

Bottles sold on federal lands may require five-cent deposit

Under a proposal published in mid-December, a five-cent deposit would be required for every soft drink container sold at national parks, military installations and other federal facilities.

Sales of beverages on federal

property constitute two to four per cent of the total market. The new policy would save an estimated 2,800 barrels of oil a day and would reduce trash collection and disposal costs by as much as \$2 million a year.

A clear majority of Oregonians favors an open primary, community land use planning, and the death penalty for persons convicted of murder, according to the Oregon Opinion Index.

Opinion poll reports

Land use planning favored

The Index is a polling organization run by Oregon Research Institute. Oregonians are asked about their attitudes on various issues confronting them at the local, state and national level, and their responses are compiled in a monthly report.

The latest report shows that 67 per cent favor the death penalty for murder. Among those opposed, 13 per cent said they would favor capital punishment for persons convicted of killing police officers.

The proposed open primary law would allow voters to vote for candidates of either party in the primaries. The Index shows 83 per cent of the people are in favor of such a system.

Over four-fifths of the men and nearly two-thirds of the women surveyed said they had heard of

land-use planning. Sixty-one per cent of the people in Oregon, according to the report, would favor a policy of land-use planning in their community.

Oregonians indicate strong support for the environment, even when faced with a choice between jobs and environmental quality. Fifty-eight per cent of those surveyed said they would oppose bringing industry into the state which would increase employment but lower environmental quality.

A less convincing majority of Oregonians favors registration of firearms: 57 per cent favor this type of gun control, and 40 per cent oppose it. Interestingly, most men (54 per cent) oppose gun registration, while a majority of women (69 per cent) favor registration of firearms.

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Elections Director Don Penfold says that the new party totals include 75,814 Democrats, 43,298 Republicans, 5,574 Independents, and 2,880 Non-Partisans.

Penfold says many of those registering as Independents or Non-Partisans may be unaware that they cannot vote in the primaries, including the May presidential primary. The Elections Department is notifying them by mail of the situation.

The notice reads "Voters wishing to vote for Democratic or Republican candidates in primary elections must register in one of these two parties 30 days before the primary election."

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