



2022 Voter's Guide Candidate Questionnaire

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District or Position: State Wide

Is this a partisan position: Yes No

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Tax/Economic Policy

Small Businesses. The pandemic put a significant strain on many small businesses across the state. During a time when businesses could not operate at full capacity due to government mandates, Senate Bill 139 was signed into law. This bill substantially increases taxes on small businesses to add \$50 million to the government's surplus of funds. Do you support or oppose raising taxes on small businesses?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Personal Tax Kicker. Recent discussions of Oregon's tax policy have included many comments on the tax kicker. In 2019, Oregon House Bill 2975 was passed, reducing the personal tax kicker for certain Oregonians. Do you support or oppose keeping Oregon's tax kicker law that requires the state to return over-collected taxes to individual taxpayers?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Universal Healthcare. Many argue that health care is a fundamental right. However, others are concerned about the tremendous cost of state-funded health care and the higher taxes Oregonians will ultimately pay. Approved by the legislature and now awaiting its fate on the November ballot, SJR 12 would amend Oregon's Constitution to include health care as a right. Do you support or oppose state-funded health care for all?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Religious Liberties

Religious Organizations and Hiring Practices. Certain behavior and lifestyle choices run contrary to the deeply held beliefs of many major religions. For example, should a Christian school have the right to only hire teachers whose lifestyles align with the school's biblical beliefs? Do you support or oppose including religious protections in legislation to preserve the religious liberties of churches and other religious non-profit organizations in hiring and employment practices?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Religious Organizations and Insurance Mandates. For years, advocates at the state and federal level have pushed to institute laws that would require religious organizations to provide insurance coverage for birth control, sterilizations, and the morning after pill. Simultaneously, religious organizations and churches claim this goes against their deeply held religious beliefs regarding the sanctity of life. Would you support or oppose a law in Oregon that requires religious organizations to offer birth control, sterilizations, and the morning after pill to their employees?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Education

School Choice. Receiving an excellent education is essential for the future of our youth. However, Oregon's high school graduation rate has consistently ranked low when compared to other states. To enable parents the opportunity to send their children to a school that is the best fit for them, one suggestion is for the state to provide school vouchers. Do you support or oppose the use of school vouchers for K-12th grade education?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Graduation Standards. Senate Bill 744 was signed into law during the 2021 Legislative Session. As a result, students are not required to show proficiency in Essential Learning Skills in order to graduate high school through at least 2024. While this may make it easier for students to graduate, it questions the level of basic skills a student is required to know in order to receive a diploma. Do you support or oppose lowering graduation standards?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Parental Rights

Curriculum Transparency. In Oregon, parents have the right to view the curriculum that is being taught to their children. However, it can be difficult and inconvenient to access the curriculum due to business hours and location. In the 2022 session, HB 4022 and SB 1575 sought to create more transparency by having the school district post the curriculum on its website. Do you support or oppose making school curriculum available to parents on school district websites?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Health Clinics. Beginning in 1986, School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) have been offered in Oregon. These clinics seek to provide convenient and affordable assistance to students on school property, but there are concerns regarding parental rights and the role of a school. Teens have the option of seeking reproductive care, mental health services - including those relating to gender transformation - and other medical, dental, and optometric care without a parents' notification or consent. Do you support or oppose allowing SBHCs to offer these services without parental consent?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Life Decisions

Abortion Laws. If Roe v. Wade is overturned by the U.S Supreme Court, would you support or oppose a law in Oregon restricting abortion with exceptions only for rape, incest, and the life of the mother?

Support Oppose

Comment: No abortions. Why should the life of an innocent baby be taken due to the act of a criminal?

Public Funding for Abortion. Organizations that use public funds to provide abortions such as Planned Parenthood have recently come under national scrutiny and raised awareness over whether public dollars should be used to fund abortions. Do you support or oppose the use of tax dollars for abortion?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Public Safety

Decriminalizing Prostitution. In 2021, House Bill 3088 sought to decriminalize prostitution in Oregon. The bill died in committee, but efforts are still being made to see its success – either by the legislature or the ballot box. Do you support or oppose decriminalizing prostitution in Oregon?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Police Funding. In recent years a movement has popularized to defund the police. This influenced the Portland City Council to remove \$15 million in funding for the police bureau in 2021. While some believe the solution is investing the money in other programs, a different group of people believe that defunding the police leads to staff shortages, demoralized officers, and more crime. Do you support or oppose partially or fully defunding the police?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

Gun Control. With communities across America experiencing the devastation of mass shootings, it has brought into question the need for gun control. Conversely, others argue for the necessity of Second Amendment rights for self-defense. Against much opposition, Senate Bill 554 was signed into law during the 2021 Oregon Legislative Session. Among other things, this gun control measure regulates gun storage, increases the cost of concealed carry licenses, and eliminates one's ability to conceal carry in the Portland International Airport and Capitol Building. Do you support or oppose gun control measures like Senate Bill 554?

Support Oppose

Comment: _____

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