

## COMMUNITY

# Holbo, Jolin run for Senate seat

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At first glance, there doesn't seem to be much difference between Peg Jolin and Paul Holbo, the two candidates running for state Senate District 22. But take another look.

Oregon's dilemma of how to reduce local property taxes without sinking the state's public school system has proven to be a dividing line between the two candidates. And beyond that, the Democrat and Republican take opposite sides on abortion in a twist on traditional party stances.

Jolin, a former four-term legislator in the House and now the incumbent Democratic senator, opposes abortion and supports Ballot Measure 10, which would require doctors to notify a parent before performing an abortion on a minor.

Republican Holbo, a University vice provost since 1982, opposes Measure 10 and Measure 8, which would outlaw abortion except in cases of rape or incest or when a woman's life was endangered.

The candidates' positions on measures 8 and 10 have become central in their race in District 22, which stretches south of Eugene from Oakridge to Reedsport.

Holbo is quick to call attention to the differences that abortion points up between the two candidates and calls the issue an "extremely important" aspect of his race against Jolin.

"Peg Jolin is probably the most ardent pro-life enthusiast, at least among Democrats, in the Senate," he said.

Jolin says that although she is anti-abortion, she supports only one of the two abortion measures on the ballot. "I do not support Measure 8," she said. "It's a bad measure. It would be unenforceable, and I think it would be thrown out by the courts."

Aside from abortion, property tax relief and school funding have become issues in their campaigns. Even though they share some common ground in this area, Holbo and Jolin have different solutions for the state's school finance problems.

Both candidates agree that Ballot Measure 5, which would limit property taxes that provide funding for schools and government operations, is not the answer to Oregon's problems.

But as a response to what he calls "strong anti-tax sentiment" among many voters in his district, Holbo has put forth a proposal that would increase the state's support for public schools by 2 percent to 3 percent.

### BIOGRAPHY

#### Paul Holbo

**Candidacy:** State Senate, District 22

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 61

**Home:** Eugene

**Occupation:** University's vice provost for academic affairs

**Background:** Associate and acting dean, College of Liberal Arts at the University, 1970-74; Ph.D. and M.A., University of Chicago; B.A., Yale University



#### Peg Jolin

**Candidacy:** State Senate, District 22

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 38

**Home:** London Springs, Ore.

**Occupation:** State senator, District 22

**Background:** State senator, 1989 to present; state representative 1980-87; first woman elected House majority whip, 1983; appointed to Western Council of State Governments, 1987; former bookkeeper and wood products worker



"The state funded 40 percent of the cost of our schools in 1978," he said. "In 1990 that figure has gone down to 26 percent."

By increasing state funding for schools, Holbo thinks Oregon could buy itself some time to come up with a workable tax program.

However, Jolin says she is not focusing on one particular cure for the funding problem.

"There are only three resources that can significantly reduce the current burden on property tax," she said. Those options are a sales tax; a gross receipts tax, which would put a sales tax on retail business; or a progressive income tax that would "take a bigger bite out of the wealthy," she said.



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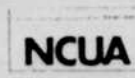

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