

Candidate Ballot Statement

September 6, 2012

Representative in Congress, 1st District Vote for one

Bob Ekstrom	Constitution
Delinda Morgan	Republican
Suzanne Bonamici	Democrat, Working Families
Steven Reynolds	Progressive, Libertarian, Pacific Green

Representative in Congress, 2nd District Vote for one

Joyce B Segers	Democrat, Working Families
Greg Walden	Republican
Joe Tabor	Libertarian

Representative in Congress, 3rd District Vote for one

Earl Blumenauer	Democrat
Woodrow Broadnax	Pacific Green, Progressive
Michael Cline	Libertarian
Ronald Green	Republican

Representative in Congress, 4th District Vote for one

Peter A DeFazio	Democrat, Progressive, Working Families
Chuck Huntting	Libertarian
Art Robinson	Republican, Constitution

Representative in Congress, 5th District Vote for one

Kurt Schrader	Democrat
Fred Thompson	Republican
Raymond Baldwin	Constitution
Christina Jean Lugo	Pacific Green

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Secretary of State Vote for one

Seth Woolley Pacific Green
Robert Wolfe Progressive
Bruce Alexander Knight Libertarian
Kate Brown Democrat, Working Families
Knute Buehler Republican, Independent

State Treasurer Vote for one

Ted Wheeler Democrat, Working Families
Cameron Whitten Progressive
John F Mahler Libertarian
Michael Paul Marsh Constitution
Tom Cox Republican

Attorney General Vote for one

Chris Henry Progressive
James L Buchal Republican
James E Leuenberger Libertarian, Constitution
Ellen Rosenblum Democrat

State Senator, 1st District Vote for one

Jeff Kruse Republican
Eldon Rollins Democrat

State Senator, 2nd District Vote for one

Jim Diefenderfer Democrat
Herman Baertschiger Jr Republican

State Senator, 5th District Vote for one

Scott Roberts Republican
Arnie Roblan Democrat, Independent, Working Families

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State Senator, 9th District Vote for one

Steve Frank Democrat, Working Families
Fred Girod Republican

State Senator, 12th District Vote for one

Annette Frank Democrat
Brian J Boquist Republican, Working Families

State Senator, 14th District Vote for one

Mark Hass Democrat, Independent
Mark Vetanen Libertarian
Gary Coe Republican

State Senator, 17th District **(2 Year Term)** Vote for one

Elizabeth Steiner Hayward Democrat
John Verbeek Republican

State Senator, 18th District Vote for one

Ginny Burdick Democrat
Suzanne Gallagher Republican

State Senator, 21st District Vote for one

Cliff Hutchison Republican
Diane Rosenbaum Democrat, Working Families

State Senator, 22nd District Vote for one

Chip Shields Democrat
Herbert Booth Libertarian

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State Senator, 23rd District Vote for one

Tracy Olsen Independent
Jackie Dingfelder Democrat, Working Families, Republican

State Senator, 25th District Vote for one

Eugene A Newell Jr Libertarian
Laurie Monnes Anderson Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Scott Hansen Republican

State Senator, 27th District Vote for one

Tim Knopp Republican, Independent
Geri Hauser Democrat, Working Families, Libertarian

State Senator, 28th District Vote for one

Douglas K Whitsett Republican, Democrat

State Senator, 29th District Vote for one

Bill Hansell Republican
Antone Minthorn Democrat

State Senator, 30th District Vote for one

Ted Ferrioli Republican, Democrat

State Representative, 1st District Vote for one

Jim Klahr Democrat, Working Families
Wayne Krieger Republican

State Representative, 2nd District Vote for one

Jeff Adams Libertarian
Tim Freeman Republican

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State Representative, 3rd District Vote for one

Johnie Wayne Scott Libertarian
Wally Hicks Republican
Barbara L Gonzalez Constitution

State Representative, 4th District Vote for one

Rick Hake Constitution
Dennis Richardson Republican, Democrat

State Representative, 5th District Vote for one

Sandra A Abercrombie Republican
Peter Buckley Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 6th District Vote for one

