

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

**BOARD BRIEFING**

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Jenny Morf, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

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Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THIS MORNING'S BOARD BRIEFINGS. WE HAVE A FULL AGENDA WITH THREE DIFFERENT BRIEFINGS. OUR FIRST IS AN INFORMATIONAL BOARD BRIEFING AND UPDATE ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER McKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. SO I'M HAPPY TO INTRODUCE TODAY'S BRIEFING ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION. AS I THINK EVERYONE HERE KNOWS, THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE IS A NATIONAL TREASURE LOCATED RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. THIS IS A NATIONAL SCENIC AREA LIKE NO OTHER IN THE NATION. THE SCENIC AREA STRADDLES TWO STATES INCLUDING THREE COUNTIES IN WASHINGTON AND THREE IN OREGON. SOME AREAS ARE WILD AND SCENIC. SOME AREAS ARE THE URBAN CENTERS OF VIBRANT GORGE COMMUNITIES. THE ROLE OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION IS TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE SCENIC NATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE. TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA BY ENCOURAGING GROWTH TO OCCUR IN THE URBAN AREAS AND ALLOWING FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE RESOURCE PROTECTION. THE COMMISSION IS COMPOSED APPOINTEES FROM EACH OF THE SIX COUNTIES, THREE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNORS OF EACH STATE AND ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE. THE GORGE COMMISSION WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE, THE STATES OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON, THE FOUR NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY TRIBES AND THE SIX COUNTIES WITHIN THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA. TODAY WE WILL HEAR FROM JIM MARYLAND DOW, WHO IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE, AND DARREN NICHOLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION. I THINK WE HAVE AARON AND ADAM ARE GOING TO TALK AS WELL. THEY WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES THE GORGE

COMMISSION HAS ENGAGED IN OVER THE LAST YEAR. THEY WILL GET US CAUGHT UP ON SOME OF CHAIR EXISTING PROJECTS AND GIVE US AN IDEA OF WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE GORGE. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. PLEASE COME UP.

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING.

>> I'M JIM MIDDAGH. I'M YOUR APPOINTEE TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION. I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. I HAVE BEEN ON COMMISSION LONG ENOUGH I NOW HAVE TO WEAR GLASSES MORE THAN I USED TO. I FORGET I HAVE THEM ON. THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE YOUR APPOINTEE. MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT, IN NEAR A YEAR ON THE COMMISSION WE HAVE THE BEST COMMISSION I HAVE EXPERIENCED. WE HAVE HAD SEVEN NEW MEMBERS OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO. WE HAVE A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN DARREN, WHO IS BRINGING FRESH ENERGY AND EMPHASIS AND PRIORITIZATION AND VISION TO OUR WORK LIKE WE HAVEN'T HAD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE'RE FACING SOME BUDGET CHALLENGES. YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED US PRETTY WELL LOCK DOWN THE OREGON LEGISLATURE. WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED A SERIES OF BOARD TRAINING WHERE WE HAVE LEARNED NOT ONLY HISTORY ABOUT THE AREA AND THE CREATION OF THE GORGE COMMISSION, BUT WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED NEW TOOLS FOR WORKING TOGETHER. WE HAVE A DIVERSE SET OF COMMISSIONERS AND THERE'S 12 OF US, EVEN NUMBER. WE REALLY REFLECT URBAN AND RURAL ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS PERSPECTIVES. IN THE PAST THINGS HAVE BEEN PRETTY CONTENTIOUS AND NOT VERY EFFECTIVE. UNDER DARREN'S LEADERSHIP WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO LEARN HOW TO WORK ACROSS THOSE IDEOLOGICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES IN WAYS THAT I THINK WILL CREATE VALUE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES OF THE GORGE. WE CENTERED ON THREE AREAS. ONE IS CONTINUING TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN ADEQUATELY MEASURE THE RESOURCES IN THE GORGE, THAT WE'RE DOING A GOOD JOB PROTECTING THEM, TWO, WE'RE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THREE LOCAL CITIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND WE'RE HELPING THEM BREAK THROUGH BARRIERS THAT WERE CREATED BY GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES. THAT REALLY DON'T AFFECT SERVICE PROVISION SIMILAR TO SOME OF THE WORK YOU'RE ENGAGED IN WITH YOUR PARTNERS ACROSS THE RIVER. WE'RE ALSO FOCUSING ON TRYING TO HARNESS ALL OF THE BENEFITS THAT COME FROM RECREATION IN THE GORGE BUT AT THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE LOVING THE GORGE IN WAYS THAT SOMETIMES CAUSE IT HARM AND HOW CAN WE MANAGE THOSE CHALLENGES. I WANT TO FINISH MY OVERVIEW APPEARED TURN IT OVER TO DARREN. IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE HOW VALUABLE YOUR PLANNING STAFF IS TO THE COMMISSION AND HOW PRODUCT THEY'VE RELATIONSHIP IS. KAREN AND HER TEAMWORK COOPERATIVELY AND HELPFULLY WITH A VERY SMALL STAFF

