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## Analysis of Contributions on Yes and No Sides on Ballot Measure 30

There are 13 political action committees advocating for Ballot Measure 30 and seven urging a “no” vote. Voting on Measure 30 is underway and will end on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If passed, the measure will overturn the revenue bill that drew bipartisan support and ended the 2003 legislative session.

The "yes" and "no" players and their total contributions are summarized below in Chart 1. The "yes" side has raised \$925,078 while Measure 30 opponents have raised \$871,041.

**Chart 1 – The Players in the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot Measure 30 Election**

Yes PACs	Contributions*	No PACs	Contributions*
Yes on 30-Our Oregon	\$711,365	Oregon Citizens for a Sound Economy	\$420,807
Nurses United PAC**	\$48,881	Oregon Family Council PAC	\$200,462
AFT OR COPE PAC	\$46,790	Taxpayer Defense Fund	\$195,905
Oregon Business Association PAC	\$38,800	Taxpayer Association of Oregon BM PAC	\$75,443
OPEU PAC	\$14,839	Parents Education Association	\$22,414
Lane Yes on 30	\$12,181	Christian Victory PAC	\$22,366
School Employees Exercising Democracy	\$7,658	Libertarian Party of Oregon	\$21,890
Yes on 30 for Southern Oregon	\$6,215		
Citizens Alliance for Responsible Education (CARE)	\$5,227		
Benton Yes on 30	\$3,277		
Southern Coast Yes on 30	\$2,023		
Medford Education Association LOPAC	\$1,998		
Communities for Oregonians with Disabilities PAC	\$1,850		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$878,541</b>		<b>\$959,287</b>

\*Includes cash, in-kind contributions and loans for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-election reporting periods for the February 3, 2004 contest. These reports were due on 12/29/03 and 1/22/04. Also included are those contributions larger than \$500 through 1/26/04 and through 1/29/04 reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> supplements to the second pre-election report that were due on 1/26 and 1/30/04. On 1/30/04 the BUS PAC reported a \$7,500 contribution to Yes on 30 which is factored into that group's total in the chart above. (Does not include data reported by TDF during signature gathering—for that information, please refer to our full report, Transparency Defeated, at [www.oregonfollowthemoney.org](http://www.oregonfollowthemoney.org).) Data compiled by MiPRAP based on Elections Division reports. Data could change due to auditing and/or amendments.

\*\*As of 2/29/04, Nurses United PAC failed to file a 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-election report as required by election law.

Public employee unions dominate the "yes" side, but there is also support from the PAC of the Oregon Business Association. Small regional "yes" on 30 groups are also active, and there is support from a small PAC representing Oregonians with disabilities.

Conservative anti-tax groups dominate the "no" side. As noted in Chart 3 several businesses made major contributions, representing 77 percent of fundraising to Oregon Citizens for a Sound Economy. Other business groups such as Associated Oregon Industries are remaining neutral on Ballot Measure 30.

It should be noted that the primary expenditures by three "yes" PACs are contributions to the Yes on 30-Our Oregon committee. These ally PACs are Nurses United, the PAC affiliated with the Oregon Business Association, and the ballot measure PAC of OPEU (Oregon Public Employees Union). Including the contributions from these ally groups represents some double counting with contributions to the Yes on 30-Our Oregon PAC.

Similar double counting occurs in regard to contributions to the Taxpayer Defense Fund that received 47 percent of its money from two ally PACs, Oregon Citizens for a Sound Economy and Taxpayer Association of Oregon Ballot Measure PAC.

Itemized summaries of top donors to each of the "yes" and "no" PACs are provided below in Charts 2 and 3.

Over half (55 percent or \$391,001) of the contributions to the major proponent PAC, Yes on 30-Our Oregon, came from the three major public employees unions: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503, Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA), and the Oregon Education Association (OEA.) These labor unions represent approximately 106,000 members who provide services to Oregonians and are directly affected by changes in state budgets. Union members have decided to dedicate a portion of their dues to issue funds. (Fair share members - those whose union dues cover only collective-bargaining expenses - are exempted from these assessments.) Decisions about allocation of these issue funds are made by boards composed of and elected by union members.

On the "no" side, the major three ongoing ally PACs are also member based. Oregon Citizens for a Sound Economy has 12,000 statewide members. The Oregon Family Council reports that 1,700 churches and 13,000 individuals in the state distribute its Voters' Guide. The Taxpayer Association of Oregon lists as a goal to recruit "6,000 taxpayers to help inspire "citizen-based" lobbying in Oregon.

