

Tax opponents say measure's description misleading

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SALEM — Opponents of a corporate sales tax measure on the November ballot have asked election officials to remove draft language from the voters' pamphlet that says the revenue would be spent on education, health care and senior services.

Rep. John Davis, R-Wilsonville, was one of at least three people who made similar requests to the Financial Estimate Committee on Initiative Petition 28 as part of public comments on the proposed language. The initiative, backed by the nonprofit Our Oregon, is on track to be called Measure 97 on the ballot.

The measure levies a 2.5 percent tax on certain corporations' Oregon sales exceed-

ing \$25 million and would generate an estimated \$3 billion a year in new revenue, according to the Legislative Revenue Office.

The proposed financial impact statement that would appear in the voters' guide says "the increased revenue will require increased expenditures by the state in the areas of public early childhood and kindergarten through grade 12 education, health care, and senior services."

That comports with the measure's text, stating that revenue from the tax "shall be used to provide additional funding for public early childhood and kindergarten through 12th grade education, health



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care and services for senior citizens."

But Davis and others say that statement conflicts with reality.

Davis based his request on an opinion Monday from the nonpartisan Legislative Counsel's Office that concludes the measure effectively places no restrictions on lawmakers from spending the revenue on other things.

The Legislature "may appropriate revenues generated by the measure in any way it chooses," the opinion stated.

Davis wrote in an email that based on the opinion, the draft language is "both factually incorrect and also misleading to the public."

In all likelihood, most, if not all of the money, would be used for the intended purposes, said Rep. Peter Buckley, D-Ashland, one of the Legislature's chief budget writers. Education is the state's largest budget line, and the costs of health care programs are anticipated to climb next year, Buckley said.

"If lawmakers want to spend the money elsewhere, they would have to change the law," said Katherine Driessen, an Our Oregon spokeswoman. "Speculation about whether they will or they won't is just that. Given the dire funding crisis our critical services are facing, we expect they will be hard-pressed to change the law to spend the money on anything other than our schools, healthcare, and senior services."

At least two others have echoed Davis's request for a change to the language in the voters' pamphlet: Gregory Chaimov, a former legislative counsel and attorney for the opposition campaign Defeat the Tax on Oregon Sales, and John Tapogna of ECONorthwest.

The draft language "would lead a voter to believe that Measure 97 revenue would be earmarked exclusively for pre-K-12, health care and senior services, and that the revenue would supplement, and would not supplant, current spending on those services. For legal and technical reasons, that's unlikely to be the case," Tapogna wrote.

Melissa Unger, political director for SEIU Local 503, said the voters' pamphlet should reflect how the mea-

sure requires the revenue to be used.

"Clearly stating that the measure requires funds to these four specific areas is a key component to the measure and should be included and clearly stated," Unger wrote.

Two committees responsible for writing the financial impact statement and explanatory statement in the voters' pamphlet are scheduled to meet Friday and Monday to consider the public comments and whether to make changes.

"Section 3 of the measure very clearly spells out where the money will go, and that's early education, k-12 education, senior services, and healthcare," Driessen said. "We expect the committee will agree with us on that because that would clearly be the law once Measure 97 passes."

Text-to-911: Current technology blocks photos, videos

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"Barring anything unforeseen, the state anticipates rolling it out region by region and within two years we should be border-to-border," Rusiecki said.

Call first

Astoria Dispatch practiced sending more than 500 text messages to make sure the technology works for all cellphone providers. So far, the dispatch center has only received two text messages from residents. One was accidentally sent, and another was for a reported drunken driver.

Dispatcher Candace Pozdolski said receiving the text message on the drunken driver took much longer than a call. She recalls being on the phone with Oregon State Police waiting to dispatch them while quietly waiting for a reply text. Dispatchers have some automatic replies set up, such as "Clatsop County 911, what is the location of your emergency?" Once a conversation is started, dispatchers must reply as quickly as they can.

"It takes a little while because you have to type your thoughts," Pozdolski said. "It's not as effective, but if it's going to help save someone who is locked in the closet with a burglar in the house, then it is worth it."

