

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice		
Date of Notice 02/16/2016	Name of County or Counties Lane County	Date of Election May 17, 2016

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Supporting 4-H and OSU Extension Programs in Lane County

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall County support 4-H/Extension with 5-year local option for operations and capital; 1.5 cents per \$1000 assessed value; beginning 2016-17? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

If approved, Lane County would establish a dedicated local option tax supporting Extension Service programs in county. A property assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$3.00 per year. Purpose is to:

- Reduce enrollment cost of 4-H youth program and provide in-school and afterschool 4-H opportunities
- Ensure public access to Master Gardener, Master Food Preserver, Compost and Pruning Specialist, Food Pantry, and Master Woodland volunteer programs
- Assist rural, suburban and urban residents with pest, disease and weed management, soil and water conservation
- Provide food safety and preservation, nutrition, and wellness education
- Provide technical assistance to farmers, forest owners and nursery growers; emphasizing management of insect, disease and production problems

Oregon State University, through state and federal funds, provides the majority of funding for Extension experts stationed in Lane County. Approximately 500 volunteers extend their efforts. Program fees, grants and contracts cover part of the costs of local programs and services. This local option tax would reduce 4-H enrollment costs, stabilize volunteer programs, and secure local Extension forestry and commercial agriculture positions. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$425,727 in 2016-17, \$438,499 in 2017-18, \$451,654 in 2018-19, \$465,203 in 2019-20, and \$479,159 in 2020-21, for a total of \$2,260,242. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:
 → any measure referred by the county governing body; or
 → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:
 → I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
 → I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

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