr. Zarya Rubin, in memory of my classmate

Bethany Rydmark, in memory of my cousin

Doreen Dodgen-Magee, in memory of my sister in law,

Laura, my nieces, Sarah, Rachel, & April, and my

mother in law, Margaret

Adam Smith, in memory of Mikey, Danny, Andy, and Stan

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

SCHOOL LEADERS ACROSS OREGON SUPPORT MEASURE 114

Thurston High School in Springfield, Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Rosemary Anderson High School in Portland, Umpqua Community College in Roseburg.

Over the past twenty-five years, Oregonians have experienced the horror of school shootings.

High-capacity magazines have been used in every one of America's deadliest mass shootings. That's not a surprise, as they are truly weapons of war, allowing a shooter to fire 20 or 30 or 50 times before needing to stop and reload. This deprives victims of an opportunity to flee, or law enforcement a chance to act.

"As a school board member, and as a parent, there is nothing more important to me than the safety of our kids at school. Every time there is a new school shooting, it's heartbreaking to know that simple things like requiring permits, banning large-capacity magazines, and completed background checks could have saved young lives."

- **Carrie McPherson Douglass, Bend-La Pine School Board Member**

Measure 114 will keep our students safer by:

- Limiting the sale of high-capacity magazines.
- Requiring complete background checks to buy a gun.
- Requiring safety training before a gun purchase.
- Establishing a permit-to-purchase process.

WE ALL WANT SAFE SCHOOLS AND SAFE COMMUNITIES WE ARE VOTING YES ON 114

As school leaders from across Oregon, we are committed to the safety of all of our students and employees.

Measure 114 is our chance, as school board members, superintendents, parents, and concerned citizens, to save lives here in Oregon.

Please stand with us to support this common sense initiative.

Verne A. Duncan, Former Oregon Superintendent of Schools

Bruce Abernethy, Central Oregon Community College Board

Elizabeth Durant, Chair, Parkrose School Board

Sarah Finger McDonald, Chair, Corvallis School Board

Gary Hollands, Portland Public School Board

Amy Kohnstamm, Portland Public School Board

Carrie McPherson Douglass, Bend-La Pine School Board

Maya Rabasa, Chair, Eugene 4J School Board

Michael Thomson, Greater Albany School Board

Find out more at VoteYesOn114.org

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.)

Argument in Favor

Law Enforcement Professionals Support Measure 114

Everyone in law enforcement has an interest in keeping guns out of the hands of people intent on doing harm to others. We are all safer when people who own and handle firearms have completed safety training. And we can reduce the number of shootings in our communities by stopping illegal transfers of firearms

Measure 114 will make our Oregon communities safer.

By requiring all firearm purchasers to complete a criminal background check, we can keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them.

By ensuring that people who want to buy a gun first go through safety training, we can reduce the kinds of accidental shootings that too often end in tragedy.

And by limiting high capacity magazines – ammunition magazines that allow a shooter to fire 20, 30 or even 50 bullets without needing to reload – we can keep these military-style weapons off our streets.

We are law enforcement professionals who have spent our careers trying to make Oregon's communities safer.

We support Measure 114. And we urge you to support it too.

Ron Louie, Chief of Police (Ret.)
Donald E. Clark, Multnomah County Sheriff (Ret.)
Derrick Foxworth, Sr., Chief of Police (Ret.)
Dorothy E. Elmore, Assistant Chief of Police (Ret.)
District Attorney Matt Ellis, Wasco County
District Attorney John Hummel, Deschutes County
District Attorney Mike Schmidt, Multnomah County
District Attorney John Haroldson, Benton County

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

MEASURE 114 WILL SAVE LIVES

Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities are impacted more by gun violence than white communities. The news focuses on mass tragedies in places like Charleston, Buffalo, Uvalde, and El Paso. But this isn't the end of the story.

Every day Black and brown Oregonians are killed, injured, and impacted by gun violence with little to no news coverage. This is happening in our communities, to our families, to our children.

- Black men, just 6% of the US population, make up 52% of all gun violence deaths.
- Young Latinos and Latinas, just 4% of the population, account for 8% of all gun homicide victims.
- In 2020, American Indian/Alaska Native people were 3.7 times more likely to be a victim of firearm homicide compared to their white counterparts. American Indian/Alaska Native males had the highest firearm suicide rate compared to the other races/ethnicities.

We can't stop all shootings before they happen, but we can do better for our communities.

State Senator Kayse Jama:

"I've seen firsthand the impacts of gun violence in Oregon communities. I support the common sense reforms and will be voting yes on Measure 114."

Francisco Aguirre, VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network:

"Gun violence in Oregon is affecting our Latino communities, especially our youth. Let's vote for a more humane Oregon where we all build love for all without gun violence."

State Representative Tawna Sanchez:

"My community has seen too much gun violence and it's time for action. As a gun owner, I know Measure 114 is the type of sensible change we need."

