

Measure 97: Medical community divided on possible effects

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Fausel, whose large specialty practice serves the Portland metro area, estimates he'd be hit with a \$4.2 million tax increase, "just... because we are unfortunate enough to be a 'C' corp."

Meanwhile, other for-profit medical practices in the state, with comparable services and size, face no increase.

Differences in structure

The disparity is based solely on the clinics' corporate structure and how they pay their taxes, choices that many clinics made years before Measure 97 came on the horizon.

Women's Healthcare Associates is a limited liability company that elected to pay its taxes as a C corporation. Under Measure 97, the Portland-area practice faces a corporate tax

increase of more than \$1 million, said CEO Brian Kelly.

In contrast, Hematology and Oncology of Salem, a limited liability company that pays taxes as a partnership, is not subject to the tax, even though the practice generates nearly \$40 million in sales each year.

Paying taxes as a partnership allows profits flowing to the partners to be taxed at their personal income tax rate, said partner Dr. Bud Pierce.

Pierce, who is the GOP nominee for governor, has come out against the tax, even though his cancer clinic, which would not be affected by Measure 97, might gain a competitive advantage.

Under Measure 97, about 30 out of 1,366 tax return filers who are categorized as health care or social services would see their corporate taxes climb from

about \$8 million per year to \$104 million per year, said Paul Warner, director of the Legislative Revenue Office.

Consumers would pay about half of the cost of the tax increase in the form of higher prices, according to Warner's estimates.

In total, the tax is projected to cost an Oregon household between \$372 and \$1,282 per year in the form of higher prices and fewer employment opportunities, according to a May study by the Legislative Revenue Office.

In support

Our Oregon, the advocacy group backing the measure, wants revenue from the tax to be earmarked for health care, in addition to education and senior services.

Katherine Driessen, a

spokeswoman for Our Oregon, said large corporations, such as Oregon Clinic, can afford to pay more taxes.

"Without Measure 97, affordable healthcare remains out of reach for hundreds of thousands of Oregonians," Driessen said. "With Measure 97, we will be able to provide quality, affordable care for Oregonians."

But some in the medical community say it could have just the opposite effect.

The Oregon Medical Association voted in mid-July to oppose Measure 97 based on "serious concerns about how Measure 97, if passed, would affect Oregon's healthcare providers, and by extension, their patients."

"The regressive nature of Measure 97 would mean that our patients, especially those

with lower incomes, could face additional barriers to accessing quality care at a reasonable price," the association said in a statement. "The cost of healthcare is already a great burden on families. We believe Measure 97 would compound the problem."

Sales not profits

Brad Wakefield, CEO of Corvallis Clinic, said one of the problems with the tax measure is that it taxes sales rather than profits. Corvallis Clinic, which operates in Corvallis and Albany, also faces a significant tax hike under the measure.

"I would say we are very similar to a grocery store in that our revenue tends to be really high, but there is not a lot of profit," Wakefield said. "If we have 1 percent left at the end of the year after paying all of the

employees, we're pretty happy."

With such low profit margins, "the big question is where would the money come from to pay the tax?" Wakefield said.

Clinics would likely try to negotiate increased reimbursement rates with private insurers to help offset the cost of the tax, he said. Rates are typically set in contracts that last a year or longer, so many clinics would have to wait to try to recoup costs.

Another way clinics could balance their books is to reduce the number of Medicare and Medicaid patients they serve and replace them with patients with private insurance, which pay higher reimbursement rates, Wakefield said.

About half of patients at Oregon Clinic and at Corvallis Clinic are on Medicare or Medicaid, according to those clinics' executives.



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Evening listings
FRIDAY-SUNDAY

