

Ref 402: Public Service Commission

It's common sense: Lawmakers shouldn't be able to set their own salaries. Under current law, state legislators have the authority—and sole responsibility—of setting salary rates for themselves and other elected leaders, creating an incentive for self-serving decisions and political games.

Passing Measure 116 will finally remove this power from politicians and put these decisions where they belong: in the hands of everyday Oregonians. Measure 116 creates an independent commission that will set salary rates for legislators, statewide elected leaders, judges, and district attorneys. The commission will have the authority to directly allocate funding for these positions, preventing politicians from meddling in the process.

Measure 116 creates clear guidelines for who can't serve on the commission: no state employees or legislators, no lobbyists, and no family members of state employees, legislators, or lobbyists. This commission will be independent, fair, transparent, and impartial.

Oregonians deserve to know that their elected leaders are looking out for the community's best interests, not their own. By passing Measure 116, voters will no longer have to worry about their representatives voting to give themselves a raise. We urge a yes vote on Measure 116.