



# Ballot Measure 48

## The TABOR Flawed Formula

### Get the Facts

Measure 48 Official Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Limits biennial percentage increase in state spending to percentage increase in state population, plus inflation.

#### **Ballot Measure 48 is a complicated, confusing, constitutional amendment.**

Coloradans learned the hard way. After 13 years under the TABOR Flawed Formula, Colorado's K-12 and higher education system was decimated. Businesses stopped moving to Colorado. Health care services dwindled. Bridges and roads went without repair.

**Ballot Measure 48's formula is flawed.** Population + inflation isn't an accurate predictor of state needs. The spending limit using population growth and inflation is bad math. The formula ignores the real cost of sustaining many state services, such as health care, and doesn't take into account the fact that prison and senior populations are increasing faster than the overall population rate.

#### **Ballot Measure 48 will hurt schools and our ability to keep communities safe.**

The measure will reduce available revenue by \$1.1 billion a year for important priorities. Measure 48 will impact Oregon's ability to house and supervise felons, provide health care to children and keep schools open for a full year.

**Ballot Measure 48 will force deep cuts to public services in Oregon, just like it did in Colorado<sup>1</sup>.** Colorado now ranks 44<sup>th</sup> for fixing roads, 49<sup>th</sup> in K-12 education funding, 48<sup>th</sup> in higher education funding and dead last in vaccination rates for children. Oregon shouldn't repeat the same failure. If Measure 48 had been in effect since 1990 in Oregon, there would be 25% less funding for schools, infrastructure, health care, and other public services.

**Ballot Measure 48 has unintended consequences.** Language in the ballot measure is so poorly written that the Oregon Attorney General's office has said that it could be interpreted to apply retroactively.

**Ballot Measure 48 is part of a multi-state campaign by national special interest groups.** Howard Rich, a New York developer, has spent over \$1 million on ballot measures in Oregon this year. He is also working with special interests to fund similar efforts around the country.

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<sup>1</sup> Center for Budget and Policy Priorities. "The Truth Behind TABOR."



# Ballot Measure 41

## Bill Sizemore's Shell Game

### Get the Facts

Measure 41 Official Ballot Title: Allows income tax deduction equal to federal exemptions deduction to substitute for state exemption credit.

**Ballot Measure 41 is confusing and more complicated than it seems.** The retroactive measure tricks you into thinking it's a solution to Oregon's problems. Instead, it cuts funding for schools and other public services – costing taxpayers more in the long run and does nothing to increase accountability.

**Ballot Measure 41 is another false promise.** Once again taxpayers will see far less benefit than what is promised. Cuts to vital services will impact our ability to put Oregon's economy back on track.

**Sizemore doesn't solve our problems.** 90% of the state's budget goes to fund education, health care, senior services and public safety. Cutting services to kids and seniors isn't the way to force the government to become more accountable. If we want to change the way our government is run, we should not punish low-income families, students, and seniors on a fixed income.

**Oregon's kids can't afford this shell game.** Under this measure, we may face a retroactive cut of \$151 million from the current budget cycle. In budget year 2007-2009, the cuts would be much deeper: almost \$800 million in education, public safety and health care.

**Ballot Measure 41 will have a boomerang effect.** Oregonians will feel the pinch in increased fees and hidden costs as a result of this measure. One way or another we will pay for critical public services Oregonians rely on.

<b>Sizemore's Shell Game Fiscal Impact 2007-2009</b>	
K-12 education cut:	\$337,392,000
Health, seniors and children services cut:	\$170,280,000
Public safety cut:	\$123,552,000
Higher education (including community colleges) cut:	\$77,616,000
All other funds cut:	\$83,160,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$792,000,000</b>
<small>IP 14 07-09 fiscal impact - based on current budget allocations.</small>	

The Defend Oregon Coalition is individuals and organizations who have come together to oppose measures that would hurt our state and take Oregon down the wrong path. The Coalition is growing every day. Here is the current list of members:

- AARP
- Abernethy Elementary PTA Board
- Advocacy Coalition of Seniors and People with Disabilities
- AFSCME Council 75
- American Association of University Professors – PSU
- American Association of University Women of Oregon
- American Cancer Society
- American Electronics Association, Oregon Council
- American Federation of Teachers - Oregon
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association of Oregon
- Associated General Contractors Oregon-Columbia Chapter
- Association of Oregon Correctional Employees
- Association of Oregon Faculties
- Audubon Society of Portland
- Basic Rights Oregon
- CareOregon
- Central City Concern
- Central Oregon Jobs with Justice
- Children First For Oregon
- Clackamas Community College Board
- Coalition for a Livable Future
- Columbia-Pacific Building & Construction Trades Council
- Community Action Directors of Oregon
- Community Health Partnership
- Community Development Network
- Confederation of Oregon School Administrators
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Credit Union Association of Oregon
- Democratic Party of Oregon
- Delta Kappa Gamma Society- Alpha Rho State
- Deschutes County Democrats Central Committee
- Deschutes Medical Products
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- Elders in Action Commission
- Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network
- Family Care Inc.
- Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers
- Full Access Brokerage
- Gray Panthers
- Human Services Coalition of Oregon
- International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 701
- Jewish Federation of Greater Portland
- King City Democratic Club
- League of Women Voters/Oregon
- LIUNA Laborers 483
- Linn Benton Community College Board
- Lone Rock
- Medford Fabrication
- Medford School Board
- Mental Health Association of Oregon
- Mount Hood Community College Board
- Multnomah County Democrats
- National Association of Social Workers/Oregon
- National Council of Jewish Women, Portland Section
- North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce
- NW Steelheaders
- Oregon AFL-CIO
- Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans
- Oregon Alliance of Senior Health Services
- Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities
- Oregon Business Association
- Oregon Business Council
- Oregon Center for Public Policy
- Oregon Council of Police Associations
- Oregon Consumer League
- Oregon Education Association
- Oregon District Attorneys Association
- Oregonians for Health Security
- Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition
- Oregon Head Start Association
- Oregon Health Care Association
- Oregon Home Builders Association
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon PTA
- Oregon Rehabilitation Association
- Oregon School Boards Association
- Oregon School Employees Association
- Oregon State Building Trades Council
- Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- Oregon State Police Officers' Association
- Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon Inc.
- Our Oregon
- Parkinson's Resources of Oregon
- Pendleton School Board
- Portland General Electric
- Portland Schools Foundation
- Portland State University Alumni Association
- Rural Organizing Project
- Save Oregon Seniors Coalition (SOS)
- Seattle-Northwest Securities Corp.
- SEIU Local 49
- SEIU Local 503/OPEU
- SEIU Oregon State Council
- Sheriffs of Oregon
- Software Association of Oregon
- Stand for Children
- Three Mile Canyon Farms
- Trillium Family Services, Inc.
- Tuality Healthcare
- Tualatin Valley Fire Fighters Union
- United Food and Commercial
- Upstream Public Health
- Willamette Dental
- United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 555
- United Seniors of Oregon
- Washington County Democrats
- Women's Rights Coalition

