

**Bottle** from 1A

This was the first increase in refund rates since the bill's enactment. The increase was triggered by a provision of state law enacted by the legislature in 2011, which said that the redemption value must be increased to 10 cents if the return rate for containers fell below 80 percent for two consecutive years.

The return rate was 64.5% in 2014 and 68.3% in 2015, forcing the increase in redemption rates.

One of the major components of the original bill was a

requirement that retail distributors collect a deposit, originally five cents and now 10 cents, from the consumer at the time of purchase.

These deposits are held by the retailer until consumers return a container for redemption. Beverage retailers often accrue meaningful sums of unredeemed deposits and can apply them to the company's bottom line, making deposits a source of revenue rather than simply an expense.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reports that retailers kept about \$30 million in deposits per year over the last few years.

The commission expects that number to increase to \$60 million or more per year with the increased redemption rates and with additional containers now eligible for redemption.

The impact the implementation of beverage container recycling has had is significant, often cited as the primary reason for major reductions in roadside litter across the state.

Statistics provided on oregon.gov indicate that beverage containers comprise 40 to 60 percent of roadside litter.

Following the implementation of bottle bills in various states, including Oregon, container litter has been found to have been reduced by between 69 to 84 percent. Items that used to make up about 40 percent of roadside waste now make up less than 10 percent.

The bill is also credited with reducing the waste transferred to landfills and in improving resource conservation, especially for aluminum used in cans and to package beer and soft drinks.

**Candidates** from 1A

**Long Term:** Work with the Oregon Department of Transportation and other leaders to reduce traffic on Randy Pape Beltline, and reduce highway deaths on 126 and 36. Another goal is to return democracy to Lane County. We've had gerrymandering, scandals over hiring processes for the county administrator, county settlements for open meeting violations, and the brazen squashing of the citizen initiative process. I'll make sure Lane County Government is open, transparent, and accessible.

**Why should the voters choose you?**

**Bozievich:** Experience in getting the job done. I have a proven track record of listening to constituents and providing responsive service like rescuing Archie Knowles Park from closure by the USFS and converting to management by Lane

County.

**Kent:** I offer representational leadership for all the people of Lane County. I have strong inclusive and progressive values. I will stand up for working families, seniors, farmers and small businesses. I know what it's like to live rurally, and I offer a stark difference from my opponent on issues ranging from labor disputes, privatization of government, environmental issues, and healthcare. I have many years of experience in public service and community leadership. I productively engage with people that hold diverse viewpoints and collaborate to get important initiatives and projects completed. I will act respectfully and professionally towards all of my constituents during Board of Commissioners meetings and I'll return calls and emails. I will be a true public servant that will rebuild public trust and bring transparency to our government.

**If elected, what are the challenges you believe you may face?**

**Bozievich:** The resource limitations faced by local governments that require careful planning and good stewardship to prevent wasting them. The uncertainty of state and federal funding for critical program threatens progress made in housing, health care access and restorative justice.

**Kent:** We will face funding uncertainty from Secure Rural Schools, and we have the second tightest real-estate market in the country. We need more housing, and we will need to go about building it in a thoughtful and inclusive way. We need to explore options that will provide affordable housing to anyone at their income level, including rentals and home ownership. We must rebuild public trust and return transparency and due process to county government.

As for the rest of the May 15 Primary Election, the race for judicial positions is largely quiet, with only a few positions running more than an incumbent on a ballot.

On the federal primary side of the ballot, Republicans and Democrats will be choosing their nominees for a variety of offices, from Congress to gubernatorial candidates, for the November 6, 2018 election.

For the U.S. Representative race, incumbent Peter DeFazio is running against political newcomer Daniel Arcangel for the Democratic nomination.

On the Republican side, four candidates are running for the House. Art Robinson has been the Republican nominee four times since 2010; former Linn county Republican Party Chairwoman Jo Rae Perkins; Court Boice; and former Eugene mayoral candidate Stefan Streck.

For state races, current Gov. Kate Brown is seeking her first full four-year term as governor. Having taken over the position after John Kitzhaber resigned in 2015, Brown was elected in 2016 to finish out the rest of her predecessor's term. Brown is running against both Candace Neville and Ed Jones for the Democratic nomination.

On the Republican side of the race, a total of nine candidates are running for the nomination, though four did not place a statement in the Oregon's voter pamphlet. The candidates include Knute Buehler, Greg Wooldridge, David Stauffer, Jeff Smith and Sam Carpenter.

Finally, the race for State Representative Ninth District finds two candidates on the Democratic side, with incumbent Caddy McKeown running against Mark Daily.

Republican Teri Grier, who ran against McKeown in a tight 2016 race, is running unopposed.

In 2016, Grier pulled in 46.27 percent of the vote, compared to McKeown's 49.86 percent.

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