

## Battered by multiple defeats, GMO label backers vow to continue

Oregon and Colorado became the third and fourth liberal states in the West to reject a GMO labeling measure. A similar proposal also flopped in Washington state and California.

It would seem that if a label mandate could pass anywhere, it would have passed in a left-leaning state like Oregon, whose biggest city is a hub for hipsters, funky boutiques and farm-to-table dining.

But are opponents of GMOs ready to give up? Nope. They say they're making headway against biotechnology companies like Monsanto Co. and are ready to continue the fight in legislatures, on ballots, and at the federal level.

"This is a social movement that's gaining power, as people become more aware of how their food is produced," said George Kimbrell, a senior attorney at the Center for Food Safety. "So there's great success there regardless of the outcome of the measure."

There's little science that says genetically engineered foods are unsafe, and agribusinesses fear mandatory labels would spook consumers. Most of the nation's corn and soybeans are genetically engineered to resist pests and herbicides, but labeling proponents say there's too much that's unknown about GMOs.

Labeling proponents say they're already gearing up to get legislation passed in more states and put initiatives on more ballots — though they declined to say where. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, some 30 other states have also considered GMO labeling legislation this year, though none of the bills has passed.

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