

A better Oregon: The public health impact of investing in education, health care and senior services

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ABSTRACT: In November Oregonians will vote on the A Better Oregon initiative, which will raise billions of dollars for education, health care and senior services by raising minimum income taxes for C corporations that make over \$25 million in Oregon sales. The Oregon Public Health Association has endorsed A Better Oregon. Oregon has the lowest effective corporate taxes in the country, resulting in insufficient revenues for public health, schools, and other critical programs. By investing in schools and services that address the social determinants of health, and making possible substantial increases in public health funding, A Better Oregon can make a big difference in health outcomes in Oregon. This presentation will cover the unmet needs for schools and services in Oregon, explain the ballot measure in detail, and describe some expected effects on public health in Oregon.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Describe the A Better Oregon initiative, including who pay and where the revenue is dedicated
- Explain why A Better Oregon is expected to improve public health

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