Maria Delgado, Community Leader:

"I support Measure 114 because I am concerned about safety, because I have children and because I personally know people in the community directly impacted by the shootings."

Black, Indigenous and Communities of Color are the most impacted by daily gun violence and shootings. Please vote YES on Measure 114.

(This information furnished by Jo Ann Fricker, on behalf of Lift Every Voice Oregon.)

Argument in Opposition

Don't be fooled again.

Ballot Measure 114 will virtually eliminate your ability to protect yourself and your family.

Under Measure 114 you may not obtain a firearm for your protection without the permission of your local police chief or sheriff.

You will be required to take police-authorized training that almost no police will be able to provide.

You can be charged an unlimited fee for the training, (if you can find anyone to give it) and the required background check could literally take forever.

All your private information will be in a database that the measure requires to be published.

There is no limit on the information the police can demand in their background check and the "permit" does not even allow you to purchase a firearm. It only allows you to ask permission from the State Police a *second* time when you attempt your purchase. That process can literally take forever, again.

At a time when violent crime is skyrocketing and police are not responding, this measure will have a devastating effect on our poorest communities and put those in high crime areas in even greater jeopardy.

114 will make criminals out of law abiding Oregonians for the simple possession of items they may have lawfully owned for decades while dangerous and violent criminals are released onto our streets.

Get the facts before you vote. Visit stop114.com

(This information furnished by Kevin K Starrett, Stop 114 Committee.)

Argument in Opposition

Oregon Sheriffs Oppose Measure 114 as it violates current federal case law and the U.S. Constitution.

The United States (U.S.) 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (Oregon's U.S. Federal District Court) struck down a nearly identical ban (to what is contained in this measure) on high-capacity magazines in the state of California. The U.S. 9th Circuit Court's findings is the California ban violated the U.S. Constitution. In *Duncan v. Bonta*, 979 F3d 1133 (2020), a panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court held that the state of California's ban on high-capacity magazines violated the U.S. Constitution's 2nd Amendment. The full U.S. 9th Circuit Court later overturned this opinion, and the U.S. Supreme Court then reversed the full U.S. 9th Circuit Court ruling and sent it back for to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court for reconsideration. The 2020 panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court's decision is currently the law, and this panel's ruling clearly states that a high-capacity magazine ban violates the U.S. Constitution's 2nd Amendment.

Regardless of whether you agree with the federal court decision or not, the United States remains a nation of laws, and the judicial branch of government has held that banning magazines over 10 rounds violates the U.S. Constitution's 2nd Amendment. If this measure is enacted, it will result in immediate litigation to declare the measure unconstitutional. Based upon the current law of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court, there is no question that it is in fact unconstitutional.

Oregon Sheriffs are sworn to uphold the laws and Constitution. Sheriffs are sworn in good faith support a measure that a Federal Court has said violates the U.S. Constitution.

Please Join Oregon Sheriffs in voting no on Measure 114 as it is clear that this measure will violate federal case law and the U.S. Constitution.

(This information furnished by Jason Myers, Executive Director-Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.)

Argument in Opposition

MEASURE 114 IS MISLEADING AND EXTREME

The ballot title and official statement are false and misleading. They don't tell the truth about this proposed law, which, if passed will effectively prohibit the sale of firearms and ban common types of guns and magazines currently owned in Oregon.

Measure 114 is not what it appears to be. The true but hidden impacts would:

- Allow cities and counties that are anti-gun to prevent anyone from ever getting a right to buy/transfer a firearm simply by not funding or providing the mandatory courses, live-fire classes and investigations required to obtain a purchase permit.
- Allow police and sheriffs and the OSP to delay required background checks for months or years without any right to challenge or appeal the delay.
- Remove the current protection that requires the police and sheriffs to conduct and complete background checks within less than a week.
- Turn thousands of law-abiding Oregonians into criminals overnight because they own the most common firearms/magazines, while refusing to arrest or prosecute violent criminals who use firearms to commit crimes and who are routinely released by politicians who want to take guns away from law-abiding citizens.
- Prevent minorities, inner city residents, farmers, ranchers, low-income or fixed-income Oregonians from exercising their right to keep and bear arms by setting up huge costs, delays, and financial hurdles making it practically impossible for them to ever buy firearms for hunting or self defense.
- Put gun dealers out of business.
- Force Oregonians to travel out-of-state to purchase firearms.
- **114 will NOT:** Prevent violent crime or mass shootings because criminals will never comply with the law; only law abiding gun owners will be restricted.
- Prevent mass shootings because murderers or terrorists can use a dozen 10-round magazines to create the same destruction as four 30 round magazines, but why would they comply with magazine limits anyway?

Don't be fooled by the misleading and false advertising supporting 114

Protect YOUR 2nd Amendment Rights!

PLEASE VOTE NO!

(This information furnished by Paul Donheffner, Chairman, Legislative Committee, on behalf of the Oregon Hunters Association.)