Sal C Esquivel Republican, Democrat

State Representative, 7th District Vote for one

Bruce Hanna Republican
Fergus Mclean Democrat

State Representative, 8th District Vote for one

Paul R Holvey Democrat, Working Families
Aaron Baker Republican, Independent
Lucian Blansett Constitution

State Representative, 9th District Vote for one

Caddy McKeown Democrat, Independent
Nancy Brouhard Republican
Guy Rosinbaum Libertarian

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State Representative, 10th District Vote for one

David Gomberg Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Jerome Grant Republican

State Representative, 11th District Vote for one

Phil Barnhart Democrat, Working Families
Kelly Lovelace Republican

State Representative, 12th District Vote for one

Joe Pishioneri Republican
John Lively Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 13th District Vote for one

Nancy Nathanson Democrat, Working Families
Mark Callahan Republican, Libertarian, Constitution

State Representative, 14th District Vote for one

Val Hoyle Democrat, Working Families
Sharon A Mahler Libertarian
Dwight Coon Republican

State Representative, 15th District Vote for one

Andy Olson Republican, Independent
Ron Green Democrat

State Representative, 16th District Vote for one

Andrew Decker Republican
Rachel J Feigner Libertarian
Sara A Gelser Democrat

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State Representative, 17th District Vote for one

Sherrie Sprenger Republican
Richard Harisay Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 18th District Vote for one

Vic Gilliam Republican, Democrat

State Representative, 19th District Vote for one

Claudia Kyle Democrat
Kevin Cameron Republican

State Representative, 20th District Vote for one

Jackie Pierce Democrat
Vicki Berger Republican

State Representative, 21st District Vote for one

Marvin Sannes Independent
Dan Farrington Republican
Brian Clem Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 22nd District Vote for one

Betty Komp Democrat, Independent
Kathy LeCompte Republican

State Representative, 23rd District Vote for one

Ross Swartzendruber Democrat
Alex Polikoff Working Families, Pacific Green
Jim Thompson Republican

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State Representative, 24th District Vote for one

Jim Weidner Republican
Kohler Johnson Libertarian
Kathy Campbell Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 25th District Vote for one

Paul Holman Democrat
Ryan Haffner Libertarian
Kim Thatcher Republican

State Representative, 26th District Vote for one

Wynne Wakkila Democrat, Independent, Working Families
John Davis Republican

State Representative, 27th District Vote for one

Burton Keeble Republican
Tobias Read Democrat, Independent

State Representative, 28th District Vote for one

Jeff Barker Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Manuel Castaneda Republican

State Representative, 29th District Vote for one

Katie Eyre Republican
Ben Unger Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 30th District Vote for one

Kyle Markley Libertarian
Shawn Lindsay Republican
Joe Gallegos Democrat

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State Representative, 31st District Vote for one

Brad Witt	Democrat
Robert Miller	Libertarian
Ray Biggs	Constitution
Lew Barnes	Republican

State Representative, 32nd District Vote for one

Jim Welsh	Constitution
Deborah Boone	Democrat
Perry Roll	Libertarian

State Representative, 33rd District Vote for one

Stevan Kirkpatrick	Republican
Mitch Greenlick	Democrat

State Representative, 34th District Vote for one

Chris Harker	Democrat
Dan Mason	Republican

State Representative, 35th District Vote for one

Margaret Doherty	Democrat, Working Families
John Goodhouse	Republican, Independent

State Representative, 36th District Vote for one

Bruce Neal	Republican
Jennifer Williamson	Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 37th District Vote for one

Julie Parrish	Republican
Carl Hosticka	Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Meredith Love Taggart	Libertarian

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State Representative, 38th District Vote for one

Tom Maginnis Republican
Chris Garrett Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 39th District Vote for one

Bill Kennemer Republican, Independent
Blake Holmes Libertarian
Christopher Cameron Bangs Democrat

State Representative, 40th District Vote for one

Steve Newgard Republican
Brent Barton Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 41st District Vote for one

