

Anti-crime measure unveils broad coalition

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A coalition of law enforcement, drug treatment providers and advocates for seniors and children kicked off their campaign for Measure 57, which would increase prison sentences for burglars and thieves.

"It's got the tougher sentences we need to stop repeat offenders, fight elder abuse and drug traffickers," Clackamas County District Attorney John Foote said in a statement. "It's smarter and more focused by requiring drug treatment in addition to tougher sentences."

Measure 57 is one of two anti-crime measures on the ballot. Measure 61, sponsored by Republican Kevin Mannix, would set mandatory minimum sentences for burglary, car theft, drug dealing and other non-violent crimes.

Measure 57 would add about 1,600 prison inmates and cost an estimated \$411 million in operating costs over the next five years. The state would also borrow \$314 million between 2010 and 2017 for additional prison space.

Measure 61 would add 4,000 to 6,000 new inmates and cost an estimated \$522 million to \$797 million during the next five years. The state would also borrow \$1.1 to \$1.3 billion to build new prisons between 2010 and 2017.

Mannix has accused state officials of exaggerating the cost of his measure.

Measure 57 supporters include:

Oregon Council of Police Associations

Oregon Police Chiefs for Safer Communities

Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors

Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers

Juvenile Parole Officers - AFSCME Council 75

Stand for Children

SEIU, Local 503, representing front-line workers at the Oregon Youth Authority, & 45,000 other workers

Oregon Prevention, Education, & Recovery Association

Oregon Business Association

Oregon Education Association

Save Oregon Seniors

AFSCME Corrections United

Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens

Advocacy Coalition for Seniors & People with Disabilities

Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans

Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers

John Kroger, Democratic nominee for attorney general

Partnership for Safety & Justice

Former Supreme Court Justice Betty Roberts

Elders in Action Commission

United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley

AARP Oregon

Ainsworth United Church of Christ, Justice Commission

Association of Oregon Corrections Employees

Community Action Relationship of Oregon

Community Alliance of Tenants

Community Providers Association of Oregon

Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO)

Multnomah County Democrats

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

One Voice for Child Care

Oregon AFL-CIO

Oregon Consumer League

Oregon Health Action Campaign

Oregon Nurses Association

Rural Organizing Project

SEIU Local 49

Benton County Sheriff Diana Simpson

Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts

Lincoln County Sheriff Dennis Dotson

Multnomah County Sheriff Bob Skipper

Tillamook County Sheriff Todd Anderson

Umatilla County Sheriff John Trumbo

Yamhill County Sheriff Jack Crabtree

Baker County District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff

Clackamas County District Attorney John S. Foote

Clatsop County District Attorney Joshua Marquis

Columbia County District Attorney Steve Atchison

Coos County District Attorney R. Paul Frasier

Curry County District Attorney Everett Dial

Deschutes County District Attorney Michael T. Dugan

Harney County District Attorney Timothy J. Colahan

Gilliam County District Attorney Marion Weatherford

Grant County District Attorney Ryan Joslin

Klamath County District Attorney Edwin I. Caleb

Jackson County District Attorney Mark Huddleston

Jefferson County District Attorney Peter Deuel

Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell

Lake County District Attorney David Schutt

Lincoln County District Attorney Bernice Barnett

Linn County District Attorney Jason Carlile

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard

Multnomah County District Attorney Michael D. Schrunk

Polk County District Attorney John Fisher

Sherman County District Attorney Wade M. McLeod

Tillamook County District Attorney William Porter

Umatilla County District Attorney Dean F. Gushwa

Wallowa County District Attorney Mona K. Williams

Wasco County District Attorney Eric Nisley

Washington County District Attorney Bob Hermann

Yamhill County District Attorney Brad Berry

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