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Nov. 6 GENERAL ELECTION Pros and cons of Measure 106

Amends Constitution: Prohibits spending "public funds" (defined) directly/indirectly for "abortion" (defined); exceptions, reduces abortion access.

BY JARED ANDERSON
SIUSLAW NEWS

Under current law, state-funded health plans, or health insurance procured by public employment, can help cover the cost of abortion services, when approved by medical professionals.

The law would prohibit this, except in cases where the mother's life is in danger, or in the case of ectopic pregnancy, where the fertilized egg attaches itself in a place other than inside the uterus, such as in the fallopian tube.

The measure does not ban abortions in the state.

Oregon is one of 17 states that uses its own money to provide abortions to women eligible for Medicaid, according to a June 2018 story by Oregon Public Broadcasting. Federally, abortion funding is banned. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, Oregon paid for 4,086 abortions.

Proponents of the measure state that the measure is about how the state spends taxpayer funding, and questioning if Oregon should be using money for the controversial procedure.

Opponents say that restricting funding will essentially be a ban on abortions for low-income wage earners.

Those in favor of the measure run the gamut of opinions, from anti-abortion sentiments couched in personal experience, to moderates who feel the state should not be getting involved in the debate.

"My life was shattered by shame," wrote Linda Burwell of Women for Measure 106 for the Oregon State Voters Pamphlet. "The day of my abortion, the admitting clerk checked me in at a hospital in Portland and asked me to sign a permission form to dispose of the fetus. Until then I'd never heard the word fetus. This growth inside me was a 'mass of cells, undeveloped tissue,' not an unborn child. In that moment, I realized I was signing the death certificate for my child. In my shame, I chose my life over his."

Burwell wrote that Oregon's current law is making it easy to "erase an entire generation" in a "genocide of the unborn children," and that taxpayer funds would be better used for education, assistance and help for women to find "other options."

"I am pro-choice, pro-responsibility, pro-Oregon, pro-women and pro-men," wrote Angie Hummell of Hermiston.

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In their own words: Candidates for Congress, governor

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

To provide voters with a closer look at the candidates for Oregon's Governor and Fourth Congressional District, what follows is a Q&A that primary candidates for those races had with the Siuslaw News.

GOVERNOR'S RACE

The race to occupy the Oregon Governor's Mansion, Mahonia Hall, is officially a contest between four candidates. However only two of these individuals are likely to receive enough support from voters to become Oregon's next Governor.



Peter DeFazio



Art Robinson



Kate Brown



Knute Buehler

Nick Chen is running as the candidate of the Libertarian Party and Patrick Starnes is running as an Independent. Neither candidate has a statewide ground organization, and both have a very limited media presence, with no major television or radio ads airing in the week leading up

to the election. Oregon State Rep. Knute Buehler is the Republican candidate for governor and sitting Democrat Gov. Kate Brown is running for her first full term in the office.

Both Brown and Buehler are polling in the 40th percentiles among voters, with

Starnes and Chen trailing far behind. The political statistics firm Real Clear Politics is calling the race to lead Oregon a "toss-up."

The 2018 governor's race is the second time these candidates have competed for the same office, with Buehler being defeated by Brown for the position of Secretary of State in 2015.

Brown then served as secretary of state under former Gov. John Kitzhaber and ascended to the state's highest office after Kitzhaber's unexpected resignation in 2015.

Brown won a special election in 2016 to finish the remainder of Kitzhaber's term and is now running for her first full term as governor.

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2018 State of the Coast

Conference focuses on programs designed to support, enhance coastal life

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Oregon Coast is widely acknowledged as one of the premier destinations for outdoor activities in the country. The state's combination of spectacular ocean vistas and towering Ponderosa pines nestled along the Pacific Ocean draws millions of visitors a year to the area, as does native wildlife and friendly and welcoming residents.

The natural beauty and abundance these visitors experience while spending time here translates into hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue for businesses, counties and cities across the state.

The importance of Oregon's coastal communities to the overall health of the state was made clear last week when Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed Executive Order No. 18-28. The order directs state



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The Yaquina Head Lighthouse near Newport, Ore., is a primary example of the importance of Oregon's pristine coast. The State of the Coast showcased current programs to protect and support the coastal ecosystem.

agencies to protect Oregon's coastal economy by preventing activities associated with offshore oil and gas drilling.

"Oregonians have a long and proud history of standing up to defend our state. And at a time when the Trump administration is trying to allow oil rigs to be built off nearly every coastline in America, I'm tired of waiting for the federal government to

come to its senses and realize that this is a terrible mistake," Brown said in a statement released at the signing. "This executive order will make it clear to oil and gas speculators that Oregon is not for sale."

Brown's proactive assertion of state sovereignty in the area of energy exploration and production is a direct response to an executive order signed by

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Florence updates code to 'Beat the Wave'

City amends tsunami & earthquake code

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During last week's Florence City Council meeting, the council voted to amend chapters of the Florence City Code to update the tsunami code. Councilors approved the Beat the Wave Code Amendments with the approval of Ordinance No. 13, Series 2018, which amended Chapters 2 and 7 of Florence City Code Title 10, concerning tsunami and earthquake

amendments.

Florence Associate Planner Glen Southerland gave the presentation during the public hearing.

"The intent of this code, first and foremost, is to reduce loss of life during a tsunami event; reduce the damage to public and private property; reduce social, emotional and economic obstructions; and increase the resilience of the community," he said.

He talked about the timeline for this process, including the initiation of the amendments in August, the Planning Committee work session and evidentiary hearing and the sending of 1,200 notices to area residents about the possible amendments. The city received 200 re-

sponses through people coming to the counter, sending in emails or calling on the phone, along with 50 people who attended the Planning Commission hearing on Oct. 9.

"Hopefully all the fears were assuaged," Southerland said.

According to the staff report, Florence was able to complete these changes thanks to grant funding from the 2015 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Program, which assisted in the development and drafting of a comprehensive plan and development code provisions. These utilized scientific information from the Oregon Coastal Management Program 'Tsunami Land Use planning guide and Oregon Department of Geology and

Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) modeling.

"The proposed local comprehensive plans and development codes are designed to significantly reduce risk and enhance community resilience to a Cascadia Subduction Zone or distant tsunami," the report read.

Southerland said, "What this did was take Tsunami Inundation Maps and paved routes, such as trails, streets, sidewalks and the like, and overlay those with high ground safety destinations. ... Taking the time for the arrival of the wave, and the distance at any given point to the safety destination at any given speed ... at what speed would you have to travel from any given point to reach safety?"

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