Carolyn Tomei Democrat, Working Families
Timothy E McMenamain Republican

State Representative, 42nd District Vote for one

Jules Kopel Bailey Democrat, Working Families, Republican

State Representative, 43rd District Vote for one

Lew Frederick Democrat, Working Families, Republican

State Representative, 44th District Vote for one

Tina Kotek Democrat, Working Families
Michael Harrington Republican

State Representative, 45th District Vote for one

Michael Dembrow Democrat, Working Families
Anne Marie Gurney Republican

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State Representative, 46th District

Vote for one

Alissa Keny-Guyer

Democrat, Republican, Working Families

State Representative, 47th District

Vote for one

Maggie Nelson

Republican

Jessica Vega Pederson

Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 48th District

Vote for one

George (Sonny) Yellott

Republican

Jeff Reardon

Democrat, Working Families

State Representative, 49th District

Vote for one

Matthew Wand

Republican

Chris Gorsek

Democrat, Independent, Working Families

State Representative, 50th District

Vote for one

Greg Matthews

Democrat

Logan Boettcher

Republican

State Representative, 51st District

Vote for one

Patrick Sheehan

Republican

Shemia Fagan

Democrat, Independent, Working Families

State Representative, 52nd District

Vote for one

Peter Nordbye

Democrat, Working Families

Mark Johnson

Republican

State Representative, 53rd District

Vote for one

Gene Whisnant

Republican, Democrat

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State Representative, 54th District

Vote for one

Nathan R Hovekamp
Jason Conger

Democrat, Working Families
Republican, Independent

State Representative, 55th District

Vote for one

John Huddle
Mike McLane

Democrat, Independent, Working Families
Republican

State Representative, 56th District

Vote for one

Gail Whitsett

Republican

State Representative, 57th District

Vote for one

Greg Smith

Republican

State Representative, 58th District

Vote for one

Bob Jenson
Heidi Van Schoonhoven

Republican, Working Families
Democrat

State Representative, 59th District

Vote for one

Gary L Ollerenshaw
John E Huffman

Democrat
Republican

State Representative, 60th District

Vote for one

Cliff Bentz

Republican, Democrat

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Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (2 Year Term) Vote for one

**Bruce Starr
Brad Avakian**

Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 3 Vote for one

**Richard C Baldwin
Nena Cook**

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 6 Vote for one

**James C Egan
Tim Volpert**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 1st District, Position 7 Vote for one

**David Orr
Benjamin M Bloom Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 6th District, Position 1 Vote for one

**Lynn W Hampton Incumbent
Jon Lieuallen**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 9th District, Position 2 Vote for one

**Lung S Hung Incumbent
Brian Zantelli**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 11th District, Position 2 Vote for one

**Andy Balyeat
Beth Bagley**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 12th District, Position 3 Vote for one

**Norman R Hill Incumbent
Gerald R Tipton**

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 2nd District, Position 7 Vote for one

No Candidate Filed

Judge of the Circuit Court, 2nd District, Position 8 Vote for one

Valeri L Love **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 2nd District, Position 12 Vote for one

R Curtis Conover **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd District, Position 5 Vote for one

Vance D Day **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd District, Position 8 Vote for one

David E Leith **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd District, Position 10 Vote for one

Lindsay Partridge **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd District, Position 12 Vote for one

Courtland Geyer **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 6th District, Position 4 Vote for one

Eva J Temple **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 7th District, Position 1 Vote for one

John A Olson **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 10th District, Position 1 Vote for one

Brian C Dretke **Incumbent**

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 11th District, Position 3 Vote for one

Roger J DeHoog **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 20th District, Position 9 Vote for one

Oscar Garcia **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 20th District, Position 11 Vote for one

Janelle Factora Wipper **Incumbent**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 22nd District, Position 1 Vote for one

Annette C Hillman **Incumbent**

Ballot Measure Statement

September 06, 2012

Referred to the People by the Legislative Assembly

Measure 77

Amends Constitution: Governor may declare “catastrophic disaster” (defined); requires legislative session; authorizes suspending specified constitutional spending restrictions