WITH THE GORGE COMMISSION. THEY HAVE HELPED ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF YOUR CODE AND THE SPIRIT OF THE SCENIC AREA ACT WHEN IT COMES TO DEVELOPING THE GORGE, HELPING PEOPLE NOT ONLY ACHIEVE THE HOME OF THEIR DREAMS BUT IN A WAY THAT PROTECTS OUR RESOURCES. THAT'S MY OVERVIEW. AT THIS POINT I'M PLEASED TO TURN IT OVER TO DARREN NICHOLS, WHO HAS BEEN WITH US ABOUT A YEAR, AND AGAIN BRINGS ENERGY AND LIFE TO THE COMMISSION THAT IT SORELY NEEDED.

>> GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO CHECK IN A LITTLE BIT, SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE REGION, HOPEFULLY THIS IS VALUABLE FOR YOU. IT CERTAINLY IS FOR US TO GET A CHANCE TO VISIT WITH YOU. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. I WANT TO ECHO COMMISSIONER MIDDAUGH'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR STAFF. WE RELY HEAVILY ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE OTHER FIVE COUNTIES TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA ACT AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT RELATIONSHIP BE POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE. I COMMEND KAREN AND HER STAFF FOR WORKING WITH US. IT'S VITAL TO THE RELATIONSHIP AND TO OUR ABILITY TO DO THIS WORK. COUPLE THINGS. COMMISSIONER McKEEL MENTIONED IT'S A PARTNERSHIP WITH A NUMBER OF ENTITIES. WE WORK IN A VERY UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCE WITH TWO STATES, SIX COUNTIES, FOUR TREATY TRIBES, 13 URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES AND DOZENS IF NOT HUNDREDS OF STAKEHOLDER INTEREST GROUPS. TO DO THAT IT REQUIRES RESOURCES. IT REQUIRES A CERTAIN KIND OF APPROACH THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM MOST STATE AGENCIES. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO START FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF DEEP, IMPORTANT INTERESTS IN THE REGION, SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT ALIGNED WELL WITH ONE ANOTHER BUT OUR JOB IS TO HELP THOSE INTERESTS COME TOGETHER AND HAVE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW, WHAT SHOULD BE HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE, THEN WAYS FOR US TO DO OUR WORK SO THAT THE COMMUNITIES AND THE RESOURCES ARE PROTECTED LONG TERM. SO IN THAT SPIRIT RECOGNIZING THAT IS THE CONTEXT IN WHICH WE WORK THE COMMISSION HAS SPENT THE LAST YEAR FOCUSING ON DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT SKILLS. THAT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE FORT GORGE COMMISSION. IT WASN'T THE TENOR IN WHICH THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA WAS PASSED BUT AS WE MATURE AS AN ORGANIZATION, A REGION, AND AS THE NORTHWEST LEARNS MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESSING ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING AND THAT THE CHALLENGE, THE STEEP CHALLENGES THAT ARE FACING US AS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WE LEARNED A LOT, AND I THINK THE LAST YEAR DEMONSTRATES THAT THE MATURITY THAT COMMISSIONER MIDDAUGH MENTIONED. AS THE COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS ITS ROLE BETTER AND HOW TO APPROACH THAT. WE SPENT SOME OF OUR RESOURCES, WE HIRED PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, OREGON CONSENSUS CENTER AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, THE RUCK WILLS

