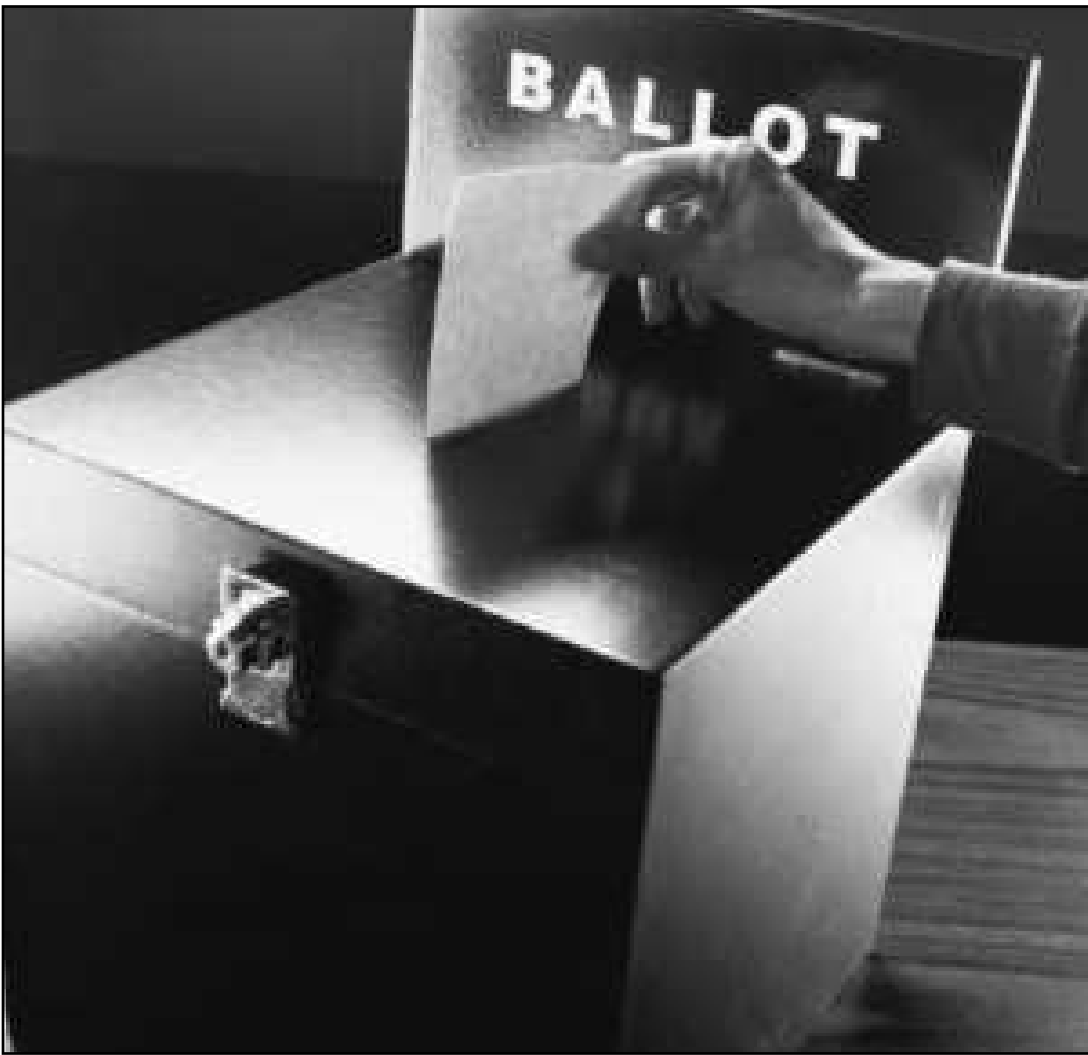


What to know on Measure 101



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In July of 2017, the Oregon State Legislature approved House Bill 2391 which implemented a provider tax on insurance companies and hospitals.

This January, voters will decide whether or not that bill will stand.

Rep. Julie Parrish started a petition process and garnered enough signatures to place the question on the ballot for the special election as Measure 101.

What the measure does
Measure 101 would uphold HB 2391. Insurance providers and hospitals would be taxed between 0.7 and 1.5 percent and the funds used to close the hole left by the state legisla-

ture's budgetary shortfall.

What does it mean?
If Measure 101 passes, the funds garnered from the tax would go to fund Medicaid. Individuals currently on the Oregon Health Plan are expected to be able to remain on the plan for the next two years until the legislature meets again and possibly addresses the issue once more.

Will my premium go up?
Because hospitals and insurance companies will be paying more in taxes, opponents of the measure contend that those costs may trickle down to consumers.

Who supports the measure?
AARP and PeaceHealth have come out in favor of Measure 101.

Who is against the

measure?
Parrish, as well as Rep. Cedric Hayden have come out against the measure as well as several political action committees.

What is everyone saying?
Proponents of the bill say that passage would mean low-income residents would be able to keep their OHP insurance while other residents would be able to benefit from a stable health insurance market and hospitals would be saved from the costs of emergency room visits by uninsured Oregonians.

Opponents of the bill argue that \$330 million in tax money would be funneled away from schools, PERS and hospitals.

When is the election?
The special election is set for Jan. 23.

Swinging Bridge funds keep coming

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Repairs for the Swinging Bridge are estimated to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Community members have donated \$2,815.03 as of Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The option to donate to the repair fund is included in homeowners' water bills issued by the city. Residents can choose to "round up" to the nearest dollar amount with the difference issued to a separate city account, designated for bridge repairs.

The Swinging Bridge has been out of order for over a year after city engineers revealed that structurally issued had rendered the bridge unsafe.

The Cottage Grove City Council has wrestled with the issue from opting for a new design to the cost of the re-

pairs.

The council was presented with three options for the bridges repair that included a per-fabricated bridge option which was quickly swept away with councilors and residents noting the appeal of the Swinging Bridge's character and movement.

The movement, however, has proved tricky when deciding how to rebuild the structure so it is safe for residents to use.

"Movement is a sign of failure," Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers said. "If it's moving, it's a sign of failure."

Meyers said he continues to work with the engineering department to explore design options for the bridge.

Earlier this year, the city council agreed to approve one of the options set forth by city engineer Ron Bradsbury. That option would cost roughly

\$261,000 but would maintain some movement in the bridge. However, according to Bradsby, the recommendation for the second option would create a bridge that did not meet current codes.

"Basically, the option is using the existing bridge and replacing the aspects that have failed like the upper cables and the decking," Bradsby told The Sentinel. While the replacements would enable the bridge to swing, OBEC reported that it would exceed the 50 pounds per lineal foot safety standard.

The city was denied funding from a grant through the state parks commission but according to Meyers, a new application is being prepared.

"The committee couldn't wrap its head around the bridge being part of the scenic bike trail so we're going to strengthen that part and try again," Meyers said.

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approached businesses owners to have a discussion.

"The city has to do what it does to keep us all safe and we have to flow with it and adjust. That's what you do in a community," Lauraine said.

Owner of the Bookmine, Gail Hoelzle also said she was "shocked" no one from the city had informed businesses that would be affected by the change.

Davis and her husband both noted that they appreciated their interaction with Stewart after the incident.

"I'm not as happy as I could be," Davis said, noting that the city's plan still included removing parking spaces from the corner of Hwy. 99 to approximately three feet from her storefront. "But I'm happier than I was when I found out."



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