

## **Teachers Campaign against Measures 58, 60**

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A coalition of teachers, parents and other advocates are kicking off a campaign today (Thursday) against two ballot measures. They say measures 58 and 60 would impose one-size-fits-all mandates on schools and children.

The two measures were sponsored by Bill Sizemore. Measure 58 would require non-English speaking students in Oregon schools be put in English Immersion programs for a limited time. They would then be placed in regular classrooms and be taught exclusively in English. Abby Lane is a teacher and English Language Learner coordinator for Eugene 4-J School District. She says students in her program are already in the mainstream classroom.

Abby Lane: “We just give them additional support so they can learn English more quickly and in a more supportive environment. That’s our goal is that we want children to have enough English to be successful in the regular classroom.”

She says each student learns differently and at different rates. Another measure, 60, would require teachers be paid based on performance. Lane questions how this would be measured fairly in a diverse population of students. She says neither measure would help Oregon students achieve academic success.

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