

availability of health care for people living with HIV/AIDS. Title II provides funding to states for services such as testing, education, prevention and drugs.

According to the 1999 annual report of Oregon Public Health Services, 4,586 residents have been reported with AIDS since the beginning of the epidemic. At that time, total deaths stood at 2,654, leaving about 1,932 people living with AIDS statewide.

The number of people living with HIV was estimated to be 3,800 to 8,600. During 1999, 222 Oregonians were newly reported with AIDS and 47 died of AIDS.

**HRC HONORS  
100 PERCENT  
CLUB**

The Human Rights Campaign recently saluted U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and 25 other members of Congress who have earned 100 percent on its scorecard since 1989, when the organization started ranking the legislators.

"The heroes we honor today have championed our cause and courageously stood by our side in good times and bad," political director Winnie Stachelberg said at a reception March 7. "Their unwavering support has

been crucial to our ability to defeat anti-gay bills and push forward toward equality. We thank these brave, principled individuals for all they have done."

**HOST COMMITTEE  
WILL MEET**

The next meeting of the Creating Change 2002 Host Committee will be held from 7

to 9 p.m. April 17 in the first floor conference room at 123 N.E. Third Ave.

Attendees will launch community organizing projects, form working subcommittees that will tackle specific tasks and meet the four co-chairs. The conference is set for Nov. 6 to 10 at the Jantzen Beach DoubleTree Hotel.

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**UNION  
ENDORSES  
GOOD  
GOVERNMENT  
INITIATIVE**

Portland's Metropolitan Employees Union announced March 21 it has voted to endorse the Good Government Initiative.

Gay businessman Robert Ball is pushing the ballot measure, which would shift responsibility of city departments to experienced managers hired by the mayor. In addition, seven of the nine council members would represent district neighborhoods.

"We believe the Good Government Initiative...will strengthen accountability between the city's executive and legisla-

tive actions through a system of checks and balances," said Chuck Moffit of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 189. "Currently the commissioners who vote on bureau budgets have a vested interest in seeing those budgets passed as they will be overseeing those very bureaus for the upcoming years." □

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Sue Hyde energizes volunteers during the first Creating Change 2002 Host Committee meeting Feb. 27

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