Argument in Opposition

Responsible Oregonians Recommend Vote No!

Ballot Measure 114 (BM114) is a flawed and unworkable attempt to limit firearms sales in Oregon based on the erroneous assumption that guns cause crime. BM114 seeks only to establish a costly bureaucratic nightmare to make firearms ownership difficult for some, and nearly impossible for many.

Obvious problems include:

- BM114 will have no effect on criminals or our uncontrolled crime wave as they do not follow the current laws or document gun purchases. BM114 will however, make criminals of Oregon's law-abiding citizens.

- Background checks are required and supported now. Adding redundant permits, processes, training, tests, etc. will be an extraordinary burden on law enforcement requiring an estimated \$400 million in tax dollars in the next 5 years for state-wide programs, staffing, and range constructions that are not now available.
- The costs and complications will hinder, or block, our marginalized populations (age, gender, race, orientation, ...) the most, as they attempt to provide self-defense for themselves and their families.
- BM114 is more likely to cost lives than save them, as it impedes efforts to prevent suicide and enables criminals to take advantage of unarmed victims.
- BM114 violates personal privacy and the 2nd amendment. Recent Federal court rulings have judged restriction of commonly owned firearms and accessories as unconstitutional.

BM114 is an example of special interest groups misleading well-meaning Oregon Citizens with a gun control agenda instead of seeking to save lives.

The Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges (OASR) support, our current background check and extreme protection (red flag) laws, as they prevent firearms possession by those with conditions that pose threats to themselves or others.

With key partners across Oregon, OSSA and OASR drive firearms safety, safe storage, children's safety, and suicide prevention in our communities. We develop and utilize safe ranges, education, training, with recreation and competitive programs.

Kerry Spurgin, President, Oregon State Shooting Association
George Pitts, Chairman, Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges

(This information furnished by Kerry Spurgin, President, Oregon State Shooting Association.)

Argument in Opposition

Measure 114 Threatens Your Civil Liberties

Measure 114 has many provisions that destroy our 2nd Amendment Rights. It creates an unprecedented and dangerous bureaucratic state system designed to impede and prevent law abiding citizens from purchasing firearms. This measure is deceptive and dangerous.

The "permit to purchase" requirement puts up new roadblocks that will be difficult if not impossible for law abiding citizens to navigate around. It creates an unnecessary trap, with classes that do not exist, live-fire training that will be impossible to find, and a lack of funding to implement.

In fact, there is nothing in 114 that compels law enforcement to issue permits if they are unable to find the funding or staffing to do so. No permit equals no gun sales to anyone. It's a perfect trap and designed on purpose.

Law enforcement in Oregon is woefully underfunded and understaffed. It can barely respond to anything but the most violent crimes. How can we expect it to gear up overnight to conduct classes, live-fire training, background checks, fingerprinting and issue permits? It won't happen! As a result citizens lose the right to purchase/transfer any firearms.

114 creates a state-run database of all gun owners, with no right of privacy or protection, revealing all your personal information. Victims of domestic violence will be at risk of their private information being made public along with their efforts to purchase a firearm for self defense.

Who honestly believes that a state database of gun owners can't or won't be used for the wrong reasons? The recent public release of all gun owner information in California proves that we have good reason to be fearful that this data can be hacked, stolen and used against its own citizens by the Government or criminals.

More BIG Government, redundant background checks and intrusive data collection aren't the answer to reducing gun violence.

Measure 114 IS A CLEAR THREAT TO OUR CIVIL LIBERTY.

PLEASE VOTE NO on 114

(This information furnished by Paul Donheffner, Chairman, Legislative Committee, on behalf of the Oregon Hunters Association.)

Argument in Opposition

Will Destroy Oregon's Hunting Heritage

The Oregon Hunters Association, with 26 chapters statewide and over 10,000 members urges all Oregonians to **VOTE NO** on this dangerous and misleading measure. We are law abiding citizens who hunt and own firearms for what we do, including sport shooting and self defense.

114 does nothing to reduce gun violence. The criminals and gangs that are shooting in the streets don't bother to get background checks or purchase legal firearms. 114 will make matters worse by diverting time and funding from law enforcement to a new "permit to purchase" scheme which only inhibits the ability of honest citizens to purchase firearms.

114 creates the most radical, extremist anti-civil rights law in the entire country and allows Oregon government to hold up firearms permits indefinitely, for months or years, without any right to challenge the delay, so law-abiding citizens will not be able to purchase/transfer firearms.

114 tramples our Constitutional right to own firearms. The complicated, expensive and impossible to comply with process for obtaining a "permit to purchase" reveals the real goal of 114 - to eliminate all gun sales in Oregon. **We already require criminal background checks to purchase! Another redundant "permit background check" is completely unnecessary.**

114 allows cities, counties and police departments to prevent all firearm sales. If they simply don't provide funding for staffing and the mandatory courses, live-fire testing, investigations, background checks required by measure there will be **ZERO** gun sales/transfers.

