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event that *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. The Guttmacher Institute reports that Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, West Virginia, and Oklahoma also have laws that ban abortion if *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. Louisiana, North and South Dakota, and Mississippi have constitutional statutes that would also make abortion illegal if ever *Roe v. Wade* was overturned.

But while West Virginia and Alabama celebrate pro-life victories, residents in Oregon rejected a measure that would have barred public funding for abortion. The measure carved out exceptions only in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger. It also sought to prevent public employees from receiving abortion coverage under their health-insurance plans. That measure failed 64.2 percent to 35.8 percent.

According to Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB), opponents of the measure launched a "well-funded campaign — largely financed by Planned Parenthood affiliates from around the country — that argued that Measure 106 was a backdoor effort to deny access to abortion for low-income women."

Oregon's largest anti-abortion group, Oregon Right to Life, steered clear of the Yes on 106 campaign and did not provide funding, noting that voters have rejected similar measures in 1978 and 1986. The group felt it was a better use of funding to focus instead on legislative races, OPB wrote.

Oregon has long been regarded as a "bastion" of abortion rights in the United States. Just last year, the state's Democratic Governor Kate Brown, who won reelection on Tuesday night, signed a law that requires health insurers to provide abortion services to patients at no charge.

OPB reports that in the last year, approximately 3,600 women in Oregon had abortions paid for by the state, costing Oregon taxpayers \$2 million.



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