HOUSE CENTER TO CONDUCT 80-SOME INTERVIEWS WITH STAKE HOLDS TO ASK, WHAT ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH AND HOW WILLING ARE YOU TO WORK WITH OTHERS IN THE REGION TO EASE THE WORRIES AND ACHIEVE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THAT'S GIVEN US A MUCH BETTER SENSE FOR WHAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON. THAT REPORT I THINK YOU HAVE IN YOUR PACKETS. WE WON'T WALK THROUGH THAT BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS, CALLED A COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT. IT STARTS TO LAY OUT WHAT COULD WE AND SHOULD WE BE DOING AND HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH THAT. THE REPORT RECOMMENDED A COUPLE OF THINGS. FIRST IT SAID YOU NEED TO GET YOURSELVES ON THE SAME PAGE. YOU'RE NOT ON THE SAME PAGE ABOUT YOUR ROLES, ABOUT WHAT YOUR PRIORITIES ARE. YOU SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME GETTING TOGETHER AS A BODY FOR YOU TO BE EFFECTIVE COLLABORATORS IN THE REGION. THE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN THAT TO HEART. WE SPENT DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, THIS LAST WINTER, WITH SOME PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS HELPING ADDRESS THREE MAIN THINGS. THE FIRST WAS JUST A BASIC NATIONAL SCENIC AREA 101. IT'S A VERY COMPLEX LAW THAT WE OPERATE UNDER, VERY COMPLEX REGION. THERE'S LOTS OF INTERESTS. WE SPENT TIME WALKING THROUGH THOSE TO MAKE SURE THE SEVEN NEW COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS THE MORE EXPERIENCED COMMISSIONERS WERE ON THE SAME PAGE UNDERSTANDING OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

>> SEVERAL OF US BENEFITED FROM THE REMEDIAL -- [LAUGHTER]

>> WELL --

>> IT TAKES TIME.

>> IT WAS GOOD FOR OUR STAFF TO REBUILD THAT FOUNDATION AND UNDERSTAND. THAT'S RIGHT, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING. THE SECOND SESSION WAS BASIC COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLIC BODY. WHAT ARE SOME TOOLS THAT A PUBLIC BODY CAN USE TO HELP HAVE AN EFFECTIVE, HEALTHY DIALOGUE AND HOW TO ENGAGE DISAGREEMENTS IN A POSITIVE, PRODUCTIVE WAY. THE COMMISSION RESPONDED VERY WELL TO THAT. THE THIRD SESSION WAS COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT TOOLS. HOW DO YOU APPROACH DIFFERENT CHALLENGING PROBLEMS IN A WAY THAT HELPS BRING THE DIFFERENT INTERESTS TO THE TABLE, DISCUSS AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST, IDENTIFY AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT AND FOCUS YOUR TIME ON THE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT IN A HEALTHY WAY THAT GETS TO SOME KIND OF SOLUTION. IDEALLY A SOLUTION THAT'S WORKABLE AND CONTINUES TO BUILD TRUST AMONG THE PARTIES. SO THAT WAS THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION FROM THE REPORT. THE SECOND WAS THEN TO ADDRESS A TOP 10 LIST OF ISSUES. THOSE ARE LISTED IN THE REPORT, TO IDENTIFY ONE OR PART OF ONE OF THOSE OR SOMETHING THAT WE FEEL WE COULD COMFORTABLY BITE OFF AND WORK ON BUT TO USE THAT AS AN

