

Get Project Leadership Application Submitted Today

Today is the Deadline! The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for its acclaimed 2024-25 Project Leadership Roseburg program. If you or one of your employees is interested in enhancing knowledge, strengthening our community, developing relationships and expanding your horizons, then Project Leadership is for you! The chamber's 35th year of Project Leadership Roseburg begins on September 12. Today is the deadline, so [APPLY TODAY](#).

Mail your application and a check for the \$50 application fee (RACC, P.O. Box 1026, Roseburg OR 97470) or pay with a credit card online [HERE](#). The application may also be scanned and emailed to me, with application fee paid online or mailed separately. If you have mailed your application, or are mailing it today and worry about its timely arrival, just send me an email that it's been mailed; you will qualify as meeting the deadline.

Join the Growing Coalition Voting “No on Measure 118”

Seven Things to Know about Measure 118's Deeply Flawed \$6.8 Billion Tax. Opposition to Measure 118 continues to grow as Oregonians learn about the damage this deeply flawed \$6.8 Billion annual tax on the sale of goods and services would do to the state's residents, businesses, economy and public services. Here are some facts to keep in mind:

- **Measure 118 is a tax on sales, not income or profit.** This tax on gross sales applies whether a business makes a lot of money, has small margins or even loses money.
- **Prices will go up.** There's no such thing as free money. Consumers will pay for this massive tax through higher prices as confirmed by the nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office.
- **Measure 118 is a “tax on a tax.”** Unlike a traditional sales tax that happens once at the final sale, Measure 118's tax on sales could apply at every step of the supply chain.
- **Measure 118 makes Oregon businesses less competitive.** Out-of-state farmers, manufacturers and others will have an immediate advantage because sales in their state won't apply.
- **There's no guarantee anyone gets their “rebate.”** Future legislatures could amend this law at any time, use the money for something else, or increase the tax rate.
- **Measure 118 taxes sales on everything—including everyday necessities.** There are no product exemptions, so this tax on sales would apply to everything from groceries to gas, and from insurance to medicine.
- **A broad, bipartisan coalition opposes Measure 118.** Democrats and Republicans, business organizations and labor unions—the [growing list](#) of those who oppose this deeply flawed measure is unprecedented.

If you haven't already, please visit [NOonMeasure118.com](#) to join our growing coalition and learn more about the effort to defeat this costly tax on sales. Please share this information about this devastating tax on gross sales with others both within and outside your organization.

Measure 118 Featured Program at September Membership Lunch

The Roseburg Area Chamber's September 16 membership lunch will feature a presentation on Measure 118. Measure 118, which will be on the November ballot, would implement a massive new \$6.8 Billion tax on sales in Oregon, driving up costs on even staples like food and medicine for Oregon consumers. It also would make Oregon's businesses less competitive, eroding job growth and harming family farms and local businesses across the state. The Roseburg Area Chamber actively opposes Measure 118.

If passed by Oregon voters, Measure 118 would impose a 3% tax on businesses with gross Oregon sales over \$25 million per year. The measure is essentially a gross receipts tax: It would tax sales, not profits – and businesses would be forced to pay the tax regardless of whether they were making a large profit, small profit, or were losing money.

Measure 118's tax would apply at every step in the production and selling process. By the time an Oregon product went from raw materials to a manufacturer to a packaging company to a distributor and then to a retailer, it might be taxed five times before it finally reached the consumer, thereby driving up the cost far more than a typical sales tax.

The chamber's September membership lunch program is generously sponsored by [CSO Financial](#). Chamber membership lunches are held from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm at the Douglas County fairgrounds. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Online ticket sales only. Tickets are not sold at the door. The last day to purchase tickets is September 11 at noon. [GET TICKETS NOW!](#)

“InUmpqua” Magazine is Great Member-Exclusive Promotional Opportunity

The chamber is accepting advertising reservations in its 2025 *InUmpqua* magazine--a digital and print business directory, community profile and visitor guide. The *InUmpqua* is made available to residents and businesses throughout Douglas County, distributed to visitors and potential new residents and to chambers/visitor information centers in Oregon. The online digital edition is one of the chamber's most popular downloads. This publication remains one of the best advertising values available to promote your business or organization to other businesses, residents and visitors. See our [2024 InUmpqua](#) digital edition online. Be sure and check out our advertisers; their support allows the chamber to produce this magazine and we are so appreciative! **The contract submission DEADLINE is September 30; ad submission deadline is October 15.** [CLICK HERE](#) to download a copy of the 2025 *InUmpqua* rate sheet and advertising agreement.

More Chamber News

To learn about new members, renewing members, chamber programs, activities and more, check out our [July/August Business Perspectives newsletter](#). See current and past issues of the chamber's *Business Perspectives* newsletter and past RACC-member communications [HERE](#) and [“Current News”](#) online. Check out RACC [“Issues & Positions.”](#) Visit the [Chamber Calendar](#) online for chamber programs, events and deadlines.

Welcoming out-of-town guests to our area this summer? Check out our [Visitor Event Calendar](#) online for local events of interest to visitors. Your best resource for chamber information is on the [Roseburg Area Chamber website!](#)

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