

Measure 15 will cause kids, families, public workers to suffer

A close look at Ballot Measure 15 reveals that human services, public safety, and even education programs stand to lose big if it passes on November 8.

That's why the OPEU/SEIU Local 503 Board of Directors recommends a NO vote on Measure 15.

• **Amends Constitution** - Ballot Measure 15 says it wants to put "kids first" by amending the Oregon Constitution to require the Legislature to fund elementary and secondary schools and community colleges at no less than the amount they received in the current 1993-95 budget, plus increases for inflation and enrollment growth. Next year that would be roughly 60% of the entire state General Fund!

• **Creates 25% budget gap** - If one program's budget is increased by so much, other programs must be cut. State budget analysts say Measure 15 would create a budget gap of at least 25% for human services, public safety, higher education, and other General Fund programs.

These workloads are growing faster than the school population.

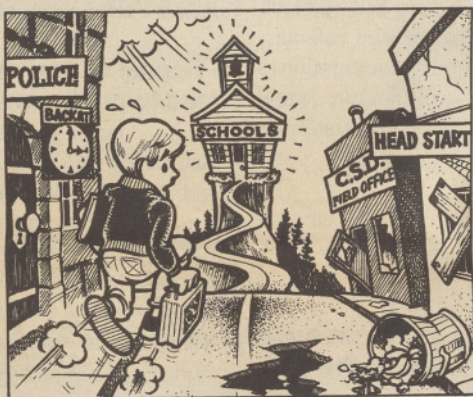
The chart at right shows what a 25% budget cut could do.

• **Could cost federal funds** - Measure 15 will strip funding from other vital services and could force the state to forego \$367 million in federal funds for human services, including Medicare funds for the Oregon Health Plan.

But, what will happen to schools if Measure 15 doesn't pass?

Budget projections for 1995 call for a significant increase in state funding for schools without Measure 15 — enough to match this year's funding levels plus most or all expected increases in enrollments.

NO on Measure 15



NO on 15 radio ads show measure's impact on services

This is one of three radio ads urging a NO vote on Ballot Measure 15 that are currently running statewide.

ANNOUNCER: Dave Frohnmayer, former Oregon Attorney General, with a warning on Ballot Measure 15.

FROHNMAYER: The State Attorney General has a clear-cut job: Make certain Oregon is protected from criminals. I did that job for 11 years. When I moved to a post in higher education, my job was clear-cut, too: Help students get the best college education possible.

Unfortunately, both public safety and higher education stand to lose if we pass Ballot Measure 15. Fifteen is a constitutional amendment that requires the state to take money away from public safety and use it to fund only a part of education. I believe this is an extreme measure and I believe that it's wrong for Oregon.

Ballot Measure 15 will siphon critical dollars from the Department of Justice, state police, and prisons. If Ballot Measure 15 wins, we'll lose ground in the fight against crime.

And don't misunderstand. As a father with kids in schools, I know that maintaining quality education is the right thing to do. But Ballot Measure 15 is the wrong way to go at it. Please vote NO on 15.

Programs	Impact	Jobs Lost
State Colleges & Universities	60% increase in tuition or 8,000 fewer spaces for Oregon students.	1,247
Human Resources	Reduced custody for juvenile delinquents, reduced services for abused and neglected children, mentally ill.	2,144
State Police	Reduction in patrol coverage (below 24 hours in some areas).	225
Prisons	Equivalent to closure of Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, Snake River, Shutter Creek, Powder River, and Columbia River.	539
Other	Reductions in courts, environmental protection, etc.	595

Oregonians know Measure 15 hurts public services and kids

A wide range of groups and individuals oppose Ballot Measure 15, the so-called Education First initiative. They include one of the initiative's original sponsors, Sue Densmore of Medford; both major party candidates for Governor of Oregon, John Kitzhaber, the Democrat, and Denny Smith, the Republican; and a host of individuals and organizations concerned about the needs of education, children, and families. Opposing Measure 15 are:

Alliance for the Mentally Ill (Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill)
 The ARC of Oregon • Associated Oregon Industries
 Association of Oregon Counties • Association of Oregon Faculties
 Day Area Rehabilitation Center • Central Oregon Labor Council
 Community Action Directors of Oregon • Community Action Team, Inc.
 Communities for Oregonians with Disabilities • Democratic Party of Oregon
 Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon/Legislative Ministries Commission
 Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers
 Florence Area Council on Transportation
 Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation • Human Services Coalition of Oregon
 Juvenile Rights Project • League of Women Voters of Oregon
 Marion/Polk Counties Foster Parent Association
 Metropolitan Employment and Alternative Support Association
 National Association of Social Workers • Oregon AFL-CIO
 Oregon Advocacy Center • Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs
 Oregon Association of Treatment Centers • Oregon Business Council
 Oregon Community Mental Health Providers Association • Oregon Fair Share
 Oregon Federation of Teachers, Educators, and Health Care Professionals
 Oregon Health Care Association • Oregon Police Chiefs for Safer Communities
 Oregon Public Employees Union/SEIU Local 503
 Oregon State Council of Senior Citizens • Oregon Student Lobby
 Organizing for Education • Outside In
 Portland Chamber of Commerce • Portland Rainbow Coalition
 United Cerebral Palsy Association of Oregon and SW Washington
 Worthy Wage Coalition, Portland-Metro • State Senator Bill Bradley
 Diane Christopher, Board of Higher Education* • State Senator Joyce Cohen
 Bill Danley, President, Association of Inter-Institutional Faculty*
 Sue Densmore, formerly original sponsor, Measure 15
 Dave Frohnmayer, Interim President, UofO; former Oregon Attorney General
 Bobbi Gary • State Representative Avel Gordly
 John Kitzhaber, Democratic Candidate for Governor
 Dale Penn, Marion County District Attorney • Alice Pickard
 Governor Barbara Roberts • State Senator Bob Shoemaker
 Denny Smith, Republican Candidate for Governor
 Les Swanson, President, Board of Higher Education*
 Charles Vars, League of Oregon Cities*
 * Organizations listed for identification purposes only.