Measure 101: 'Health care is a right that we will protect'

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"Tonight's vote is an affirmation of our belief that Oregon is better off with a robust Medicaid program for our most vulnerable citizens," Davidson said in a statement.

State House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, praised

"Oregonians were loud and clear tonight: Health care is a right that we will protect," she said in a statement. "By passing Measure 101, Oregon voters affirmed that everyone has a right to access affordable health care — regardless of where they live or where they work. Thank you, Oregon voters, for keeping the state moving forward."

Elizabeth State Sen. Steiner Hayward, D-Beaverton, is a family physician who leads the budget-writing subcommittee that would have been tasked with reconciling the state's budget had the measure failed.

This win means we can get back to doing what we need to do without reinventing the wheel," Steiner Hayward said.

State Rep. Julie Parrish, R-Tualatin/West Linn, who with fellow Rep. Cedric Hayden, R-Fall Creek, led the campaign to get the taxes on the ballot, maintains that she and Hayden were trying to "blow the whistle" on what she feels is an unfair system of paying for public health care.

"The real story is like 11 months from now, when the budget is in a crisis, because the Legislature didn't get the Medicaid budget funded correctly," Parrish said.

House Minority Leader Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte, said in a statement that Tuesday's loss meant that legislators needed to address inefficiencies in the state's health care system.

In the past year, Gov. Kate Brown has ousted and replaced top leadership at the Oregon Health Authority amid a publicity scandal, and the health agency has also dealt with problems determining patient eligibility and making accurate payments to providers.

"Our state's health care programs have suffered from chronic failures for years," McLane said. "This culture of incompetence cannot be excused or forgotten in the wake of this ballot measure."

The secretary of state reported unofficial turnout of 39.5 percent, or more than 1 million ballots.

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Gymnastics doctor sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison



AP Photo/Carlos Osorio

Former gymnast Rachael Denhollander, left, is hugged by Kaylee Lorincz after giving her victim impact statement during the seventh day of Larry Nassar's sentencing hearing Wednesday in Lansing, Mich.

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The former sports doctor who admitted molesting some of the nation's top gymnasts for years under the guise of medical treatment was sentenced today to 40 to 175 years in prison by a judge proudly told him, "I just signed your death warrant."

The sentence capped a remarkable seven-day hearing in which scores of Larry Nassar's victims were able to confront him face to face in a Michigan courtroom.

"It is my honor and privilege to sentence you. You do not deserve to walk outside a prison ever again. You have done nothing to control those urges and anywhere you walk, destruction will occur to those most vulnerable," Judge Rosemarie

Aquilina said. Nassar's actions were 'precise, calculated, manipulative, devious, despicable,"

she said. When the hearing ended, the courtroom broke into applause. Victims and prosecutors embraced at the conclusion of the grueling 16-month

It was the second longterm prison sentence for the 54-year-old physician. He has also been sentenced to 60 years in federal prison for child pornography crimes.

Starbucks gives workers raises

Stock grants coming this year due to tax law

By JOSEPH PISANI Associated Press

NEW YORK — Starbucks is giving its U.S. workers pay raises and stock grants this year, citing recent changes to the tax

All employees will soon be able to earn paid sick time off, and the company's parental leave benefits will include all non-birth parents. Star-

bucks Corp. said today that the changes affect about 150,000 full-time, part-time, hourly and salaried employees, most of whom work as baristas or shop managers. The new benefits apply to workers at more than 8,200 company-owned stores but not at the 5,700 licensed shops like those found inside supermarkets.

Starbucks is the latest to say it's boosting pay or benefits due to the passage of the Republican tax plan, which slashed the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. Walmart, for example, raised its starting hourly salary from \$9 to \$11 earlier this month, and also expanded its parental leave benefits.

Beyond changes to the tax law, other factors are affecting retail working conditions. Larger employers are having a hard time attracting and keeping workers because of historically low unemployment rates. Job seekers can be pickier about where they work, and companies are trying to make themselves more attractive. Target had also announced in October that it would raise its starting hourly wage to \$11, and said it would raise wages to \$15 by the end of 2020.

Starbucks said workers will get a pay raise in April, their second increase this year. The company declined to specify how much more workers will be paid or what it pays them now. The job and recruiting site Glassdoor says baristas make about \$9.60 an hour, based on an average of salaries shared by Starbucks employees.

The company will give at least \$500 worth of Starbucks stock in April to employees at stores, support centers or bean roasting plants. Store managers will get \$2,000 in stock

Scare: 'This was a great scenario to put us through'

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Brown said that if the federal alert had occurred during daytime hours, her office would have likely followed up with some clarification locally and used the experience as an educational tool. Because the tsunami watch was issued at 3 a.m., and the magnitude and characteristics of the earthquake did not cause immediate concern, she said it did not make sense to wake people up.

"People don't always

understand where an alert is coming from. The alert was issued by NOAA from one of the U.S. tsunami centers, which was very general," Brown said. "On the backside, I'm getting more alerts from NOAA that are more granular — where the danger is anticipated, where it is expected to hit, which at the time the Hawaiian Islands were the concern. But if you boil it down to a broad, surface-level message, all you see is 'Ah! Tsunami warning!""

tsunami sirens issued by Seaside and a false missile alert in Hawaii this month, Brown said being judicious is even more important to avoid panic.

"There was nothing to warn people about," Brown said. "There's enough uncertainty around the system. Between Seaside and Hawaii, this is really bringing mass notification systems to the forefront."

None of the cities in Clat-

Many sent out statements over social media that local first responders were monitoring the situation. In Cannon Beach, police and fire officials went as far as to arrange an Emergency Operations Center with Arch Cape and Falcon Cove.

"This was a great scenario to put us through. I'd rather plan ahead than play catch-up," Cannon Beach Fire Chief Matt Benedict said. "With this Between the false alarm for similar reasons as Brown. hours to get ducks in a row."

Brown hopes to turn the tsunami scare into an educational moment for the county, cities and people in the community, she said. She wants to launch a public education campaign about how tsunami alerts work to address confusion. She's also encouraging more people to register with the local alert

The majority of the 18,000 residents registered are on sop County decided to issue occurring near Alaska, it gave landlines, with only 3,200 regany tsunami alerts Tuesday, us some time. We had several istered on cellphones — a faclandlines, with only 3,200 regtor that could stunt the county's ing 911.

ability to get the word out in an actual emergency.

"Yes we have this system, and it can do amazing things, but it only notices those who are registered," Brown said. "After today, I think we're going to hear citizens say, 'Wow, we really need to get prepared. I wasn't ready for that."

In future events, Brown and Benedict recommend people follow local sources of information and the National Weather Service before call-

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