FRIDAY EVENING													SEPTEMBER 2	
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	Shark Tank		What Would You Do?		20/20		KATU News at 11	(35) H.S. Blitz	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Shark Tank		What Would You Do?		20/20		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	America's Got Talent "Semifinals 1"	The semi-finalists perform.	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	CBS Evening News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS: LA "Where There's Smoke"	Hawaii Five-0	Blue Bloods "Blast From the Past"		Blue Bloods "Blast From the Past"		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	NCIS: LA "Where There's Smoke"	Hawaii Five-0		Blue Bloods "Blast From the Past"		KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert	
9	KGW	(7) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Semifinals 1"	The semi-finalists perform.	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show	
10	KRCW	(3) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Here's Moxie"		KGW News at 10	(35) Two 1/2 Men	(05) Two 1/2 Men	(35) King of Hill	
10	KOPB	(10) Expeditions	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	Hollywood Idols	The Secret of Crickley Hall		The Secret of Crickley Hall		The Secret of Crickley Hall		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News	Timbers in 30	Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef "Tag Team"	MasterChef "Pop-Up Restaurant"	10 O'Clock News		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	Bones "The Blackout in the Blizzard"		Bones "The Blackout in the Blizzard"		Bones "The Feet on the Beach"		
13	KCPO	(13) Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Tag Team"	MasterChef "Pop-Up Restaurant"	Q13 News at 10		Q13 News at 10		Most Wanted	Modern Family	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	*** The LEGO Movie (14) Voices of	Will Ferrell, Elizabeth Banks, Chris Pratt.	*** Shrek 2 (04, Animated) Voices of		*** Shrek 2 (04, Animated) Voices of		Friends	Friends	
22	KZJZ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Football	Colorado State at Colorado	Colorado State at Colorado	Colorado State at Colorado	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
29	ESPN2	(30) (4:00) ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)				E:60 Pictures	ESPN Films	Baseball Tonight (L)		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NFL Live	Jalen & Jacoby	Jalen & Jacoby	
31	NICK	(31) ALVIN!!!	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	Stuck in Middle	Elena of Avalor	Bunk'd	Girl Meets World	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Star vs. Forces/Evil	Star vs. Forces/Evil	LEGO Freemaker	Stuck in Middle	
34	FAM	(34) *** Harry Potter and the Chamber of	Secrets (2002, Family)	Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.						Cheer Squad "Threeppeat!"		The 700 Club		
35	FNC	(35) (4:00) The A-Team	(35) *** X-Men: The Last Stand (06)	Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart.				(35) *** X-Men: The Last Stand (06)	Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart.			*** Kick-Ass 2 (13)	Chloe Moretz, Aaron Taylor-Johnson.	
38	LIFE	(38) Bring It! "Ratchiticu!"	"Bring It! "Hoop Dreams Drama"	"Bring It! "Hoop Dreams Drama"				"Bring It! "Dancing With the Enemy" (N)		The Rap Game (N)		The Rap Game		
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field	-- Seattle, Wash. (L)		Post-game		H.S. Football Gonzaga Prep vs. Eastside Catholic		H.S. Football Gonzaga Prep vs. Eastside Catholic		
39	FST	(39) NCAA Football	Kansas State at Stanford	Site: Stanford Stadium -- Stanford, Calif. (L)				College FB Extra		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself	Speak for Yourself	
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		Cops		Cops	Cops	
