

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

Supporting Portland State University and urging)
that the Metropolitan region be active participants)
in any restructuring planning process that affects)
Portland State University's comprehensive)
programs and its capacity to serve the)
Metropolitan region and the State.)

Resolution

96-151

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education has been engaged in a planning process to reform public higher education; and

WHEREAS, the public higher education planning process will guide the expenditure of new investments in public higher education and have an impact on Portland State University's ability to serve the region and the state; and

WHEREAS, Portland State University is a comprehensive urban university which makes a significant contribution in shaping national policy on urban issues, serves more than 37,000 individuals annually and enrolls about one-third of public higher education's graduate students; and

WHEREAS, a quality public higher education system responsive to the metropolitan region is crucial to the social, economic, and cultural well-being of local residents as well as to the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Portland State University's plans for the future are integral to the significant long range planning efforts underway by METRO 2040, Portland-Multnomah Progress Board, Central City 2000 and the Oregon Business Council to insure that public higher education programs offered in the region establish greater links to regional economic, cultural and community development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the public higher education planning process has produced some proposals that would reduce the capacity of Portland State University to meet the needs of emerging business and key industries as well as the growing population in the metropolitan region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Metropolitan region be active participants in any restructuring planning process that affects Portland State University; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that we strongly urge the State Board of Higher Education to make significant investments in Portland State University that will increase its capacity to serve the metropolitan region and the state, particularly by strengthening engineering and educational programs linked to business and Oregon's key industries.

Dated this day of August 29, 1996.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Beverly Stein, Chair

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