Result of “yes” vote: “Yes” vote grants Governor constitutional authority to declare “catastrophic disaster” (defined); requires legislative session; legislature may suspend specified constitutional spending restrictions to aid response, recovery. **Yes**

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote retains Governor’s statutory authority to declare state of emergency; retains constitutional spending restrictions and constitutional restrictions on legislative authority without exception for emergency. **No**

Summary: Amends Constitution. Currently, Governor has statutory, but not constitutional, authority to declare state of emergency and direct response to emergency. Measure grants Governor constitutional authority to declare and respond to natural or human-caused “catastrophic disaster” (defined). Authorizes Governor to redirect previously allocated General Fund and lottery monies to disaster response. Requires legislative session (under emergency conditions, if necessary) to enact implementing legislation; legislation may include temporarily suspending specified constitutional spending restrictions. Terminates Governor’s disaster spending authority upon enactment of law specifying purposes for which funds may be used. Limits disaster authority of Governor and legislature to 30 days unless legislature acts to shorten/lengthen period; such legislation may include any provision legislature deems necessary to provide “orderly transition” (undefined) to normal conditions. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: Referral 401 allows for government action in the event of a catastrophic disaster. It grants the Governor temporary authority to redirect certain state monies from legislatively-approved purposes to disaster response. It requires the Governor to convene the legislature unless the Legislative Assembly is already in session or scheduled to convene within 30 days.

The financial effect of the measure is indeterminate.

Ballot Measure Statement

September 06, 2012

Referred to the People by the Legislative Assembly

Measure 78

Amends Constitution: Changes constitutional language describing governmental system of separation of powers; makes grammatical and spelling changes

Result of “yes” vote: “Yes” vote changes constitutional language describing separation of powers to refer to three “branches” (instead of three “departments”) of government; makes other grammatical, spelling changes. **Yes**

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote retains existing constitutional language describing separation of powers between three “departments” of government (rather than three “branches” of government); retains misspelled, other language. **No**

Summary: Amends constitution. Measure makes nonsubstantive changes to wording now contained in the Oregon constitution. Current state constitutional language describes the governmental separation of powers to be divided into three separate “departments”: Legislative, Executive (including Administrative), and Judicial. Measure revises this constitutional phrasing by changing it to refer to three separate “branches” of government, which conforms to more contemporary, commonly-used designations for these separate divisions of government. Measure changes the description of the two houses of the Legislature to two “chambers” of the Legislature (rather than two “branches” of the Legislature), which also reflects more modern designations for them. Measure additionally modernizes spelling and makes grammatical changes to replace existing references to the Secretary of State as “he,” “him,” and “his” with gender-neutral wording.

Estimate of financial impact: The measure will have no financial impact on state or local government revenues or expenditures.

Ballot Measure Statement

September 06, 2012

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Measure 79

Amends Constitution: Prohibits real estate transfer taxes, fees, other assessments, except those operative on December 31, 2009

Result of “yes” vote: “Yes” vote prohibits state/local governments from imposing taxes, fees, assessments on transfer of any interest in real property, except those operative December 31, 2009. **Yes**

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote retains existing law prohibiting local governments from imposing real estate transfer taxes/fees (with exceptions), allowing state legislature to impose such taxes/fees. **No**

Summary: Amends constitution. Current statutory law prohibits a city, county, district, or other political subdivision or municipal corporation from imposing taxes or fees on the transfer of real estate (with certain exceptions). However, the state legislature has the authority, subject to Governor approval, to impose such taxes and fees or to change current statutory law. Measure prohibits the state and any city, county, district, or other political subdivision or municipal corporation from imposing taxes, fees, or other assessments based upon the transfer of any interest in real property or measured by the consideration paid or received upon the transfer of any interest in real property. Measure exempts from the prohibition any taxes, fees, or other assessments in effect and operative on December 31, 2009. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: There is no financial impact on state or local government expenditures or revenues.