44	COM	(44) (1:15) Futurama	(1:15) Futurama	(2:20) *** Just Friends (2005, Comedy)	Amy Smart, Anna Faris, Ryan Reynolds.			*** Shallow Hal (2001, Comedy)	Jack Black, Jason Alexander, Gwyneth Paltrow.			*** Shallow Hal (2001, Comedy)	Jack Black, Jason Alexander, Gwyneth Paltrow.	
45	HIST	(45) Ancient Aliens "Underwater Worlds"	Aliens "The Anunnaki Connection"	Aliens "The Anunnaki Connection"				Ancient Aliens "Shiva the Destroyer" (N)	(05) Ancient Aliens "The Returned"		(05) Ancient Aliens "Unexplained Structures"		(05) Ancient Aliens "Unexplained Structures"	
46	A&E	(46) First 48 "Best Laid Plans/Burned Alive"	The First 48 "Dead End Drive/The Fixer"	The First 48 "Dead End Drive/The Fixer"				60 Days In: Time "All Pain, No Gain" (N)		Behind Bars: Overtime "Fear" (N)		(05) The First 48		
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	To Be Announced				To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		
48	DISC	(48) Bering Sea Gold "All In"	Bering Sea Gold "Jackpot"	Bering Sea Gold "Jackpot"				Bering Sea Gold "Fear the Reaper" (N)		Collar Backers "Mile High Club" (N)		(05) Bering Sea Gold "Fear the Reaper"		
49	NGEO	(49) Wicked Tuna "Not How We Operate"	Primal Survivor "Cannibal Legend"	Primal Survivor "Cannibal Legend"				Miracle Landing on the Hudson		Miracle Landing on the Hudson		Miracle Landing on the Hudson		
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Rocker in the Rinse Cycle"	Bones "The Witch in the Wardrobe"	Bones "The Witch in the Wardrobe"				*** Transformers (2007, Action)	Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.			*** Transformers (2007, Action)	Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.	
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** Rocky II (1979, Drama)	Talia Shire, Burt Young, Sylvester Stallone.	*** Rocky III (1982, Drama)	Talia Shire, Carl Weathers, Sylvester Stallone.			*** Rocky IV (1985, Drama)	Talia Shire, Sylvester Stallone.			*** Rocky IV (1985, Drama)	Talia Shire, Sylvester Stallone.	
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		Modern Family		Modern Family	Modern Family	
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Grocery Games	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	
54	HGTV	(54) Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Island Hunters		Island Hunters		Island Hunters	Island Hunters	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) *** Iron Man 3 (13, Act) Gwyneth	Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr.,	Declassified "Trigon: KGB Chess Game"	Declass. "Cuba: Traitor on the Inside"			Declassified "Zaqawi: Father of ISIS"		Declassified		Man of Steel (2013, Action)	Henry Cavill.	
57	CNN	(57) Declassified "Trigon: KGB Chess Game"	Declass. "Cuba: Traitor on the Inside"					Declassified		Declassified		Declassified		
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	Hannity				The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) The Profit	The Profit "Dilascia"	The Profit "Dilascia"				Cleveland Hustles "Honey vs. Hip"		Cleveland Hustles "Bagels or Blowouts"		Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Movie	*** How to Lose a	Guy in 10 Days (03, Com)	Kate Hudson, Adam Goldberg, Matthew McConaughey.			Wives of Melbourne "Do Buy" (N)	(15) *** How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days	(03) Matthew McConaughey.				
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Bonnie and Clyde	Warren Beatty.	*** Downhill Racer (69, Drama)	Gene Hackman, Camilla Sparo, Robert Redford.			*** The Gypsy Moths (69, Dra)	Deborah Kerr, Gene Hackman, Burt Lancaster.			Lilith (1964, Romance)	Warren Beatty.	
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Lake Placid (99, Act) Bill Pullman.		*** Anaconda (1997, Action)	Jennifer Lopez, Ice Cube, Jon Voight.			Killjoys (N)		Dark Matter "Take the Shot" (N)		Killjoys		
69	RFD	(69) Country Reporter	Postcards	Joey Canyon	Roping and Riding	TruCountry	Rural Eve. News	Country Fam. Reunion "Lookin' Back"		Country Reporter	Virginia Dreams	Time Life Library	Time Life Library	