Dispatch centers strongly



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Astoria Police Department Dispatcher Candace Pozdolski demonstrates how the new text-to-911 technology works on Tuesday in the Astoria Police Department.

encourage people to call first, if possible.

Besides slower response, texting 911 has other downsides. Pinpointing the location of a text on a map is less accurate, dispatchers do not get audio clues in the background that help understand a situation, and text mes-

sages can include confusing abbreviations.

Each dispatch center in the pilot project agreed on common abbreviations such as "st." for street and "hwy." for highway. Dispatchers are asking the public to text as clearly as possible, which means no slang and no emojis.

"We are going to have to clarify and that is going to take time," Pozdolski said. "We just ask everyone to use clear text."

Benefits

The current technology blocks photographs and videos. If necessary, Rusiecki said, dispatchers can retrieve

photos or videos from the system. Eventually, accepting multimedia will be automatic.

"There will be benefits if someone is able to take a picture of a suspect or a license plate," Rusiecki said.

The texting capability simply gives people another way to contact 911. The most com-

mon uses for texts involve domestic violence, suicide attempts, kidnappings, home invasions and active shooters.

As an example, Rusiecki said, the need for texting 911 was apparent during the Orlando shooting in June. People were hiding in the nightclub and texting their relatives to call 911 while the shooter was in the building. Dispatchers were talking to people who were texting their loved ones.

"It can get complicated very quickly," Rusiecki said.

While texting helps dispatch centers catch up with a generation accustomed to such communication, dispatchers do not expect to be flooded with texts.

Rusiecki said nationwide numbers show dispatch centers are successfully handling texts without getting overwhelmed.

"Nobody is inundated by this by any means," he said.

During the pilot project, the seven emergency call centers are using a third-party system, TeleCommunication Systems.

Astoria Dispatch is working to use its own system through the network known as Next Generation 9-1-1. The plan is to get every dispatch center in the state on the network so text messages can be easily transferred from center to center.

"The connectivity is what is missing," Rusiecki said. "That's where it's heading."

