

Ballot Measures

	How It Reads/What It Does	How We See It
14	Amends Constitution: Removes Historical Racial References in Obsolete Sections of Oregon Constitution, Article VII (Original), Article XVIII Removes references to "white" inhabitants, "free Negroes" and "mulattoes" from the state constitution.	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors did not review this measure.
15	Amends Constitution: Authorizes State To Issue General Obligation Bonds for Seismic Rehabilitation of Public Education Buildings (Defined) Allows the state to issue general obligation bonds to retrofit or reinforce public education buildings to withstand earthquakes.	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors did not review this measure.
16	Amends Constitution: Authorizes State To Issue General Obligation Bonds for Seismic Rehabilitation of Emergency Services Buildings (Defined) Allows the state to issue general obligation bonds to retrofit or reinforce fire stations, hospitals and police stations to withstand earthquakes.	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors did not review this measure.
17	Amends Constitution: Reduces Minimum Age Requirement To Serve as State Legislator From 21 Years to 18 Years Extends eligibility to serve as a state legislator to persons 18 to 20 years old.	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors did not review this measure.
18	Amends Constitution: Allows Certain Tax Districts To Establish Permanent Property Tax Rates and Divide Into Tax Zones Allows local voters to establish property tax rates for districts that had not imposed property taxes prior to July 1990, subject to existing tax limitations.	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors did not review this measure.
21	Amends Constitution: Revises Procedure for Filling Judicial Vacancies, Electing Judges; Allows Vote for "None of the Above" Inserts a "none of the above" option in all judicial elections. Allows judges to be elected by less than majority votes. Requires additional elections if "none of the above" is the top vote getter. Ends governor's authority to fill vacancies by appointment and requires additional elections instead.	"None of the above" masks a hidden agenda to politicize the judiciary in Oregon and allow judges to be elected by less than a majority vote. We recommend a NO vote.
22	Amends Constitution: Requires Oregon Supreme Court Judges and Court of Appeals Judges To Be Elected by District Changes from statewide to district-based elections for Supreme Court, Court of Appeals. Creates 5 districts for Court of Appeals and 7 districts for Supreme Court. Requires reapportionment of districts by the legislature every 10 years.	This would make our appellate courts more like the legislature – elected by district, vulnerable to gerrymandering and prone to political infighting. We recommend a NO vote.

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23	Creates Health Care Finance Plan for Medically Necessary Services; Creates Additional Income, Payroll Taxes Establishes a "single-payer" health care system that would effectively replace most employer-sponsored health care plans. Benefits would be all-encompassing: Whatever treatment a physician or recognized health professional prescribes would be covered at no cost to the patient. The benefits would be administered by a statewide board and funded by income taxes paid by individuals (47% of new costs) and employers (53% of new costs).	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors takes a neutral position on this measure. This is a well-intentioned effort towards health care reform. However, we are concerned that the funding mechanism could harm working families.
24	Allows Licensed Denturists To Install Partial Dentures (Replacement Teeth); Authorizes Cooperative Dentist-Denturist Business Ventures Allows licensed denturists to install removable upper and lower partial dentures.	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors did not review this measure.
25	Increases Oregon Minimum Wage to \$6.90 in 2003; Increases for Inflation in Future Years Raises Oregon's minimum wage from \$6.50 to \$6.90 per hour in January 2003 and adjusts the minimum wage for inflation every year thereafter.	No one who works full-time should have to live in poverty. This measure provides a long-overdue raise for Oregon's lowest-paid workers. We recommend a YES vote.
	 This measure was brought to the ballot by the unions of the Oregon AFL-CIO and our partners in labor and community groups throughout Oregon. (For more on this measure, see page 6.)	
26	Amends Constitution: Prohibits Payment, Receipt of Payment Based on the Number of Initiative, Referendum Petition Signatures Obtained Prohibits paying or receiving bounties, commissions or any other form of per-signature payments for signatures on initiative and referendum petitions.	Paying by the signature has turned petitioning for initiatives into a dirty business of fraud and forgery. This measure will help clean up these corrupt practices and restore accountability to the initiative process. We recommend a YES vote.
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27	Requires Labeling of Genetically-Engineered Foods (As Defined) Sold or Distributed In or From Oregon Requires all foods and beverages sold or distributed in Oregon that are derived from or processed with genetically-engineered materials to be so labeled.	The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors did not review this measure.