**Chart 2: Yes PACs and their top 10 contributors**

<b>Top 10 Donors* (in some cases all donors are listed)</b>	<b>Yes on 30 PACs</b>	<b>\$878,541</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Employees International Union Local 503: \$133,592</li> <li>• Oregon Education Association: \$156,909</li> <li>• Oregon School Employees Association: \$100,500</li> <li>• Oregon AFSCME Council 75: \$100,500</li> <li>• American Association of Retired Persons: \$54,917</li> <li>• Oregon Business Association: \$30,147</li> <li>• Oregonians for Health Security: \$23,763</li> <li>• Nurses United PAC; Oregon Public Employees Union PAC: \$20,500 each</li> <li>• AFT-Oregon COPE PAC: \$15,000</li> </ul>	Yes on 30: Our Oregon	\$711,365
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miscellaneous Gifts of \$50 or less: \$48,881</li> </ul>	Nurses United**	\$48,881

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local 5017, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$15,0000</li> <li>Local 111, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$5,572</li> <li>Miscellaneous Gifts of \$50 or less: \$3,978</li> <li>Local 4671, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$2,917</li> <li>Local 2277, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$3,915</li> <li>Local 3922, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$3,309</li> <li>Local 2417, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$2,591</li> <li>AFT-Partners in Political Education: \$2,200</li> <li>Local 3544, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$1,889</li> <li>Local 2278, AFT, AFL-CIO: \$1071</li> </ul>	American Federation of Teachers OR COPE PAC	\$46,790
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Association of Retired People: \$6,000</li> <li>Northwest Natural: \$5,500</li> <li>Nike, Inc &amp; Affiliates: \$5,000</li> <li>Portland General Electric: \$5000</li> <li>Stoel Rives LLP: \$2500</li> <li>Gard &amp; Gerber: \$2200</li> <li>Regence BlueCross Blue Shield; Columbia Sportswear Company: \$2000 each</li> <li>Rejuvenation, Inc.; Washburn, Donald A.: \$1500 each</li> </ul>	Oregon Business Association	\$38,800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$14,839</li> </ul>	OPEU PAC	\$14,839
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$6237</li> <li>Lane Yes on 28: \$2644</li> <li>PeaceHealth Hospital: \$2500</li> <li>League of Women Voters of Lane County: \$300</li> <li>Lachman Stewardship Account: \$200</li> <li>Van Vandingham, John; Harlequin Beads and Jewelry; Daniel, Kathryn: \$100 each</li> </ul>	Lane Yes on 30	\$12,181
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$7458</li> <li>Redhead, Michael; Funk, Michael: \$100 each</li> </ul>	School Employees Exercising Democracy	\$7,658
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medford Education Association: \$2030</li> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$1268</li> <li>League of Women Voters; Jackson County Democratic Central Committee: \$1000 each</li> <li>DeBoer, Alan: \$250</li> <li>Hyneman-Starchvick, Karen: \$167</li> <li>Voeller, Estelle; Straus, J. Warren; MacDiarmid, John; Hutchings, Faye Marie; Hendrickson, Richard: \$100 each</li> </ul>	Yes on 30 for Southern Oregon	\$6,215
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$4460</li> <li>Sunderland; Peterson, Gary; Morgan, Janice; Keeley, Kevin T.; Heiss, Jennifer; Cleaver, Newell: \$100 each</li> <li>Nelson, Douglas: \$75</li> <li>Campbell, David: \$60</li> <li>Taylor, Michael: \$12</li> </ul>	Citizens Alliance for Responsible Education	\$5,227
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$4460</li> <li>Kids! PAC: \$363</li> <li>AFSCME: \$300</li> <li>Trow, Clifford; Morse, Frank: \$200 each</li> <li>Wilkens, B.H.; Lynch, Peggy; Karplus, Paul Andrew; Anderson, John: \$100 each</li> <li>Berg, Helen: \$57</li> </ul>	Benton Yes on 30	\$3,277