114 makes law abiding citizens into criminals for owning commonly used magazines, handguns and shotguns.

114 effectively ends the traditions of youth hunting and target shooting that Oregonians have enjoyed for generations.

This measure attempts to take away our right to buy firearms. Next year they want to ban all hunting and fishing in Oregon (IP3). We must stop this crazy stuff!

STOP out-of-state interest groups trying to control Oregonians!

Protect your Constitutional rights before we lose them!

Just VOTE NO on 114

(This information furnished by Paul Donheffner, Chairman, Legislative Committee, on behalf of the Oregon Hunters Association.)

Argument in Opposition

OREGON SHERIFFS OPPOSE MEASURE 114

This measure will divert local enforcement resources/first responders, by requiring local law enforcement agencies to create and fund a permit process out of local budgets. It will move scarce law enforcement resources away from protecting our communities to doing backgrounds and issuing permits. **This shift in resources will put every Oregon community at greater risk for violence.**

The Oregon Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) was asked to provide a local cost estimate for this measure. After careful review we determined that the process to obtain a firearm purchase permit is nearly identical to the current Concealed Handgun License (CHL) process. We used thirty years of experience with CHL permits to develop a conservative cost estimate to implement this program statewide based on an average of 300,000 firearms transactions per year (estimated number from the Oregon State Police).

Local agencies would need to hire an estimated 275 employees to issue 300,000 permits a year at a cost of 28 million dollars annually. Local agencies would have to pay Oregon State Police nearly 14 million a year to do the required background checks. In all, we estimated that this measure would cost local agencies just over 49 million dollars annually, with expected permit fees covering only \$19.5 million.

That leaves nearly 30 million dollars a year that local governments would be required to shift from other law enforcement priorities to fund these permit programs. This would be done at a time when Oregon has the lowest number of officers per 1000 population in the nation and crime rates are skyrocketing.

We have all seen the devastating effects that reducing law enforcement personnel has on crime rates and lawlessness in our communities, reducing law enforcement makes no sense.

DON'T DIVERT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES/ FIRST RESPONDERS !

PLEASE VOTE NO ON MEASURE 114-IT PUTS EVERY COMMUNITY IN OREGON AT RISK.

(This information furnished by Jason Myers, Executive Director-Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.)

Argument in Opposition

Gun violence is an urgent problem that needs effective action; however, Measure 114 has serious potential to harm some of our most vulnerable communities. It is important to consider POC (people of color) and people of marginalized genders who will be unfairly targeted by poorly written, misleading, and unclear laws, which is why we urge you to vote NO on this bill.

The ambiguous wording of this bill-which gives police the power to determine who can or cannot obtain a gun based on unclear criteria-leaves vulnerable groups reliant on the whims of law enforcement. The bill is written to mislead by calling these police officers "permit agents" but they are in fact either police chiefs or county sheriffs. Law enforcement should not be responsible for deciding who is allowed to be armed, especially when they have a long and recent history of oppressing marginalized groups.

These kinds of laws have been used to incarcerate and extend sentences for POC and gender nonconforming individuals. The magazine ban requires people in possession of standard magazines over 10 rounds to have an undefined form of proof that they possessed the magazines before the effective date of the bill. Additionally, a written exception for law enforcement agents will likely exclude their personal magazines from the ban. It is probable that the only people who will face the burden of proof will be those already targeted by police.

This bill as written serves to imprison and punish otherwise law-abiding vulnerable groups, all in the name of preventing gun violence. The police effectively get to decide who should be armed-a decision which may be prohibitively expensive to appeal-without any oversight.

Please vote No on Measure 114.

PDX SRA is the Portland chapter of the Socialist Rifle Association, a 501(c)(4) firearms education organization that seeks to empower those marginalized by a capitalist society.

(This information furnished by Charles E Rose, Jr, Portland Socialist Rifle Association.)

Argument in Opposition

This measure is not what it seems. It shows a **dangerous ignorance of the reality that our complex public safety system includes more than just state police**. The administrative, financial and data burden this measure creates overshadows the high-capacity magazine ban.

- The measure **fails to communicate** that Oregon already has a "complete background check" on every gun purchase, flags for anyone purchasing multiple handguns and a system for education and fingerprints used for concealed carry holders.
- This proposes to **create ANOTHER overlapping system** and force collaboration and data aggregation responsibility onto the already overburdened state police instead of enhancing the current system.
- Sheriff estimates the fees collected will only cover half of the **\$40 million** needed to enact this law. The remaining **\$20 MILLION IS UNFUNDED**.
- Security guards protect Oregon industry and businesses, the life blood of Oregon's economy, yet are not even mentioned except in training. **No provisions for expedited permits or magazine capacity for armed security guards**, many who are former law enforcement and military, and ALL are background checked and trained under DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, whose role is also omitted)
- **Shotguns**, industry recommended defense tools for security and business owners that are less likely to travel through walls to unintended targets, fit the definition for being "**banned**" and are not called out as permitted.
- Asks police to make subjective decisions in the permit process without psychological training or access to psychiatric records, which has been shown repeatedly to be used with bias. **We should be closing the door on institutional racism, not reopening it.**

The spirit of this law may make sense, but this is not the smart nor safe way to do it. As written, measure 114 is cost prohibitive, inefficient and cripples an already burdened public safety system when we need it most.