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Proposed by Initiative Petition

Measure 80

Allows personal marijuana, hemp cultivation/use without license; commission to regulate commercial marijuana cultivation/sale

Result of “yes” vote: “Yes” vote allows commercial marijuana (cannabis) cultivation/sale to adults through state-licensed stores; allows unlicensed adult personal cultivation/use; prohibits restrictions on hemp (defined). **Yes**

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote retains existing civil and criminal laws prohibiting cultivation, possession and delivery of marijuana; retains current statutes that permit regulated medical use of marijuana. **No**

Summary: Currently, marijuana cultivation, possession and delivery are prohibited; regulated medical marijuana use permitted. Measure replaces state, local marijuana laws except medical marijuana and driving under the influence laws; distinguishes “hemp” from “marijuana”; prohibits regulation of hemp. Creates commission to license marijuana cultivation by qualified persons and to purchase entire crop. Commission sells marijuana at cost to pharmacies, medical research facilities and to qualified adults for profit through state-licensed stores. Ninety percent of net proceeds goes to state general fund, remainder to drug education, treatment, hemp promotion. Bans sales to, possession by minors. Bans public consumption except where signs permit, minors barred. Commission regulates use, sets prices, other duties; Attorney General to defend against federal challenges/prosecutions. Provides penalties. Effective January 1, 2013; other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: This measure legalizes the private manufacture, possession and use of cannabis in Oregon. Investigations and prosecutions for related offenses would no longer take place after the effective date of this measure. State and local expenditures and revenues will be impacted by passage of this measure.

The measure creates the Oregon Cannabis Commission, appointed by the Governor, to carry out the provisions of the measure. The state’s Chief Financial Office believes the appointment of the commission will not add noteworthy cost to state expenditures.

The cost of operating the Commission may be similar to the cost of operating the existing Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which is about \$22 million per year, excluding the variable expenses related to compensating liquor store owners and paying bank card fees. Total additional revenues to state government are indeterminate, but revenues are likely to be sufficient to offset the expenditures of the Commission.

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Measure 80 estimate of financial impact cont.

The measure requires the Oregon Cannabis Commission to consult with the Board of Pharmacy on various issues and, if practicable, to establish certain rules. As the Commission is not granted rule-making authority, the Board of Pharmacy may be called upon to establish those rules. The Board of Pharmacy estimates the need for one half-time pharmacist, at a cost of approximately \$75,000 per year, to carry out these additional duties.

State expenditures would be reduced by the amount that the state pays for felony offenders with related convictions in prison and on probation. The savings to the state as a result of the passage of this measure is estimated to be between \$1.4 million and \$2.4 million a year.

The measure prohibits the disclosure of names and addresses of applicants, licensees, and purchasers of cannabis except upon the person's request. The Oregon Judicial Department estimates additional expenditures of between \$1.6 million and \$3.3 million per year to ensure court case files do not contain such names or addresses prior to allowing them to be viewed by parties to a case, the public, or the media.

The amount of the impact for local law enforcement, district attorneys, and the courts is indeterminate.

	Impact on Expenditures	Impact on Revenue
Operation of the Commission	May increase \$22 million per year	Indeterminate, but likely sufficient to cover expenditures
Board of Pharmacy	Increase \$75,000 per year	None
Felony convictions	Decrease of \$1.4 - \$2.4 million per year	None
State Courts	Increase of \$1.6 - \$3.3 million per year	None
Total Impact to the State:	May increase \$22.3 - \$23 million per year	Indeterminate, but likely sufficient to cover expenditures
Impact to Local Government:	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

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Proposed by Initiative Petition

Measure 81

Prohibits commercial non-tribal fishing with gillnets in Oregon "inland waters," allows use of seine nets

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote changes commercial non-tribal fishing in Oregon "inland waters" (defined) by banning gillnets, adopting other regulatory changes; recreational salmon fishers ensured their recent share. **Yes**

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote continues current commercial fishing practices, retains laws allowing gillnets, leaves other current regulations in place; continues annual adjustment of recreational salmon harvest share. **No**

