

NO 104

SAY NO TO GRIDLOCK AND WASTE

BALLOT TITLE

Amends Constitution: *Expands (beyond taxes) application of requirement that three-fifths legislative majority approve bills raising revenue*

WHAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 104 DOES

Constitutional Amendment 104 would expand, beyond just taxes, the legislature's three-fifths supermajority requirement, making it nearly impossible to rein in runaway tax breaks and creating unnecessary gridlock in Salem.

This constitutional amendment would require a three-fifths supermajority to cut wasteful government spending and perks for politicians, and even to modify simple fees like state park and state board of nursing fees. If Constitutional Amendment 104 passes, it will be nearly impossible to cut special interest tax breaks – like those for golf courses and heated pools, and the tax break politicians get for their meals and gas.

Expanding the supermajority requirement would also put funding for essential social services in jeopardy. If this amendment had been in place earlier this year, Oregon would have faced \$1 billion in cuts to services like public schools and Medicaid, which means hundreds of thousands of people would have lost their health care.

WHO IS BEHIND IT

The initiative is being funded by the Oregon Association of Realtors and Priority Oregon, the dark money, far-right business group that is pushing an obstructionist agenda in Oregon.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ▶ Constitutional Amendment 104 is an unnecessary constitutional amendment. There is already a supermajority requirement for tax increases in Oregon. Our constitution should only be changed when there is a clear and urgent problem.
- ▶ Constitutional Amendment 104 would jeopardize funding for public schools, Medicaid, and other essential services.
- ▶ Constitutional Amendment 104 would create unprecedented gridlock in Salem, making it harder for the legislature to close wasteful or outdated tax loopholes that benefit only special interests and politicians.