Greg Fishback
Chairman, Professional Security Association of Oregon,
PSAOregon.org
Owner, Defensive Arts Center, DefensiveArts.org

(This information furnished by Greg N Fishback, Chairman, PSAO.)

Argument in Opposition

Measure 114 is a disaster for Oregon's veteran communities.

Proponents of Measure 114 claim they want to prevent suicides, but their proposal will only make the situation worse. Their proposal includes a permit-to-purchase program and a ban on magazines that hold more than 10 bullets. These approaches don't prevent deaths by suicide, domestic violence, or gang violence. The permit-to-purchase program will make all non-purchase transfers illegal: ending effective, evidence-based suicide prevention techniques.

Researchers agree: temporarily storing firearms outside of the home is the best way to reduce suicide by firearm. In veteran and suicide prevention circles, this often looks like putting a firearm in a locked case and giving it to a trusted friend. Measure 114 would make this illegal and would lead to the arrest and prosecution of those who continue to use these effective, evidence-based approaches to save lives.

In short, Measure 114 would turn you into a criminal for trying to save someone you love.

- Veterans make up 8.7 percent of Oregon's population, but account for nearly 23 percent of suicides among Oregon residents (Suicide Among Oregon Veterans, 2008–2012).

- The veteran suicide rate in Oregon is already nearly 1.5 times the national average (Oregon Veteran Suicide Data Sheet, 2019).
- Over the past 20 years, approximately 7,000 Americans have suffered combat-related deaths, but during the same period, there have been over 30,000 veteran and service member suicides. 70% used a firearm (High Suicide Rates among United States Service Members and Veterans of the Post 9/11 Wars).
- **78% of firearm deaths in Oregon are suicides, not homicides (Oregon Health Authority Violent Death Data Dashboard).**

Oregon's veterans continue to suffer and die by suicide, sight unseen, and in numbers that should shock and shame us all. **Measure 114 is a misguided proposal that will interrupt proven and effective methods to prevent tragedies. Oregon veterans deserve better. Vote NO on Measure 114.**

(This information furnished by John Steinbaugh, Board Member, Forward Assist Veterans Org.)

Argument in Opposition

Rising Fascism Makes Community Defense Necessary

Between 2005-2010, I published a 'zine called *American Gun Culture Report*. My writers were overwhelmingly folks of color, LGBTQ and others who owned firearms because they cared about community defense and knew the violent history of gun control being used to disarm persecuted populations.

Since those years, I have been contacted by countless individuals sharing stories about using guns to resolve dangerous situations. Typical were examples close to me. One friend pointed her shotgun at a man who broke into her house, scaring him away, and another friend recently drew his pistol on a knife wielding man attempting a gay bashing attack, holding him until police arrived. In none of these cases were shots fired and a firearm ended the confrontations peacefully.

Many people told me they kept such stories themselves, because there is such a harmful stigma connecting guns with conservative politics. There are easily available statistics about firearms being used for terrible acts, yet none documenting how often they save lives. However, just a brief look at American history demonstrates the important role armed defense has played, from the Appalachian Mining Wars to Mississippi Civil Rights struggle. In more recent times, I have provided firearms training out in rural parts of Oregon where immigrant communities exist under regular threat from Right wing groups and law enforcement is distrusted or simply unavailable.

But gun violence finally touched my life. Last February, a dear friend was shot and almost killed at the hands of a fascist mass shooter who opened fire on a peaceful police accountability protest at a Portland park. One woman died and several others were wounded before antifascist security used their AR-15 to quickly stop him. Were Measure 114 in effect, my friend and many others would surely be dead.

Before voting, please consider all the consequences.

Thank you for your time.

Ross Eliot

www.occupy2a.blog

(This information furnished by Ross Gustafson, Antifascists of Cascadia.)

Argument in Opposition

Measure 114 Harms Funding for Wildlife Conservation

One thing we take for granted are the taxes from buying guns and ammunition. Since 1937 the Pittman-Robertson Federal Wildlife Restoration Act has allowed sportsmen to impose an 11 percent excise tax on themselves to fund wildlife conservation.

When hunters buy firearms, these taxes come back to Oregon supporting wildlife projects. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife received \$14.3 million in 2020 from sales of guns, ammunition and related equipment which supported wildlife conservation. 333,000 hunters and target shooters spent over \$300M on hunting and shooting-related purchases, supporting federal and state taxes, and more than 4,000 jobs.

