THE BASICS OF A BALLOT MEASURE

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WHAT IS A BALLOT MEASURE?

It is a piece of proposed legislation (law, issue, or question) that is placed on the ballot for voters to decide on.
IT'S ALL ABOUT DEMOCRACY

It is one of the best processes that our government has for direct democracy. A ballot measure puts the decision in the hands of the citizens, whose lives will be affected the most.
DID YOU KNOW?

Citizens can collect signatures to place laws on the ballot in 26 states. Oregon is one of those states!
IT'S RUN BY CITIZENS!

Any issue may be placed before the voters, either amending the Constitution or revising or adding to the Oregon Revised Statutes. Constitutional initiatives require the signature of 8% of recent voters to qualify for the ballot; statutory reforms require 6%.
Oregon is one of two states where women gained the right to vote by an initiative!
This 2018 ballot measure would have prohibited public funds from being spent on abortions, except when medically necessary. This initiative was defeated by 64% of voters, allowing Oregon to remain a state where abortion is safely accessible to all.
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This 2018 ballot measure sought to repeal Oregon's Sanctuary State Law that keeps law enforcement from alerting ICE for no other reason than an individual is undocumented. Oregon voters rejected this ballot measure allowing for the state to remain 1 of the 9 sanctuary states.