Summary: Current law allows commercial salmon fishing in Columbia River only with gillnets; requires recreational salmon fishers' percentage share of overall salmon catch to be readjusted annually; allows issuing of gillnet permits within limit of 200; recognizes gillnet licenses as valid in Columbia River in both Oregon and Washington waters. Measure bans commercial gillnet fishing by non-tribal fishers in Oregon "inland waters" (defined); requires Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to permit use of "seine nets" (defined) instead; ensures that recreational salmon fishers' percentage of overall salmon catch remains at 2007-2011 levels; prohibits purchase of salmon caught by gillnet by non-tribal fishers in Oregon inland waters; prohibits issuing of additional gillnet permits; repeals statute recognizing validity of gillnet licenses in Oregon and Washington waters. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: This measure eliminates commercial non-tribal gillnet fishing, establishes the legal use of seine fishing, and may allow fixed fishing gear on the Columbia River. The measure requires the state to evaluate mortality associated with seine and fixed fishing gear as it relates to endangered salmon, steelhead, and other species. The measure will increase state government expenditures by \$150,000 per year for staff and supplies to perform ongoing required research and monitoring, and will decrease state government revenues by \$551,654 to \$749,144 per year from state income taxes, permits, licenses, and surcharges received from the current non-tribal gillnet and tangle net fisheries, boats and licensees. The amount of state government revenue that will result in the future from the transition to seine net fishing and commercial harvest and resultant state income taxes, permits, licenses and surcharges on a seine net based fishing industry on the Columbia River or other inland waters is indeterminate.

This measure does not affect local government.

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Proposed by Initiative Petition

Measure 82

Amends Constitution: Authorizes establishment of privately-owned casinos; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund

Result of “yes” vote: “Yes” vote amends state constitution to authorize privately-owned casinos; requires such casinos to give percentage of monthly revenue to State Lottery for specified purposes. **Yes**

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote maintains current state of the law, which does not authorize any privately-owned casino within state; tribal casinos authorized pursuant to gaming compacts. **No**

Summary: Amends constitution. Currently, Oregon Constitution prohibits the operation of privately-owned, non-tribal casinos within the state. Under measure, State Lottery shall permit the operation of privately-owned casinos within the state, provided that the particular operation is approved through an initiative law. Privately-owned casinos must be located within an incorporated city, and city electors must also approve casino location. The privately-owned casino shall pay 25% of adjusted gross revenues each month to a dedicated state fund for the purposes of fostering job growth, educational achievement, vibrant local communities, protecting and improving natural environment, and supporting all federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon. Amendment prohibits the operation of privately-owned casino within 60-mile radius of existing tribal casino operating on reservation land.

Estimate of financial impact: This measure has an indeterminate financial impact. Currently the Constitution prohibits casinos in Oregon, and this measure amends the Constitution to allow casinos. However, if the measure is adopted, there may be a financial impact to certain local government entities that receive revenue derived from tribal gaming operations, because tribal gaming revenues may decline.

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Proposed by Initiative Petition

Measure 83

Authorizes privately-owned wood village casino; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund

Result of “yes” vote: “Yes” vote authorizes a single privately-owned casino in Wood Village; requires casino to give percentage of monthly revenue to State Lottery for specified purposes. **Yes**

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote maintains current state of the law, which does not authorize any privately-owned casino within state; tribal casinos authorized pursuant to gaming compacts. **No**

Summary: Currently, Oregon Constitution prohibits privately-owned casinos within state. Under measure, State Lottery shall issue renewable 15-year lease permitting owner of former Multnomah Kennel Club in Wood Village to operate gaming devices, table games, keno, and other games of chance at that site. Measure would become operative only if constitution is amended to permit privately-owned casinos within state. Casino operator shall pay 25% of adjusted gross revenues monthly to State Lottery. Lottery shall deposit 20% of adjusted gross revenues into Job Growth, Education and Communities Fund (separate from general fund), and 80% in State Lottery Fund. Moneys in the Job Growth fund are apportioned to the incorporated cities adjoining casino, Indian tribes, law enforcement, and gambling treatment services. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: The financial impact of the measure is indeterminate. This measure authorizes a single privately owned casino in Multnomah County. The measure requires a minimum investment of \$250 million in the casino property. The measure sets limits on the number of slot machines and table games at 3,500 and 150, respectively.