An uninformed voter reading the 114 ballot title last sentence might think: "Oh, this restricts magazine capacity to 10 rounds." Measure 114 goes way beyond a 10-round restriction. **The real intent of Measure 114 is to stop gun sales. The unintended consequences hurt wildlife conservation.**

Measure 114 adds roadblocks to an already cumbersome purchase process. **It's a redundant background check** which includes applications, photographs, fingerprints, FBI criminal background check, mandatory gun safety class, and live-fire test, which come with hidden fees.

WE ALREADY HAVE MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECKS!

Measure 114 will not reduce gun violence! Criminals/gangs don't get background checks!

Worse, under Measure 114, there is nothing that compels police chiefs or sheriffs to implement a permit-to-purchase and live-fire training. If they don't have the staff or funding to process permit requests, all gun purchases/transfers stop.

Hunters support wildlife funding through groups like the Oregon Hunters Association, Ducks Unlimited and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation who raffle and auction firearms raising money for wildlife habitat and conservation efforts. 114 will end this fundraising. How many hunters will show up at a DU event if they don't have a chance to win a new waterfowl shotgun? Wildlife conservation loses again.

Measure 114 is dangerous and misleading!

Unintended consequences will severely reduce wildlife conservation funding in Oregon.

Support Wildlife, Vote NO on Measure 114.

(This information furnished by Paul Donheffner, Chairman, Legislative Committee, on behalf of the Oregon Hunters Association.)

Argument in Opposition

Oregon Hunters Stand United Against Measure 114

114 is a deceitful attempt to ban gun sales/transfers and make law abiding citizens into criminals. **It's really two measures disguised as one:** a ban on commonly used magazines, and a new permit-to-purchase scheme. Ballot measures are only supposed to have one subject. When did magazines and permit systems become one subject? If you vote to limit magazines, you are also approving the permits. **This is false packaging.**

Calling this the "Reduction of Gun Violence Act" is false and misleading. Gangs and criminals cause the majority of gun violence. 114 doesn't keep bad guys from getting guns or take them off the streets. It doesn't provide more needed law enforcement or hold criminals accountable.

Many firearms commonly sold today are capable of holding over 10 rounds. Everyday shotguns can accommodate more than 10 "mini" shot-shells, technically illegal. Many common handguns have a standard capacity over 10, and are therefore protected under the 2nd Amendment. 114 makes them illegal. Many hunters use larger magazines hunting varmints, for recreational shooting or self defense.

It will be impossible to prove you owned a larger magazine prior to passage without receipts, making law abiding gun owners into instant criminals.

Concealed handgun license holders with extensive background checks will still need a "permit to purchase". Military veterans and retired law enforcement with firearms training/experience don't get a pass. This makes no sense.

Hunter Education classes already teach firearms safety. They won't qualify. 114 sets back youth hunting and conservation fundraising forever.

The most dangerous part is creation of a permanent STATE DATABASE with all gun owner information. Big Government database of gun owners? **Only mischief and bad things will result.**

Learn what 114 REALLY does, and give a DAMN!

The Unintended Consequences will only hurt honest law-abiding citizens.

Don't be fooled by out-of-state interest groups.

We urge all Oregonians, their families and friends to join us:

Please Vote NO on 114

(This information furnished by Paul Donheffner, Chairman, Legislative Committee, on behalf of the Oregon Hunters Association.)

Argument in Opposition

Ballot measure 114 is the most dangerous and extreme attack on your rights in Oregon history.

While violent crime is skyrocketing and police are not responding, Measure 114 will make you even less safe.

114 will strip you of your right to acquire a firearm for self defense, ban standard ammunition magazines and most shotguns, cripple youth shooting sports, and cost law enforcement millions.

114 adds a second, redundant "background check" to the one already required by law.

Measure 114 will create a public database of the personal information of persons attempting to obtain a self defense firearm, even victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

114 requires a police approved "live fire" training class but ignores the fact that there are virtually no facilities to hold such classes.

114 has no limit on what can be charged for the required classes and gives police virtually unlimited discretion to demand any information they want before granting you a "permit" that does not even allow you to purchase a firearm. It allows the State Police to conduct background checks with no time limit. Currently some people are waiting up to two years for the State Police to complete the background checks that are already required .

114 outlaws the most common ammunition feeding devices and could make you a criminal for being in possession of one that you may have lawfully owned for decades.

114 takes scarce resources away from overburdened and underfunded police and will certainly lead to costly lawsuits.

114 is a direct attack on the most vulnerable and least affluent Oregonians.

Vote no on 114

(This information furnished by Kevin K Starrett, Oregon Firearms Political Action Committee.)

Argument in Opposition

Responsible Oregonian gun owners urge a NO vote on Measure 114.

