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**SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES
UNOFFICIAL INITIATIVE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION RESULTS FOR INITIATIVE
#70**

SALEM -- Secretary of State Kate Brown announced today that an “unofficial” verification of signatures for one initiative petition submitted for the November 2, 2010, General Election ballot has been completed.

The results of this verification show the following petition contained **enough valid signatures** to qualify to the ballot:

Initiative #70: Amends Constitution: Continues lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, watershed protection beyond 2014; modifies funding process

This proposed constitutional amendment required 110,358 valid signatures to gain ballot access. The petition contains 113,218 valid signatures, or 67.69% of the 167,258 total signatures submitted for verification.

The results of all initiative petition signature verifications for the 2010 cycle will become final on August 1, 2010, the constitutional deadline for certification of all of the initiatives submitted for the 2010 General Election. Until then, any legal challenges or amended verification reports from counties could alter the final numbers. Thus, results are considered “unofficial” until the August 1st deadline.

Measure numbers will be assigned after the August 1st deadline.