



**MEASURE ARGUMENT FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY VOTER'S PAMPHLET**  
Instructions and Filing Form

**Measure Argument Instructions**

- **LEGIBILITY.** The Argument Statement may be typed or legibly printed in black ink.
- **WORD COUNT.** The word total must not exceed 325 words. If the Argument Statement exceeds the 325 limit, the County Election Official shall edit the Argument Statement. Use words and numbers only; bullets and bold are acceptable; charts or graphics may not be used.
- **SIGNATURE.** The Argument Statement shall be signed by the person responsible for the content of the argument and shall include the name of the organization the person represents, if any.
- **QUOTES AND CITATIONS.** All information cited or quoted from previously published material shall include the source and date of publication. (Example: *The Oregonian*, June 1, 1995.)
- **ENDORSEMENTS.** Any endorsement by an individual or an organization, which was not previously made public, shall be accompanied by a **STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT FORM**. If a Statement of Endorsement is required but not received, the endorsement will be removed from the statement.
- **ORS 251.415.** The County Election Official shall reject any statement which:
  - Contains any obscene, profane, or defamatory language.
  - Incites or advocates hatred, abuse or violence toward any person or group; or
  - Contains any language which may not legally be circulated through the mails.

• **FILING BY FEE.**

FEE SCHEDULE BY ELECTORAL DISTRICT REGISTRATION WITHIN A COUNTY				
Less than 1,000	\$100		10,000 to 24,999	\$350
1,000 to 4,999	\$200		25,000 and over	\$400
5,000 to 9,999	\$250			

- **FILING BY PETITION IN LIEU OF FEE.** A petition shall contain the signatures of at least four percent (4%) of the electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure or the signatures of 1,000 electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure, whichever is less. A petition shall be verified before filing the Argument Statement.
- **FILING STATEMENT AS AN ATTACHMENT.** The text of the argument may be submitted on a separate piece of paper with the Argument Statement form completed, signed, and dated. Indicate on the form in the area designated for the text **"SEE ATTACHED."**
- **PUBLIC RECORD.** Argument Statements will become public record on the 4th business day after the filing deadline.
- **MULTIPLE COUNTY MEASURES.** Voters' pamphlets are prepared county by county. If the measure will be on the ballot in more than one county and you would like to have your Argument Statement in the voters' pamphlets for more than one county, you must submit an Argument Statement and filing fee (or petition) with each county elections office.
- **FILING DATE.** The completed Argument Statement for the Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet, appropriate filing fee; and Statement(s) of Endorsement (if applicable), must be received by the Columbia County Clerk's office not later than 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline day for submitting Measure Arguments. Postmarks do not count. Any forms received after 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline day will be rejected.

**For the 2026 Election Year**

May 19, 2026 Primary Election:                      Tuesday, March 23, 2026  
 November 3, 2026 General Election:                Tuesday, September 8, 2026

- **ARGUMENT ORDER.** Arguments are printed in the Voters' Pamphlet in the order they are filed. If you are filing multiple arguments, determine their preferred order prior to filing. If you submit an amendment to your argument, it will be placed in the Voters' Pamphlet based on the date and time of the filing of the amendment.

**Contact Information:** Columbia County Elections, 230 Strand St, Saint Helens OR 97051. (503) 397-7214



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Please type or legibly print in black ink.

<b>ELECTION DATE</b>		<b>MEASURE NUMBER</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor	
NAME OF ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE		<input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Opposition	
Argument paid for by (name and address)		Contact Phone	
		Fax Number	
		E-mail Address	

**Person responsible for the content of the Argument Statement:**

(Name of person/names of persons as intended to be displayed in Voter's Pamphlet)

By signing this document, I hereby state that I am responsible for the content of this argument (ORS 251.415).

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(Name: **TYPED**)

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Name of organization represented (if applicable)

**X**  
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(Name: **SIGNED**)

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Position