Despite where you stand on Second Amendment issues, consider this: Oregon already has some of the strongest gun laws in the country. The problem is they aren't enforced, and Measure 114 does nothing but create new bureaucratic barriers to responsible gun ownership. It does not address the problem: enforcement of existing laws and access to mental health services.

Measure 114 targets the wrong people. Elected leaders must step up to address the root causes of crime. Complicated issues like this should not be legislated from the ballot box.

Measure 114 is fundamentally flawed:

- **Contains references to non-existent statutes.** This measure was written by out-of-state lawyers who do not understand Oregon. Major implementation problems are expected.
- **Violates Oregonians' privacy.** Requires police to develop a database with *no exemption from public disclosure*, which puts domestic violence survivors and other vulnerable populations at risk.
- **Does nothing to increase access to mental health care.**
- **Ignores the fact that criminals obtain guns on the illegal market.**
- **Does not fund law enforcement.** Instead, it gives law enforcement the impossible task of judging "psychological fitness" while the same advocates are working to defund the police.
- **Allows unlimited delays and fees that will make it harder for all Oregonians to own guns, with a disproportionate impact on marginalized communities.**
- **Targets the wrong people.** People who enjoy hunting and shooting will be loaded up with more costs and bureaucracy.
- **May prohibit United States military personnel and police from possessing common firearms while off duty.**

Learn more at www.ogo.org

(This information furnished by Paul V Phillips, President, Oregon Gun Owners.)

Argument in Opposition

Measure 114 is Misleading, Redundant, Unnecessary and Unfunded Oregon Hunters Join Law Enforcement Opposing this Bad Idea

Ballot initiatives like 114, written and funded by out-of-state special interests seldom work as promised. **Oregonians don't need or want the UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES these measures actually bring.**

"Reduction in Gun Violence Act" doesn't do what it says.

- It doesn't keep gangs and criminals from getting guns.
- It doesn't add actual law enforcement officers.
- It doesn't fund mental health.
- It doesn't hold violent criminals accountable.

It creates an **unfunded** permit-to-purchase scheme resulting in law-abiding citizens losing their 2nd Amendment Right to legally purchase. It prohibits commonly owned handguns, shotguns and rifles that come with standard magazines over 10. Gun owner database is public information! None of this reduces gun violence or improves public safety.

Oregon already has a mandatory background check system! It's not possible to **legally** purchase-transfer a firearm without a background check (350,000+ each year).

114 is unfunded. It will cost State and Local Governments over \$114,000,000/biennium. More than 300 new permitting positions needed. The \$65 fee only covers \$39M/biennium, leaving a SHORTFALL of over \$75,000,000 (2023-25). Supporters "forgot" to provide the necessary funding, leaving taxpayers with the bill. Oops!

The permit scheme is really a trap. None of the gun safety classes/live fire training exists, and live fire training/testing is unlikely, even with extra fees, another hidden tax. Ultimately, 114 is a sneaky attempt to ban gun sales. NO PERMITS=NO SALES. Unintended consequence? **We say hidden trap!**

Law enforcement statewide is strongly opposed to 114. Various enforcement officials **OPPOSE** this burdensome, ill-conceived, unfunded measure. The money drained from state/local government is better spent on more enforcement officers, mental health, and prosecution of gangs/criminals using illegal weapons.

Please join OHA and Law Enforcement officials statewide in OPPOSING 114. Oregonians don't deserve the UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES hiding in this unfunded, misleading, unnecessary measure. Say NO to out-of-state funded measures!

JUST Vote NO!

(This information furnished by Paul Donheffner, Chairman, Legislative Committee, on behalf of the Oregon Hunters Association.)

Argument in Opposition

Vote No on Unconstitutional Ballot Measure 114

Measure 114 will NOT reduce "gun violence"

Measure 114 is an egregious attack on the Second Amendment, and strips future Oregonians of their rights forever. Measure 114 unconstitutionally restricts ammunition magazines over 10 rounds. Multiple studies show that the gun control measures proposed by Measure 114 do not reduce crime or mass shootings.

Measure 114 will BAN 10-round magazines

Measure 114 will ban the use, possession, manufacturing, and transfer of ammunition magazines over 10-rounds. Use of a currently owned magazine will only be lawful on private property, at a shooting range, and while engaged in hunting. When a magazine is transported off private property, the magazine must be removed from the firearm and stored separately. Therefore, a magazine over 10-rounds will not be available to exercise the right to self-defense "outside of the home."

Measure 114 requires a permit-to-purchase any firearm

Measure 114 requires a permit-to-purchase (or transfer) a firearm. The permit must be issued by law enforcement. There is no exception for law enforcement or military purchase of firearms for personal use. A Concealed Handgun License does not qualify as a permit-to-purchase. A Hunter Safety Certification does not qualify as a permit-to-purchase. The permit must be renewed every 5 years for a fee.

