

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 101
PRESERVE HEALTH CARE
IN OREGON
January 23, 2018**

SUMMARY:

Measure 101 asks voters to approve or reject five parts of House Bill 2391, enacted by the Oregon legislature to address health care funding issues. House Bill 2391 provided funding to pay costs for providing health care to low income adults, children, families and individuals with disabilities and to stabilize premiums charged by insurance companies for health insurance purchased by individuals and families. House Bill 2391 provided funding through a 1.5 percent assessment on premiums and premium equivalents (defined) of health insurance companies, the Public Employees' Benefit Board and managed care organizations for a two-year period, and an additional 0.7 percent assessment on the net revenue of some hospitals beginning October 6, 2017 and ending July 1, 2019. [1]

Voting yes!

- Maintains the State/ Federal funding match through the Medicaid expansion program. For every dollar Oregon contributes the Federal match is sixteen: \$1.00 Oregon =\$16.00 federal match.
- Helps lower premiums for people who buy their own

insurance; students, small businesses, independent contractors.

- Ensures that 95% of Oregonians will have access to health insurance.
- Places a cap on premium increases of 1.5% as a result of the assessment.
- Keeps the Oregon Budget from spiraling into a deeper deficit.

Voting No!

- 210,000 Oregonians, children, adults, disabled risk reductions in Medical coverage.
- Creates a LOSS of nearly 5 Billion in Federal funds to cover care.
- Loss of funds may result in layoffs in the Health Care Industry.
- Takes away cost protections for middle-class Oregonians. Hospitals and Medical providers may pass along financial burden to patients with insurance.
- Increases the State Budget deficit as much as \$320 million. [2]

**Opposition To
101**

**Oregonians Against More
Healthcare Taxes** is sponsoring this referendum.

The sponsors are:
State Representatives Julie Parish (R-37) Tualatin/West Linn County, Sal Esquivel (R-6) Jackson County, and Cedric Hayden (R-7) Douglas County.

Arguments:

The sponsors believe this legislation will raise insurance premiums on small businesses.

Rebuttal: This is true premiums will increase. Measure 101 caps premium increases at 1.5 percent. If the measure is not approved there are no protections from premium increases we will most surely see when the number of uninsured people increases.

Rep. Sal Esquivel (R-6) believes that this legislation combined with other bills will allow undocumented immigrant children residing in the state to receive health care and to fund ABORTIONS.

Rebuttal: For decades, there has been a prohibition on the use of federal funds for abortion.

Campaign Finance

As of November 6, 2017:

Support: \$0.00

Opposition: \$226,154.50

Donors:

All 36 PAC: in kind \$63,668.17
This group appears to be comprised of timber businessmen and other

business orientated groups. Difficult to get specific information on this PAC. [3]

Taxpayer Association of Oregon: in-kind \$47,600.00

This group philosophically opposes all taxes and works diligently to stop them regardless of the consequences. [4]

Gateway Communications, Inc.: in-kind \$16,00841

This company based in Portland does professional fund raising for food banks, and missions. They apparently have no interest in the health of the recipients of their charity. [5]

Brian Maguire, II: Cash \$10,000.
Unknown

Oregon Small Business Association: in-kind \$8,700.00

This group is dedicated to promoting a positive business environment through education, lobbying, research and legal action. [6]

Supporting Groups:

75 Oregon Based Groups support measure 101 these are just a few

AARP Oregon
Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon
AllCare Health
AAUW
Children First for Oregon
Douglas County Independent Physician Association
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Jackson County Connect
Oregon AFL-CIO

Oregon AFSCME
Kaiser Permanente
League of Women Voters [7]

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