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Don't follow Colorado ⁵⁰³⁸

We are extremely concerned that Measure 48, a Colorado-style "spending trap" measure, has made it on to the November ballot. You should be worried, too. Known as the Taxpayer Bill of Rights or Tabor, this measure is attempting to replicate a failed experiment in Colorado.

The Republican governor of Colorado knew just how bad an idea it was and, together with Democratic legislative leaders, urged Colorado voters to approve a five-year suspension of the limit, which they did in November. The effects on children's programs in that state were devastating. Colorado's national rankings for child well-being plummeted:

Health insurance coverage for low-income kids dropped from 33rd to 50th. Immunizations fell from 24th to 50th. Prenatal care nosedived from 23rd to 48th.

Is this what we want for Oregon kids? No way. We urge you to oppose this measure.

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