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Westlund seeks higher fees to pay for troopers

Governor's race - The candidate says a boost in vehicle and driver fees would increase patrols

Friday, August 4, 2006 (EXCERPT)

Independent Ben Westlund parted ways with his rivals in the governor's race Thursday by proposing to raise motor vehicle fees by \$35 million a year to restore around-the-clock patrols by the Oregon State Police. Gov. Ted Kulongoski, a Democrat, and Republican Ron Saxton both said earlier this week that they wanted to hire more troopers to reverse the service cuts that have hit the agency over the past three decades. But neither said how they would pay for the additional troopers.

Westlund, a Bend state senator who has mounted a petition drive to qualify for the November ballot, released a plan detailing several fee increases, including a \$6 boost in the cost of registering a vehicle and a \$5 raise in what a new driver would pay for a license.

"Every time a politician promises to deliver a new program or increase funding to solve a problem, they should be forced to answer how they will pay for it," Westlund said in a statement on his Web site.

... Continue the story at www.OregonLive.com
The Oregonian

Read Ben's plan at www.BenWestlund.com



Ben gets briefed by a state firefighter and forester on the status of the Black Crater Fire, burning near Sisters, on July 29. (See story on reverse page.)

Ben's Commitment to the Arts

In 2001, according to the Oregonian, the legislature's "best accomplishment" wasn't about education, taxes, business or labor. The best accomplishment of the 2001 session was House Bill 2923, which created the Oregon Cultural Trust and encompassed all those themes. Sponsor Ben Westlund brought together diverse and often competing interests to create an organization that now provides more than \$1 million each year to arts and culture nonprofits.

"Today, cultural organizations from around the state are able to continue their work fostering the independent, creative spirit of Oregon," said Westlund. "Arts and culture are not only integral to Oregon's quality of life, but they are also critical to its economic future. Our arts and culture community creates jobs and expands the horizon of economic and community development."

Ben currently serves on the board of the Cultural Trust.

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Swing by your local Westlund office!

Easy to find in Bend, Portland, Eugene, and Ashland!

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(Corner of Wall & Greenwood)

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(Two blocks north of Sandy)

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(Between High and Patterson)

518 Washington Street #1
ASHLAND 97520
(Just west of Interstate 5)

NEW EVENT CALENDAR



See when Ben will be in your area! Online at www.BenWestlund.com

Attend an existing event with Ben or help plan a new one!

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Already Ben is polling at 10% and our pollster, Zogby, says as people learn who he is, they like what they hear. Jesse Ventura wasn't doing this well in August and shot up 10 points a week once he was in the debates to win the race. **We are on the path to win.**

Our cutting edge campaign tactics are keeping costs low, but our campaign still needs two million more to win. Every day, we are raising that money and finding new support. But as they say in politics, early money is like yeast, it helps the dough rise.

We need your financial support today to support our independent movement!

Visit our website right now and put your money where your politics are!

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Westlund cancels campaign schedule for four days to focus on fire relief

Fire affects Ben's District

SISTERS, ORE. - While the Sisters Black Crater Fire burned and politicians flew around the site, Ben was on the ground, helping public safety workers who were in Sisters fighting the blaze. For four days, Westlund put his campaign schedule on hold to focus on the needs of his district.

As the major party candidates found ways to attack each other on the state of our forests and vulnerability to catastrophic wildfire, neither offered a clear and concise plan for solutions.

Tucked neatly into the corner of Ben Westlund's state senate district, the town of Sisters is similarly close to a block of land called the Bull Springs Tree Farm which is currently a successful test piece of new forest management practices.

Thanks to a bill co-sponsored by Ben Westlund and Rep. Chuck Burley of Bend during the 2005 session, the Community Forest Authority (HB2729) is breaking ground for new ways to manage healthy forests, sustain healthy timber harvests, restore and maintain wildlife habitat.

To prevent the pendulum from swinging from one side of forest management practices to the other, the Community Forest Authority balances conservation with sustainable harvests and community involvement.

Instead of fighting over who's right, we should focus what's right and what can we do about it for Oregon.



Check for Fire Updates at www.BenWestlund.com



A National Movement

Once again, Oregon is on the forefront of a national trend!

Unity08 is a diverse group of Americans who believe that neither of today's parties reflects the aspirations, concerns or will of the majority of Americans. Both parties have polarized and alienated voters. Both are unduly influenced by single-issue groups. Both are excessively dominated by money.

There is a better way. We will not waste time by pointing fingers. Instead, we will focus on how America can find common ground on critical issues – to give the overlooked moderate majority a voice and a choice in 2008.

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- *Unity08 website (www.Unity08.com)*



Ben speaks to volunteers at a river cleanup in Eugene on July 15.

BUILDING BEN'S BASE

We are building a new Independent movement with the help of over 300 volunteers statewide! Join us!

- **Gather signatures from friends**
- **Write a letter to the editor**
- **Help plan an event**
- **Staff a booth at a local event**
- **Find events in your area to set up a booth**
- **Hang up flyers for Ben**

We are also seeking community organizers to take a lead in each community! E-mail us at info@benwestlund.com.

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Ben tuns in signatures to Multnomah County's elections office. Over 2,500 signatures have been validated already!

FEATURED STAFF:



Sarah Bacon,
Southern Regional Coordinator

Sarah joined Westlund Campaign in January. She spent the last two sessions lobbying for Community College funding from her base in Southern Oregon.

In between sessions, Sarah taught college students how to effectively lobby and work within the Oregon Legislative System and have their voices be heard.

"Can Ben make Ron and Ted talk taxes?"

(July 11) In his run for governor, Ben Westlund is pounding away at the topic that matters most: reforming Oregon's out-of-whack state-finance system.

Good for him. Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Republican challenger Ron Saxton ought to be talking about this, too... (continued)

Read the rest at www.StatesmanJournal.com

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