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings
THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												AUGUST 4	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	BattleBots (N)		Greatest Hits "1980-2005" (SF) (N)				KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	BattleBots (N)		Greatest Hits "1980-2005" (SF) (N)				KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	The Olympic Zone	Rio Olympics Preview Special (N)		To Be Announced				KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother (N)		Code Black "Pilot"		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother (N)		Code Black "Pilot"		KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	The Olympic Zone	Rio Olympics Preview Special (N)		To Be Announced				KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	LegendTomor. "The Magnificent Eight"	B. & Beast "Monsieur et Madame Bete"	KGW News at 10	(35) Two 1/2 Men			(05) Two 1/2 Men	(35) King of Hill
10	KOPB	(10) In the Americas	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho	Shetland "Red Bones - Part Two" 2/2		Scott & Bailey "Tough Love"		The Politician's Husband	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Home Free "Overnight Success/ Dream Come True" (N)		10 O'Clock News				11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Mentalist "Red Hot"				The Mentalist "Ball of Fire"	
13	KCPQ	(13) Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Home Free "Overnight Success/ Dream Come True" (N)		Q13 News at 10				Q13 News	Modern Family
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls		Conan	
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9				Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NFL Football	Super Bowl	E60		SportsCenter		SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
29	ESPN2	(29) (4:00) CFL Football B.C. vs Montreal (L)		CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampede Site: McMahon Stadium - Calgary, Alta. (L)				SportsCenter Special				NFL Live	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	To Be Announced						Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) (5:30) Spy Kids 3D: Game Over		K.C. Undercover "Runaway Robot"		★★ Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (11) Jessica Alba. (35) Girl Meets W.		Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover			Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) ★★ Dark Shadows (12) Michelle Pfeiffer, Johnny Depp.		★★ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005, Adventure) Freddie Highmore, David Kelly, Johnny Depp.		Pretty Liars "Wanted: Dead or Alive"						The 700 Club	
35	FAM	(35) (5:00) World War Z (13, Act) Brad Pitt.		(15) World War Z (2013, Action) Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, Brad Pitt.		(35) ★★ Tron: Legacy (2010, Action) Garrett Hedlund, Olivia Wilde, Jeff Bridges.							
36	LIFE	(36) My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex (N)		I Love "Knocked Up/ Double Lives" (N)		My Crazy Ex	
38	ROOT	(38) Griffey HOF	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Seattle		Mariners Site: Safeco Field - Seattle, Wash. (L)		Post-game		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners			
39	F51	(39) (5:00) UFC 194				Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		Garbage Time	Best I Heard (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports
43	SPIKE	(43) Movie	★★ Wrath of the Titans (2011, Action) Liam Neeson, Rosamund Pike, Sam Worthington.			Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle			Final Destination 3	
44	COM	(44) (15) Futurama	(45) Futurama	(20) Futurama	(50) Tosh.0	(20) Tosh.0	"Hey, Baby Girl"	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		The Daily Show	The Nightly Show
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Mountain Men "Killer Instinct"		Mountain Men	"Concussion" (N)	(05) Ice Road Truckers (N)				(05) Ice Road Truckers	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Cold Light of Day"		The First 48		The First 48 (N)	Inside the Tape	The First 48 "Room for the Night/ Down and Out" (N)				(05) The First 48	
47	TLC	(47) Tots/Tiara "Universal Royalty Motown"		My 600-lb Life "Paula's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Susan's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Nikki's Story"		Skin Tight "Ariel and Chantae" (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life	
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Killing the Colorado See the causes and effects of the drought in America. (N)				(05) Killing the Colorado	
49	NGEO	(49) No Man Left "The One That Got Away"		Live Free or Die "Call of the Wild"		Live Free or Die "The Hunt Is On"		No Man Left Behind "Memories of Hell"		No Man Left "Stealth Fighter Down"		No Man Left Behind "Memories of Hell"	
50	TNT	(50) Supernatural "Lucifer Rising"		Castle "Dressed to Kill"		Madea's Big Happy Family (2011, Drama) Bow Wow, Tyler Perry.		(15) Why Did I Get Married Too? (10) Sharon Leal, Tyler Perry, Janet Jackson.				(15) Why Did I Get Married Too?	
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★ The Italian Job (03) Charlize Theron, Mark Wahlberg.		★★★ Bruce Almighty (03) Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey.		★★ Happy Gilmore (96, Com) Christopher McDonald, Julie Bowen, Adam Sandler.						Paid Program	Paid Program
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Noncompliance"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Consent"		Law&Order: SVU "Holden's Manifesto"		Law&Order: SVU "Pornstar's Requiem"		Queen South "El Hombre Pajaro" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Honor"	
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Hoofin' It!"		Chopped "Bizarre Battle"		Chopped "Deadliest Baskets"		Chopped		Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) (4:30) ★★ The Avengers (12) Robert Downey Jr..		★★★ 21 Jump Street (2012, Action) Channing Tatum, Ice Cube, Jonah Hill.				Sex&Drugs (N)	Sex&Drugs&Rock			Sex&Drugs&Rock	About Last Night
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Amer. Greed "The Bad Neighbors" (N)		Amer. Greed "The Real Wolf of Wall Street"		Amer. Greed "Jamaican Lottery Scam"		American Greed "The Bad Neighbors"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Housewives NJ "A Life to Envy"		Real Housewives "Body of Evidence"		The Real Housewives		Flipping Out (N)		Housewives NJ "A Life to Envy"		WatchWhat (N)	Flipping Out
64	TVM	(64) (5:00) Wedding March Pierre Blanchard.		★★★ King Kong (1933, Adventure) Robert Armstrong, Bruce Cabot, Fay Wray.		Thunderbolt (1929, Crime Story) Fay Wray, George Bancroft.		(45) ★★ Below the Sea (1933) Fay Wray, Ralph Bellamy.				John Carter (2012, Action) Taylor Kitsch.	
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) ★★ Starship Troopers (97) Casper Van Dien, Denise Richards.		★★★ John Carter (2012, Action) Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe, Taylor Kitsch.								John Carter (2012, Action) Taylor Kitsch.	
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "WLAC Championship"		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	

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