



### Statewide Ballot Measures

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#### **Measure 102 – Bond revenue for affordable housing**

This initiative would amend the state constitution to allow counties, cities, and towns to use bond revenue to fund the construction of affordable housing without necessarily retaining complete ownership of the constructed housing. Measure 102 would require that these affordable housing bonds be approved by local voters and that the total principal of any such bonds does not exceed 0.5 percent of the market value of the property within the jurisdiction of the county, city, or town. Currently, the state constitution does not allow revenue from bond issues to be used in a project with private owners or stakeholders. Measure 102 was designed to provide an exception to this prohibition for the construction of affordable housing.

#### **Measure 103 – Grocery Tax Ban**

Since there is no statewide sales tax in Oregon, groceries are not subject to a statewide sales tax. Measure 103 would prevent the enactment or increase of any state or local tax, fee, or assessment on the sale of groceries. The prohibition on taxes or tax increases on grocery sales would apply to any tax or fee put in place on or after October 1, 2017, thereby applying retroactively to any taxes or fees enacted between October 2017 and the election on Measure 103.

Measure 103 would define *groceries* as "raw or processed food or beverages intended for human consumption," excluding alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana. Based on this definition, the measure would preempt local governments from taxing soda or sugary beverages.

#### **Measure 104 – Definition of raising revenue for 3/5 vote**

Measure 104 would define *raising revenue* in the Oregon Constitution to include changes to tax exemptions, credits, and deductions that result in increased revenue, as well as the creation or increase of taxes and fees.

As of 2017, the Constitution required a three-fifths vote of each state legislative chamber to pass bills raising revenue. Voters passed this requirement in 1996. In 2015, the Oregon Supreme Court issued a ruling that the Legislative Counsel said excluded bills to reduce tax breaks, such as exemptions and credits, from the three-fifths vote requirement.

#### **Measure 105 – Repeal of Sanctuary State Law**

This initiative would **repeal** the state's sanctuary law, which forbids state agencies, including law enforcement, from using state resources or personnel to detect or apprehend persons whose only violation of the law is that of federal immigration law.

Measure 105 would **allow** any law enforcement agency to use agency funds, equipment, and personnel to detect and apprehend people whose only violation of the law is a violation of federal immigration law.

### **Measure 106 – Bans public funds for abortions**

This initiative would prohibit public funds from being spent on abortions, except when medically necessary or required by federal law. Under the measure, an abortion would qualify as *medically necessary* if a licensed physician determines that a woman would suffer an injury or death unless an abortion is performed. The measure does not provide any exceptions for cases of rape or incest unless federal law requires.

## **Local Measures**

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### **26-199 – Metro Housing Bond**

This measure authorizes \$652.8 million in general obligation bonds to fund affordable housing in the region. Bonds will be used to build affordable housing for low-income households, purchase, rehabilitate, and preserve affordability of existing housing; buy land for affordable housing and prevent displacement.

### **Fair Elections/Clean Government Charter Amendment**

This measure would limit contributions received by candidates, candidate committees in city elections per election cycle to:

- No more than \$500 from individual, political committee
- No more than \$5,000 loan balance from candidate
- Any amount from small donor committee, which may accept contributions of \$100 or less per individual donor per year

### **Clean Energy Community Benefits Initiative**

This measure would amend code to require Portland retailers with total annual revenue over \$1 billion and Portland annual revenue over \$500,000 to pay a 1% surcharge on gross revenue from retail sales within Portland. The proceeds would be placed into a new Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund.

