2018 Ballot Measures

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Statewide Ballot Measures

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. Measurusû

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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.