

**ABORTION** *from A8*

abortion do not reduce the number of abortions sought or obtained. However, these policies do make abortions less safe and contribute to the economic instability of low-income women."

For Christel Allen of NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, the measure is about keeping healthcare available to all Oregonians. "We believe that every Oregonian — especially those who

have historically been marginalized — must have access to the full range of reproductive health care, starting with proper preventative care, and continuing through postpartum care," she wrote. "This includes access to safe, affordable abortion care."

Allen compared the measure to the national debate regarding women's rights, stating, "... We have seen a fervor in attacks on women — we are living in a time when many of our elect-

ed officials and policies do not represent the views of the majority. This is why it's so important that we hold the line in Oregon by opposing Measure 106."

Fiscally, the measure would most likely have a negative effect on the Oregon tax base, according to the state.

If passed, the measure is inspected to increase public spending by \$19.3 million annually, according to a report written by Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson and

other state agencies.

The report states that \$2.9 million would be saved annually by preventing the types of abortions mentioned in the measure, according to the report.

However, there would be an increase of \$22.2 million annually from those born due to the ban. The expenditures would come from health care, food and nutritional services provided by the state.

That financial impact

wouldn't be felt immediately, however. The first year is only expected to see an increase in \$4.8 million in state costs.

One of the main reasons for budget increase is the income level of those who utilize abortion services. According to a 2017 study done by the Guttmacher Institute, which back legalized abortion, 49 percent of women who get abortions are below the federal poverty level, a group that traditionally utilizes state and federal social

programs.

Organizations that are for the measure's passage include a variety of grass roots organizations such as Women for Measure 106, Oregon Right to Life PAC, Public School Teachers for Measure 106 and Medical Professionals for Measure 106.

Opponents include the Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Public Health Association and the Northwest Health Foundation.

**CANDIDATES** *from A1*

Environmental Conservation and a J.D. degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, obtained in 1985.

Buehler is serving his second term as the Representative from District 54, which includes Coos Bay. He is a graduate of Oregon State University and was the school's first Rhodes Scholar, attending Merton College in Oxford, England. Buehler then graduated from John Hopkins University in Maryland before beginning a successful medical practice in Bend.

Governor Brown is currently

leading Representative Buehler by a few percentage points in polling, 43 to 40 percent, the difference within the statistical margin of error, as the race has tightened over the last month.

Governor Brown and Representative Buehler provided responses to questions posed with an eye towards gaining insight into the priorities of the candidates.

*Why are you running for Governor?*

**BUEHLER:** Serving in the legislature and running for Governor has given me the chance to listen to and learn from Oregonians all across the state. This has confirmed an important insight for me that Oregonians are unhappy with

the performance of our state government and especially its leaders in Salem.

Despite all the good we have going for us, including record revenue in our treasury, our most pressing problems are still getting worse. What we are missing is a government as good, as wise, as innovative and as thrifty as her people.

This is why I am running for Governor. To bring moderate, independent leadership to fix the big problems Brown has avoided, ignored or made worse as Governor.

**BROWN:** I first ran for public office to be a voice for the voiceless. And as Oregon's governor, every day I am fighting to improve the lives of working

families.

As governor, I led bipartisan work on transportation, Medicaid funding and ensuring all kids have healthcare. We worked across the aisle to make community college more affordable and put more dollars into our classrooms.

We worked together, urban and rural, to build a better Oregon. When politicians tried to cut Oregonians' healthcare, I fought back. I protected our coast from offshore drilling.

I made sure every woman can access reproductive healthcare. I have been clear during my time as governor that I will do what I say and say what I do. My record is clear. I will stand up and protect the Oregon that

we love.

*What do you feel are the most pressing challenges facing our state?*

**BUEHLER:** My top priority will be to rescue our students, teachers and public schools from the classroom funding and graduation crisis that has gone on for far too long. The single biggest failure of Governor Brown is her indifference to fixing our public schools. I have a detailed plan with big important goals to fix it.

The vision is ambitious — but achievable. As Governor, I'll lead Oregon schools from the bottom five to the top five in five years by fixing Oregon's broken pension system, in-

creasing funding for our classrooms, and making targeted investments in proven programs — such as CTE/STEM and 3rd grade reading.

**BROWN:** Our state faces many challenges, but the most pressing include strengthening our education system and improving our graduation rate, protecting access to high-quality, affordable health care, and increasing affordable housing options in the state.

*What issues are you interested in addressing if elected?*

**BUEHLER:** As mentioned above, one of my top priorities is fixing our broken education

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