

2008 Ballot Measures

Measure	Vote	Impacts
56	YES 	<p>Measure 56 restores fairness to elections by ensuring that local measures win by the majority of people who actually vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Oregonians should pass Measure 56 and reduce the power of nonvoters to trump the will of those who actually participate in our democracy.” – <i>The Oregonian</i>
57	YES 	<p>Measure 57 is the better way to fight crime. It toughens sentences for certain drug traffickers, identity thieves, property offenders and criminals who prey on the elderly, and requires drug treatment or stiffer sentences for those who refuse treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Measure 57 is clearly the preferable approach. It targets the state’s limited resources on the most severe crime problems — and it reduces recidivism by requiring addiction treatment.” – <i>Eugene Register-Guard</i>
58	NO 	<p>Measure 58 is a one-size-fits-all teaching mandate that imposes limits on English learning – making no exceptions for students with learning disabilities. Measure 58 would cost the state at least a half a billion dollars over the next two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Measure 58 would impose the same rigid limits on all children learning English, regardless of abilities or circumstances.” – <i>Eugene Register-Guard</i>
59	NO 	<p>Measure 59 would cut \$2.4 billion in funding for education, public safety and healthcare. It grants Oregonians an unlimited federal income tax deduction on state taxes, but 75% of Oregonians would save less than \$1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The measure would benefit just a handful of high-income tax payers while dealing a devastating blow to the state’s general fund...” – <i>The Oregonian</i>
60	NO 	<p>Measure 60 requires teachers’ salaries to be based solely on undefined “classroom performance,” which will lead to more standardized tests and fewer teachers willing to take on the most challenging assignments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Measure 60... a vendetta against teachers, masquerading as a merit pay initiative. As public policy, the measure deserves an F.” – <i>The Oregonian</i>
61	NO 	<p>This is a rigid, one-size-fits-all approach to crime that would cost the state \$586 million per biennium to implement and would require the construction of at least three more prisons, while not addressing drug treatment. Warehousing criminals isn’t the answer, which is why the majority of law enforcement supports Measure 57.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Measure 61 may sound tougher, but...it does nothing to address the core problems that keep many criminals offending after time in prison. Measure 57...aims to address the addictions that put many offenders on the road to crime in the first place.” – <i>Bend Bulletin</i>
62	NO 	<p>Measure 62 would take nearly \$185 million away from schools, resulting in fewer teachers, larger classes, and shorter school years. It also pulls money out of job creation programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “[T]he state is facing a declining economy that will likely mean cuts in funding for school budgets in the 2009 legislative session. And now is hardly a good time for the state to reduce its efforts to help create jobs.” – <i>Medford Mail Tribune</i>
63	NO 	<p>Measure 63 would allow property owners to build certain constructions on their property without building permits, safety inspections or adherence to any state environmental laws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “[T]here is a reason why state and local governments require building permits for most improvements: It’s to ensure that buildings conform to important health and safety codes.” – <i>Eugene Register-Guard</i>
64	NO 	<p>Measure 64 would silence the voices of working people by stopping public employees from using voluntary payroll deductions to donate to charities, unions and other organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “This measure is another classic (Bill) Sizemore booby trap, riddled with ambiguity and unintended consequences that could blow up donations to charitable organizations.” – <i>Eugene Register-Guard</i>

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