SATURDAY EVENING													SEPTEMBER 3	
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) (5:05) NCAA Football	Alabama vs. USC (L)			(2:20) Studio	Paid Program	Homeowner	Paid Program	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	KATU News at 11	(35) Castle	
3	KOMO	(4) (5:05) NCAA Football	Alabama vs. USC (L)			(2:20) Studio	Paid Program	Homeowner	Paid Program	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	KOMO 4 News	(35) Paid Program	
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	Teen Kids News	Raw Travel	America's Got Talent "Live Results 4"	Aquarius "Blackbird" (N)	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	KING 5 News	Sat. Night Live	
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN Local 6 at 6	Weekend News	Entertainment Tonight	Weekend	A Football Life "Preview" (N)	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) Up Late NW	
7	KIRO	(7) Weekend News	KIRO 7 News	Steve Raible	Insider Weekend	A Football Life "Preview" (N)	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours	KIRO 7 News	(35) Scandal	
9	KGW	(7) NBC Nightly News	Straight Talk	The Chica Show	NoodleDoodle	America's Got Talent "Live Results 4"	Aquarius "Blackbird" (N)	Aquarius "Blackbird" (N)	Aquarius "Blackbird" (N)	Aquarius "Can You Take Me Back?" (N)	Aquarius "Can You Take Me Back?" (N)	KGW News at 11	Sat. Night Live	
10	KRCW	(3) Elementary	"Poison Pen"	Element. "An Unnatural Arrangement"				Bones "The Verdict in the Victims"		Bones "The Verdict in the Victims"		KGW News at 10	(35) Person of Interest "Get Carter"	
10	KOPB	(10) Rick Steves' Europe	Travel Skills	This Land Everyone's favorite folk song is	brought to life.	Summer, Surf & Hits by the Beach Boys, Ventures, and more.		Carpenters: Close		Carpenters: Close		Home Free "Skill Got It"	Home Free "Skill Got It"	
12	KPTV	(12) *** Identity (2003, Thriller)	Ray Liotta, Amanda Peet, John Cusack.	Portland Timbers	Paid Program	The Good Wife	Hotel Hell "Landoll's Mohican Castle"	10 O'Clock News		10 O'Clock News		West Coast Wrestling Connection	West Coast Wrestling Connection	
13	KPDx	(13) MLS Soccer	Portland Timbers at FC Dallas (L)	Hotel Hell "Brick Hotel"		Hotel Hell "Brick Hotel"		Q13 News at 10	Seahawks	Home Free "Skill Got It"		Home Free "Skill Got It"		
20	TBS	(20) 2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Full Frontal	Movie	
22	KZJZ	(22) Bones	Elementary "Poison Pen"	Person of Interest "Get Carter"				Q13 News at 9	Seahawks	Most Wanted	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Anger Manage	
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Football	Clemson at Auburn Site: Jordan-Hare Stadium -- Auburn, Ala. (L)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
29	ESPN2	(30) (4:00) ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)						Scoreboard "College Football Final" (L)		NCAA Football Ga.T./Bos.		NCAA Football Ga.T./Bos.		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Game Shakers	School of Rock	The Thundermans		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Walk the Prank	"Girl Meets World	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Stuck in Middle	K.C. Undercover	"Tightrope of Doom"		Lab Rats: Elite	Lab Rats: Elite	Walk the Prank	Bizaardvark	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005, Adventure)	Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.	*** Harry Potter and the Half-Blood	Prince (2009, Adventure)	Michael Gambon, Bonnie Wright, Daniel Radcliffe.		Endless Love (2014, Romance)	Gabriella Wilde, Alex Pettyfer.					
35	FNC	(35) (5:00) The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	(11) Judi Dench.	(35) The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	(2011, Comedy/Drama)	Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench.		You May Now Kill the Bride (16)	Ashley Newbrough, Tammin Sursok.					
36	LIFE	(36) Forced Exposure (2016, Drama)	Jodelle Ferland, Aliyah O'Brien, Elisabeth Rohm.	Backstabbed (2016, Thriller)	Brittany Underwood, Micah Alberti, Josie Davis.			Post-game		MLS Soccer Portland	Timbers at FC Dallas	Post-game (N)		
38	ROOT	(38) MLB Baseball	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)	Post-game		MLS Soccer Portland	Timbers at FC Dallas	Post-game		MLS Soccer Portland	Timbers at FC Dallas	Post-game (N)		
39	FST	(39) (4:00) MLB Baseball	Det./Kan. (L)	College FB Extra	NCAA Football BYU	Arizona Site: University of Phoenix Stadium -- Glendale, Ariz. (L)		College FB Extra		NCAA Football		College FB Extra	NCAA Football	
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		Cops		Cops	Cops	
44	COM	(44) (2:20) South Park "Go Fund Yourself"	(5:55) South Park	*** The Longest	Yard (2005, Comedy)	Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler.		*** Fun With Dick and Jane (2005, Comedy)	Tea Leoni, Alec Baldwin, Jim Carrey.					
45	HIST	(45) A. Pickers "Traders of the Lost Parts"	American Pickers "Need for Speed"	Amer. Pickers "Cowboys and Cowbets"				American Pickers "From A to T"		American Pickers "Shock Value"		(05) American Pickers "Best of the '60s"		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Division/Loose Ends"	The First 48 "Bound and Burned"	The First 48: Drugs Kill "Broad Daylight"				The First 48: Killer Confessions (N)		Confessions "Torn' Gun Crazy" (N)		(05) The First 48: Deadly Debt		
47	TLC	(47) Gypsy Wedd "The Stanley Sisters"	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	Wedding "From Jail to Wedding Veil"				Gypsy Wedd "Love is a Battlefield"		Amer. Gypsy Wedd "Kissing Cousins"		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	
48														