Issuance of a permit requires completion of classroom and live-fire training offered only by law enforcement certified instructors. There is no limit to the amount that can be charged for trainings. Facilities and ranges for classes are extremely limited. The measure doesn't require law enforcement agencies to actually offer the classes required to obtain the permit.

Measure 114 creates a government registry

Measure 114 requires law enforcement to maintain a registry of gun owner's personal information contained in the permit application including - applicant's legal name, current address and telephone number, date and place of birth, physical description, fingerprints, pictures, and ANY additional information determined necessary by law enforcement. This data is published annually.

(This information furnished by Rick Coufal.)

Argument in Opposition

Measure 114 Imposes Massive New Costs on State and Local Governments. Fails to Provide Adequate Funding.

It's no wonder Law Enforcement officials statewide OPPOSE 114. It's unfunded, redundant and drains their limited resources. Oregon ranks 49th in officers per 100,000 population! 114 does nothing to improve that, it makes it worse!

The "official" fiscal statement shows 114 imposes an **expensive** and **unnecessary** new permit scheme without funding to cover the costs.

- **Will require at least 31 new Oregon State Police positions. Sheriffs require at least 275 positions, none of them are budgeted.**

- For 2023-25 the State cost is \$15.45 million. Local governments will require at least \$98.7M, a combined cost over \$114 Million!
- The \$65 fee only generates \$19.5M/year, leaving a *shortfall over \$75M (2023-25)* which falls on City Police and Sheriffs.
- Additional costs of classes and live fire training a "hidden" tax on permit applicants.

If passed, OSP doesn't expect initial permit applications until **January 2024 at the earliest**, meaning **citizens will be denied the right to purchase firearms for all of 2023** and beyond. With 300,000 applications estimated each year, the backlog will stretch forever. **Local law enforcement is already understaffed/underfunded.** They can't hire today. 114 makes a bad situation worse. Filling and training over 300 permit positions will take years. **This assumes the Legislature and Local Governments approve spending over \$75M (2023-25) that isn't covered by fees. Taxpayers get the tab. Ouch!**

If taxpayer money isn't provided, permits won't happen.

NO STAFFING equals NO PERMITS equals NO OREGON GUN SALES/TRANSFERS.

If the goal is to reduce gun violence, the taxpayer money 114 requires would be better spent hiring more police officers and funding mental health programs.

We already have mandatory background checks in Oregon! You can't purchase-transfer a firearm without one. Over 2 million background checks conducted in past 5 years!

Why waste taxpayer funding on this *redundant* permit-to-purchase scheme?

SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT, JUST VOTE NO!

(This information furnished by Paul Donheffner, Chairman, Legislative Committee, on behalf of the Oregon Hunters Association.)

Who can register to vote?

To register you must be:

- A US Citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years old

If you are not yet 18 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How do I register to vote?

Register to vote

- Online at oregonvotes.gov/register
- By mailing your completed registration card to your county elections office.
- By completing a registration card in person at any county elections office, the Secretary of State's Office, and some state agencies such as the DMV.

Do I need to update my registration?

Update your registration if you move, change your name, signature or mailing address, or want to change or select a political party.

You can provide the new information online at oregonvotes.gov/myvote or by completing and returning a voter registration card to your county elections official.

Address Confidentiality Program

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) provides participants with a legal substitute address and a mail-forwarding service. Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking are provided with a substitute address to use on public records instead of their real address.

Individuals whose personal or family safety may be in danger if their home address is available as a public record may register to vote with confidentiality protections by applying for the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP).

To apply to the Address Confidentiality Program, you must work with a victim advocate who has been designated as an Application Assistant by the Attorney General. For more information or to find an Application Assistant near you call **888-559-9090** or visit doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/victims-resources/victims-services/address-confidentiality-program-acp/.

Participation in the ACP by itself does not guarantee anyone's safety. ACP staff do not provide threat-assessment or safety-planning and are not allowed to offer legal advice.

Do I need to provide I.D.?

You must provide your valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID number.

If you do not have valid Oregon ID, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you do not have a valid Oregon ID or Social Security number you can find a list of acceptable alternative identification online at oregonvotes.gov.

What is the deadline to register?

To vote in the **November 8, 2022**, General Election, your completed registration card must be:

- postmarked by Tuesday, **October 18**; or
- delivered to a county elections office or voter registration agency (e.g., DMV) by Tuesday, **October 18**.

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59 pm on **October 18**.

Do I have to pick a political party?

No, you do not. The ballot you receive for a primary election will only include nonpartisan offices and ballot measures if you do not select a party at registration or remain unaffiliated. All offices will appear on your general election ballot.



To register to vote or update your registration status, return this form by mail or use online voter resources at:
oregonvotes.gov/register

qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no
 Are you at least 16 years of age? yes no

! *If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.*

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Oregon Driver's License/ID number

Provide a valid **Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID:**

*I do not have a valid **Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID.**
 The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:*

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*I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of **acceptable identification.***

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- Republican
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