If the casino is built, the following direct financial impacts on state and local government will result (millions of dollars):

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Measure 83 estimate of financial impact cont.

	Low estimate of impact	High estimate of impact
25% Casino revenue transferred to State and local governments	\$83	\$94
Reduction in State Video Lottery earnings	-\$51	-\$40
Net Revenue to State and local governments	\$32	\$54

The impacts listed above depend on initial assumptions, including a \$300 million investment in the casino property, as well as 2,200 slot machines and 100 table games. To the extent that actual investment and build differ significantly from these assumptions, the impact to state and local governments would also vary. Thus the overall impact of this measure on state and local government revenue is indeterminate.

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Proposed by Initiative Petition

Measure 84

Phases out existing inheritance taxes on large estates, and all taxes on intra-family property transfers

Result of “yes” vote: “Yes” vote phases out existing inheritance/estate taxes on large estates, death-related property transfers, and taxes on certain intra-family property transfers; reduces state revenue. **Yes**

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote retains existing estate/inheritance taxes on estates with value of at least \$1 million; tax on all income-producing intra-family property transfers. **No**

Summary: Current state law imposes one-time tax on estate of person dying on/after January 1, 2012, if estate’s gross value—determined by federal law as of December 31, 2010—is at least \$1,000,000. Current law taxes income-producing property sales, regardless of parties’ relationship. Measure incrementally phases out estate/inheritance tax, tax on property transfers between “family members” (defined), and tax on property transferred in connection with person’s death; prohibits imposition of such taxes on property of person dying on/after January 1, 2016. Allows state to cooperate with other states and federal government in administering those entities’ estate/inheritance taxes; permits fees on probate and other transactions that may occur following person’s death. Measure reduces state revenues; provides no replacement. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: This measure phases out existing estate taxes, which will reduce state revenue by approximately \$17 million in fiscal year 2013-14, approximately \$43 million in 2014-15, and approximately \$72 million in 2015-16 as Oregon’s existing estate tax is phased out. Thereafter the measure will reduce state revenue by approximately \$120 million per year, depending upon growth in estate values.

This measure also prohibits all taxes on transfers of property between family members, and phases out existing taxes on those transfers. The current amount of those transfers, and the changes that might occur given elimination of taxes on those transfers are unknown, therefore the impact of this part of the measure is indeterminate.

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Measure 85

Amends Constitution: Allocates corporate income/excise tax "kicker" refund to additionally fund k through 12 public education

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote allocates the corporate income and excise tax "kicker" refund to the General Fund to provide additional funding for K through 12 public education. **Yes**

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains existing corporate income and excise tax "kicker" that requires refund to corporations when revenue exceeds estimated collections by two percent or more. **No**

Summary: Amends constitution. Before each biennium, the governor must prepare an estimate of revenues expected to be received by the General Fund for the next biennium. The General Fund is the primary funding source for schools, prisons, social services other state-funded programs/services. Current law requires an automatic "kicker" refund to taxpayers of corporate income and excise tax revenue that exceeds estimated collections by two percent or more. Measure allocates the corporate income and excise tax "kicker" refund to the General Fund to provide additional funding for K through 12 public education. Measure does not change the constitutional personal income tax "kicker" provision that requires a refund to individual taxpayers when personal income tax revenue exceeds estimated revenue by two percent or more. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: The financial impact of this measure is indeterminate because it is affected by unknown future events. If corporation tax receipts exceed the state forecast by two percent or more for a two-year budget period beginning July 2013 or later, this measure will increase the amount retained in the state General Fund relative to current law. In addition, state expenditures will increase by the same amount. If this measure had been in place for the past ten budget periods, the increases would have ranged from \$101 million to \$203 million in each of three of those periods.