

NO ON 103

UNNECESSARY. MISLEADING. RISKY.

BALLOT TITLE

Amends Constitution: Prohibits taxes/fees based on transactions for “groceries” (defined) enacted or amended after September 2017

WHAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 103 DOES

Constitutional Amendment 103 is an unprecedented change to Oregon’s constitution that would permanently exempt a wide range of transactions from any taxes and fees. The constitutional amendment has drawn widespread criticism from small business owners and tax experts who note that it is unnecessary – there is no tax on groceries – and that it carves risky tax policy into Oregon’s constitution.

Though proponents claim Constitutional Amendment 103 would block taxes on “groceries,” legal analysis shows that it’s misleading and that the measure would apply to far more than just conventional grocery retailers – it would include food processors, slaughterhouses, trucking companies, and restaurants and fast food chains.

Constitutional Amendment 103 is so broadly written that it would also apply to transactions such as Oregon’s bottle deposit fee, fuel tax, and restaurant meals. The constitutional amendment is also retroactive in nature, so the measure would repeal parts of two provider assessments approved in early 2018 to fund Medicaid for low-income families, children, and seniors.

Despite how broadly the measure was written, proponents have also acknowledged that Constitutional Amendment 103 fails to exempt many of the basic necessities that Oregon families rely on, including medicine, diapers, and feminine hygiene products. No other state has a constitutional amendment like this. Learn more at NOon103.org.

WHO IS BEHIND IT

Constitutional Amendment 103 is spearheaded by big, out-of-state grocers. Albertsons Safeway, Kroger and Costco Wholesale Corporation have contributed millions to the campaign.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ▶ Constitutional Amendment 103 is an unnecessary and risky change to Oregon’s constitution that would permanently carve out a wide range of transactions from any taxes or fees.
- ▶ Constitutional Amendment 103 defines “groceries” in a way you would never find in the dictionary, including transactions such as the fuel tax, bottle deposit fee, and restaurant meals but failing to include the items families rely on: medicine, diapers, and toilet paper.
- ▶ Constitutional Amendment 103 puts Medicaid funding at risk, repealing part of the provider tax Oregon voters just approved in January to protect families from losing their healthcare.

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Trusted organizations urge a NO vote on Measure 103

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AARP Oregon
AFL-CIO
AFSCME State Council 75
American Association of University Professors
American Association of University Women
American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network
American Federation of Teachers – Oregon
American Heart Association
APANO
Association of Oregon Faculties
Basic Rights Oregon
Beyond Toxics
Bus Project
Campaign for Oregon's Seniors & People with Disabilities
Cascade AIDS
Causa
Children First for Oregon
Coalition of Communities of Color
Community Alliance of Tenants
Elders in Action
Fair Shot
Family Forward
Farmers Market Fund
Friends of Family Farmers
Hacienda CDC
Healthcare for All Oregon
Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon
Housing Alliance, Oregon Housing
Human Services Coalition of Oregon
Indivisible Bend
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Main Street Alliance
NAACP Portland
National Association of Social Workers Oregon
National Organization for Women – Oregon
Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices
Oregon Center for Public Policy
Oregon Education Association
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Fair Trade Campaign
Oregon LGBT Foster Support
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Pediatric Society
Oregon PTA
Oregon Public Health Association
Oregon Public Health Institute
Oregon School Employees Association
Oregon Wild
Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
Portland Jobs with Justice
Right 2 Survive
Rural Organizing Project
SEIU Local 49
SEIU Local 503
Sierra Club
So Health-E Medford
Tax Fairness Oregon
Unite Oregon
United Christian Women Lane County
Upstream Public Health
Urban League of Portland
Verde
The Vocal Seniority

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