

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 00-090**

Supporting the Creation of a Home Care Commission

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a) There are over 10,000 publicly funded home care workers in the State of Oregon who provide assistance to seniors and people with disabilities thus allowing them to live at home with dignity and independence.
- b) Home care workers represent the fastest growing segment of health care professionals in the United States and, in Oregon, have saved taxpayers over half a billion dollars since the program was created.
- c) Home care workers are legally defined as "domestic servants" or self-employed, which excludes them from basic rights that most American workers enjoy, such as coverage under Workers Comp, minimum wage, collective bargaining, vacations, sick time, or breaks; and the right to form and join a union.
- d) A coalition of diverse organizations has come together to advocate for the creation of a Home Care Commission which would have nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate.
- e) The proposed Home Care Commission would ensure high-quality home care services for elderly and disabled Oregonians receiving publicly funded personal care. It would establish home care worker qualifications, registry, provide routine, emergency and respite referrals of qualified care providers and would provide training opportunities.
- f) The proposed Home Care Commission would serve as an employer of record for home care workers.

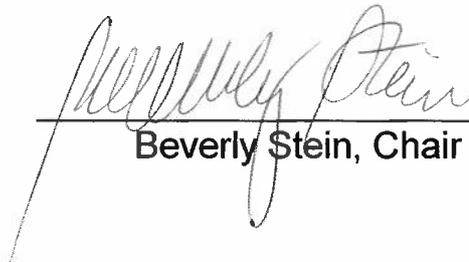
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. To support the creation of a Home Care Commission to ensure high-quality home care services for elderly and disabled Oregonians and to improve the working lives of the home care workers who serve them.
2. To support the State Initiative which would create a Home Care Commission.

ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2000.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

  
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Beverly Stein, Chair

**REVIEWED:**

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For Multnomah County, Oregon**

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Thomas Sponsler, County Attorney