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Measure 20-25 Safer Communities

What are the Facts?

Measure 20-25 is a proposed Lane County Charter Amendment designed to fund prevention, intervention, and enforcement, and address gaps in the county-wide community safety system. Each Lane County community would receive part of the money to use for its own safety programs and services.

Measure 20-25 would authorize an 8% surcharge on state personal and corporate income and excise taxes. If approved by voters, it would

Begin January 1, 2000.

• Raise about \$22 million the first year.

End in 2006 unless voters renew it.

· Establish a cap on the tax rate; only voters could increase it.

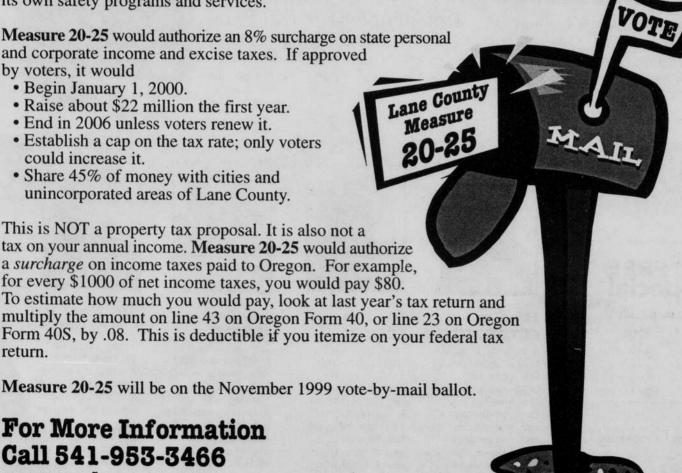
 Share 45% of money with cities and unincorporated areas of Lane County.

This is NOT a property tax proposal. It is also not a tax on your annual income. Measure 20-25 would authorize a surcharge on income taxes paid to Oregon. For example, for every \$1000 of net income taxes, you would pay \$80. To estimate how much you would pay, look at last year's tax return and multiply the amount on line 43 on Oregon Form 40, or line 23 on Oregon Form 40S, by .08. This is deductible if you itemize on your federal tax

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Protesting

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community to demistify the police," he said. "We are not here to harass or intimidate people."

But this explanation was not enough for the protesters who frequently challenged the police officers present at the event to explain circumstances of brutali-

"The police will take as much power as the city will give them, and the city will look the other way," said Janet Gicker, a speak-

While the protest was tense at moments, with group members openly challenging those who questioned their viewpoints, the event broke up peacefully as supporters of the movement went to the Lane County Jail to continue their protest.

Onlookers were divided about how effectively the protesters presented their viewpoints.

Sam Thompson, a visitor from North Carolina, now attending Evergreen State College in Washington, said he was surprised at the level of anger toward the po-

"Where I'm from there isn't this hostility toward the police," he said.

But he added he was surprised with how effectively the protest was presented.

"I'm impressed with the organization of the people and how they don't sit passively," he said.

Freshman English major Britta Ameel said she was less impressed with the event.

"I thought it was kind of scary," she said. "I wish it was a little more informational than ar-

Air travel

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said the ticket availability this year during Christmas and New Year's Day is the same as regular holiday seasons — no unusual rush or many cancellations. He added that although some peo-ple may change their flying plans, the seats are soon taken by other passengers.

Dethlefs recommends students have backup plans and be cautious when traveling. If students are going to an unfamiliar foreign country, they should bring some extra food. He also recommends students research about the Y2K compliance of their destinations before they plan their vacations.

But not everyone is overwhelmed by Y2K

'I totally do not believe the Y2K problem," said Billy Solis, a sophomore majoring in bio-chemistry. "I believe Y2K is a hype that has been completely overblown.

The Department of Transportation will publish the Y2K compliant information of airline companies, airports in the United States as well as other countries on Oct. 30 on its Web site. Interested travelers can check the Web site at www.dot.

