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If both measures pass, the one with the most votes will go into effect.

	Portland Mercury	Willamette Week	The Oregonian	
54 Voter Eligibility: Eliminates certain unenforced voter-eligibility provisions in school district elections. (Housekeeping)	Yes	Yes	Yes	"Don't waste a second mulling Measure 54. Save your cerebrum for the 11 other measures on this November's ballot. What it does in plain English is eliminate certain antiquated, unenforced voter-eligibility provisions in school board elections." – The Oregonian
55 Redistricting: Changes the timing of re-districting boundary changes so legislators represent their districts for the full term. (Housekeeping)	Yes	Yes	Yes	"(Measure 55) doesn't change anything about the redistricting process. It just changes the timing so representatives who are elected in one district represent that district for the entirety of their term. That's an overdue fix." – Willamette Week
56 Simple Majority: Scrubs "double majority" rule for big elections. Would allow local measures to pass with a majority of voters who vote.	Yes	Yes	Yes	"The way things work now, if, say, Multnomah County wants to ask voters to raise their taxes to support libraries, simply getting a majority of voters to say yes isn't enough. We don't think it's fair that absent voters are effectively saying no without lifting a finger." – Portland Mercury
57 Mandatory Minimum Sentences: Increases prison terms for certain drug and property crimes; a more affordable alternative to Measure 61.	Yes	Yes	No	"The state legislature took one look at Kevin Mannix's budget-wrecking Measure 61 and created the saner, more productive 'tough on crime' Measure 57 as an alternative." – Portland Mercury
58 Limiting ESL: Limits english-as-second-language instruction in public schools to one or two years.	No	No	No	"Bill Sizemore's latest attempt at education reform is an unfunded mandate based not on sound research but on an apparent conviction that foreign languages should be quarantined and eradicated – except as a fun elective for English-speaking children." – The Oregonian
59 State Tax Deduction: Allows federal income taxes to be deducted from state tax returns; reduces Oregon taxes for higher-wage earners.	No	No	No	"Voting for this measure could slash \$2.4 billion in state funding for education, public safety, and health care, by allowing Oregon's richest taxpayers to deduct an unlimited amount of their federal tax amount from their state taxes." – Portland Mercury
60 Teacher Pay not for "seniority": Mandates teacher salaries to be based solely on "classroom performance" without regard to seniority.	Yes	No	No	"We like the fact that Sizemore wants to dislodge seniority as the primary way a teacher can get more money. What we object to is his initiative's ridiculous requirement that seniority have no role in a teacher's pay." – Willamette Week
61 More Mandatory Minimums: Creates mandatory minimum prison sentences for certain theft, identity theft, forgery, drug, and burglary crimes.	No	No	No	"This measure authored by Kevin Mannix is a craven assault on your fears. It calls for mandatory minimum sentences for first-time burglars, identification thieves and drug dealers. If passed, the measure could cost more than \$1.3 billion in prison construction." – The Oregonian
62 Lottery Proceeds for Prisons: Redirects 15% of lottery proceeds to public safety away from education and economic development.	No	No	No	"Takes money from the state schools fund, to the tune of \$200 million every two years—money that currently pays for teachers. We think the best way to keep crime down is to fund education, so kids stay focused and don't drift into trouble in the first place." – Portland Mercury
63 Construction without Permits: Allows construction without a building permit for improvements costing less than \$35,000.	No	No	No	"It sounds enticingly simple. But removing the oversight of the permitting process from residential projects below \$35,000 would promote shoddy construction, exposing home owners, neighbors and public safety workers to new dangers." – The Oregonian
64 Payroll Deductions: Prohibits public employees from making donations through voluntary payroll deductions if any of the money would go to politics.	No	No	No	"In 1998 and 2000, Sizemore put similar measures on the ballot. We said voters should reject his proposal then. Nothing's changed. Union members can already opt out of deductions; and Sizemore has yet to prove that they are being forced to allow deductions against their will." – Willamette Week
65 Top-Two Primary: New primary election system, also called "Open Primary" or "Jumbled Primary."	No	Yes	Yes	"Abolish party primaries and lump all candidates in Oregon partisan primaries – from U.S. Senate to local offices – together. The top-two vote getters, regardless of party, then advance to the general election." – Willamette Week

All ballots must be turned in by 8:00 PM, Tuesday Nov. 4th!

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Midland Branch Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave • Pioneer Courthouse Square, 700 block of SW Broadway



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