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$1203</li> <li>Anderson, Susan: \$210</li> <li>Howard, James: \$150</li> <li>Wilson, Carl; Waber, Phil; Swisher, Steve; Kent, Kenny: \$100 each</li> <li>Mitchell, Charles: \$60</li> </ul>	Southern Coast Yes on 30	\$2,023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$1720</li> <li>Ashland Education Association: \$128</li> <li>Phoenix-Talent Ed Association: \$98</li> <li>Wallace, Joel N.: \$32</li> <li>Stone, Gail: \$20</li> </ul>	Medford Education Association LOPAC	\$1,998
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$1850</li> </ul>	Communities for Oregonians with Disabilities	\$1,850

\* Donors are listed in order of largest to smallest contribution; ties are itemized up to 11 donors; otherwise, they are aggregated. In several cases, there were fewer than 10 identifiable donors to a PAC.

\*\* As of 1/23, Nurses United PAC failed to file an updated report as required by election law.

### Chart 3: No PACs and their top 10 contributors

<b>Top 10 Donors*</b> (in some cases all donors are listed)	<b>No on 30 PACs</b>	<b>959,287</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Columbia Helicopters, Inc./Lematta, Wes (owner): \$85,100</li> <li>Citizens for a Sound Economy (D.C.): \$80,836</li> <li>Adec, Inc: \$80,100</li> <li>Seneca Sawmill Co.: \$75,100</li> <li>Jeld-Wen, Inc.: \$55,100</li> <li>Freres Lumber Co., Inc.: \$27,550</li> <li>Oregon Grocery Association PAC: \$7500</li> <li>Bobosky, Robert S.: \$5000</li> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$1646</li> <li>Butler, Committee to Elect Tom: \$1000</li> </ul>	Oregon Citizens for a Sound Economy	\$420,807
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$195,402</li> <li>Gunter, Aurel: \$400</li> <li>Oas, Alton; Wilson, Russell; Hylton, Dale: \$200 each</li> <li>Bender, Robert: \$110</li> <li>Plus 35 donations of \$100 each and four under \$100</li> </ul>	Oregon Family Council PAC	\$200,462
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oregon Citizens for a Sound Economy PAC \$78,824</li> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$21,842</li> <li>Citizens for a Sound Economy: \$19,227</li> <li>Goli Ameri for Congress: \$18,791</li> <li>Taxpayers Association of Oregon Ballot Measure PAC: \$3,591</li> <li>Jim Zupancic for Congress: \$3,590</li> <li>Oregon Family Council PAC: \$2,500</li> <li>Pelikan, Glenn W.; Adams &amp; Company; Taxpayer Association of Oregon; Flores, Friends of Linda: \$1000 each</li> </ul>	Taxpayer Defense Fund	\$195,905
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$48,620</li> <li>Woodworth, Jay: \$7580</li> <li>Integrated Data Concepts: \$2000</li> <li>Oregon Rental Owners PAC; McIver, Douglas: \$1000 each</li> <li>Lekas, John; Brix, Peter: \$500 each</li> <li>Plus eight donors at \$250 each and 117 at less than \$250 each</li> </ul>	Taxpayer Association of Oregon BM PAC	\$75,443
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$21,643</li> <li>Walter, Howard Jr.; Klimer, Marian; Karman, Dorothy; Johnston, Richard; Jacobson, Janis; Curl, Ranell; Birch, Ray: \$100 each</li> <li>Lapeere, Stephen: \$80</li> </ul>	Parents Education Association	\$22,414

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miscellaneous Contributions of \$50 or less: \$21,643</li> <li>• Christian Coalition of Oregon C-4 Fund: \$1626</li> <li>• Barton, Richard: \$500</li> <li>• Pemberton, Tami L.; Morgan, Karen K.; Byers, Helen: \$200</li> <li>• Hickey, Gerri L.: \$120</li> <li>• Plus eight donors at \$100 each</li> </ul>	Christian Victory PAC	\$22,366
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambrose, Anthony: \$4000</li> <li>• Casterline, James and Marlene Collins: \$3500</li> <li>• Farago, Paul: \$3150</li> <li>• Stars Caberet and Steakhouse: \$2000</li> <li>• Cox, Thomas B.: \$1500</li> <li>• Libertarian National Committee: \$1484</li> <li>• Phillips, Paul, PTS Inc.: \$750</li> <li>• Fitzgerald, Dan; Wilson, James: \$200 each</li> <li>• Delphine, Marc: \$188</li> </ul>	Libertarian Party of Oregon	\$21,890

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