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Measure would decriminalize drug use

If passed, Measure 110 would use marijuana tax dollars to fund treatment

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Oregon Ballot Measure 110 proposes a major change in the way the state handles drug addiction.

If passed, it would move the state away from handling drug abuse as a criminal matter and toward handling it as a public health problem.

It would also make Oregon the first state to make such a dramatic change to its drug laws.

Measure 110 is the fourth of four statewide measures on the ballot in November.

If passed, Measure 110 would decriminalize possession of personal use amounts of drugs, converting current misdemeanor or crimes to citations with a \$100 fine and no threat of jail time. The fine would be waived if the person sought treatment.

It would also divert marijuana tax dollars into the creation of new drug addiction treatment centers.

Supporters said the measure



could dramatically decrease drug addiction in Oregon, and reduce associated crimes. Opponents fear it would backfire, leading to more drug-related crime and other unintended consequences.

One thing's clear: Oregon has a serious problem with drug addiction. According to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1 in 10 adult Oregonians has a

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The contents of a Narcan kit can be purchased from pharmacists or medical professionals without a prescription. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is a medication used to counter the effects of opioid overdose.

EDUCATION



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Casey Owens, right, holds a sign to greet students prior to the second day of in-person classes at Douglas High School on Tuesday morning in Winston. The school received an exemption from the Oregon Department of Education to hold in-person classes even though the school did not meet the state metrics to reopen amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Welcoming students back

After opening was in doubt last week, students return to in-person classes at Douglas High School

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WINSTON — Douglas High School

received a special exception from the Oregon Department of Education to start in-person learning, despite not meeting the state guidance.

Scott Nine, ODE assistant superintendent of education innovation and improvement, said it was the first specific exemption that had been granted

to a school district, but that "a very small group of districts most immediately impacted by wildfires" would also be provided exemptions.

Students within the Glide School District who were displaced by area wildfires will be able to attend in-person school under an emergency waiver, Glide Superintendent Mike Narkiewicz said Tuesday morning. The school district is reviewing the data to see how many students were displaced

"In general, ODE does not have an extraordinary waiver or exception to exceptions process," Nine said. He later added, "ODE has worked district-by-district in the county to reach a shared understanding on how to apply the metrics framework and document their current operating status. In the case of Winston-Dillard, the Governor and ODE agreed that a very specific exception was the best way to proceed. The metrics

framework remains critical and the state is trying to balance consistency and clear expectations while navigating nuanced details in local community settings."

The exception for Douglas High School, which is in the Winston-Dillard School District, was granted following a Saturday afternoon meeting between Gov. Kate Brown, her senior staff, ODE Director

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Douglas High School Principal Craig Anderson directs students to their first class during the second day of in-person school Tuesday morning in Winston.

Trump, still contagious, back at White House

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WASHINGTON — Still sickened by COVID-19, President Donald Trump plunged back on Tuesday into playing down the disease that hospitalized him for three days and has so far killed more than 210,000 Americans. He compared it anew to

the seasonal flu and signaled he plans to return soon to the campaign trail.

Back at the White House after a dramatic helicopter return from the military hospital where he was receiving an unprecedented level of care for COVID-19, Trump's attitude alarmed infectious disease experts. And it suggested

his own illness had not caused him to rethink his often-cavalier attitude toward the disease, which has also infected the first lady and more than a dozen White House aides and associates.

Anxious to project strength just four weeks from Election Day, Trump, who is still contagious with the virus,

tweeted Tuesday morning that he is planning to attend next week's debate with Democrat Joe Biden in Miami. "It will be great!" he said.

Trump's doctors have not provided an update on his condition since Monday afternoon, shortly before his departure from Walter Reed National Military Medical

Center. His physician, Navy Cmdr. Sean Conley, offered then that the president would not be fully "out of the woods" for another week.

Trump returned to the White House Monday night aboard Marine One, gingerly climbing the South Portico steps before removing his mask and giving a double

thumbs-up from the terrace, where aides had arranged American flags for the sunset occasion. He entered the White House, where aides were visible milling about the Blue Room, without wearing a face covering.

In a video released later, Trump offered a

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FIRE DANGER: MODERATE

NORTH UMPQUA: 61°

HIGH: 85
LOW: 52



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