

Office of the County Clerk
Elections Division



Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title

**Prospective Petition # 20-2022-65
Lane County Watersheds Bill of Rights**

Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure was received by the Lane County Clerk on January 5, 2023.

The ballot title caption is: **Establishes clean water rights related to watersheds and enforcement provisions**

An elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title in the Lane County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m., January 17, 2023.

Caption:

Establishes clean water rights related to watersheds and enforcement provisions

Question:

Shall Lane County Residents have a legal cause of action to enforce new watershed rights?

Summary:

The measure grants Lane County residents rights to clean watersheds and affordable drinking water, free from harmful contamination. The measure also creates a cause of action against government agencies, corporations and other business entities, concerning watershed rights. "Watersheds" may include any land that drains rain or snow. The measure requires the government to adopt protective and effective measures to prevent and remediate actual or potential violations of these rights.

The measure allows Lane County residents to enforce these rights by filing a lawsuit in Circuit Court. Damages are calculated as the cost to restore the watershed to its state before the impairment and includes a one per cent per day penalty for each day the impairment occurs.

The measure grants protection and possible compensation to employees who report an employer's violation of this measure.