ISSUE TO PULL PEOPLE TOGETHER. AS WE LEARNED TO WORK TOGETHER AND BUILD TRUST IN THE REGION AND CONTINUE TO MOVE IN THAT SPIRIT MOVING FORWARD SO THAT WE'RE ON TRUST, BUILDING ON POSITIVE OUT COMES. SO THE COMMISSION LAST WEEK SPENT TIME DISCUSSING WHAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON WITH A ROUGH FILTER OF FEASIBILITY, IMPORTANT TO THE REGION, URGENCY, THEN COLLABORATIVE SKILL BUILDING. COLLABORATIVE -- BUILDING ON COLLABORATION. THE COMMISSION IDENTIFIED THREE THINGS. URBAN AREA POLICY. RECREATION PLANNING MEASURING SUCCESS, WHICH JIM MENTIONED A MINUTE AGO. I DON'T KNOW YET EXACTLY WHAT THOSE -- HOW WE'RE GOING TO APPROACH THOSE. THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE ASKING THE TWO CENTERS TO HELP US WITH. FRAMING THOSE ISSUES AND THEN GETTING THEM DOWN TO BITE SIZE CHUNKS, SOMETHING WE CAN HANDLE WITH OUR SMALL STAFF BUT DO THAT IN A WAY THAT BUILDS RESPECT AND HELPS US MOVE FORWARD IN A MORE COLLABORATIVE, POSITIVE WAY. MIGHT JUST MENTION ONE THING ON THE VITAL SIGNS INDICATORS COMPONENT THAT YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER IN 2009 MULTNOMAH COUNTY PARTICIPATED IN REGIONAL MONITORING EFFORT OF OUR FRAMEWORK THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD WANT TO BUILD AS A WAY TO TELL US MORE ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE REGION. THEN USE THAT MONITORING PROGRAM TO INFORM POLICY AND HELP US ALLOCATE OUR RESOURCES MORE EFFECTIVELY TO THE URGENT NEEDS, THE MOST URGENT NEEDS FACING US. THAT WAS A PROJECT WELL RESPECTED. BROUGHT A LOT OF FOLKS TOGETHER. KIND OF LAID OUT A FRAMEWORK FOR THE REGION THAT WOULD HELP US DO OUR JOB MORE EFFECTIVELY. THAT ALSO COINCIDED WITH A GLOBAL RECESSION THAT TOOK A LOT OF WIND OUT OF A LOT OF PUBLIC AGENCIES' SAILS, HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF LACK OF RESOURCES THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT HAS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN A LOT OF INTEREST AS A GOOD WAY OF DOING BUSINESS, IT'S OBJECTIVE, FACT BASED APPEARED IT SHOULD, IF WE CAN PULL THIS OFF, HELP US TO BE ABLE TO DIRECT OUR LIMITED RESOURCES WITH YOUR LIMITED RESOURCES AND OTHER PARTNERS' RESOURCES ON THE ISSUES THAT NEED THE MOST ATTENTION AND SHOULD HELP TO US DO OUR JOB IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC BETTER. SO WE REVISITED THAT PARTLY AS A RESULT OF SOME INTEREST FROM THE USGS, UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAINTAINS ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST FISH LABS IN THE HEART OF THE GORGE OUTSIDE OF WHITE SALMON, A PLACE CALLED WILLARD, WASHINGTON. NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE KNOW THE LABORATORY IS THERE BUT IT REALLY IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF FISHERIES SCIENCE. THEY APPROACHED US IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN ODD PARTNERSHIP AND SAID, YOU KNOW, THIS VITAL SIGNS INDICATORS PROGRAM PROVIDES A PLATFORM THAT WOULD GIVE LIFE TO OUR SCIENCE. IN OTHER WORDS WE DON'T WANT OUR WORK TO JUST BE SCIENCE REPORTS ON A SHELF. WE WANT THEM TO CONNECT TO PUBLIC POLICY, WE WANT THEM TO CONNECT TO LAND MANAGEMENT, TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH IN A WAY THAT GIVES THEM MORE MEANING AND HELPS INFORM THE OTHER COMPONENTS IN THE LANDSCAPE. WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THAT

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE USGS, WITH PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, AND WITH WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, THE TWO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN A WAY WE THINK WILL HELP GIVE MORE MEANING TO THE VITAL SIGNS INDICATOR PROJECT. JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING THAT'S STARTING TO PULL FOLKS TOGETHER IN A WAY THAT'S EXCITING. ANOTHER QUICK EXAMPLE, THE MAYORS OF CLACKAMAS, OREGON AND STEVENSON, WASHINGTON, APPROACHED THE COMMISSION IN OCTOBER AND SAID, HEY, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE FACING VERY DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. WE'RE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE WE WANT TO OUR CITIZENS. COULD THE GORGE COMMISSION HELP US DO A BETTER JOB OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND K-12 EDUCATION? IF WE THOUGHT ABOUT THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA ACT IN A DIFFERENT WAY AS IN INTERSTATE COMPACT WITH CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY PROVIDING A REGIONAL FRAMEWORK GIVING US THE COMMISSION, SOME LAW MAKING AUTHORITY, COULD WE ADOPT SOME POLICIES AND WORK TOGETHER ON POLICIES THAT WOULD HELP OUR COMMUNITIES SHARE THOSE RESOURCES IN A WAY THAT IS MORE EFFICIENT, MORE EFFECTIVE, AND STRENGTHENS THE REGION AS A HOLE. THE COMMISSION WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THAT AN CONTINUE WHO WORK WITH THE THREE RURAL COMMUNITIES. IT'S A PRETTY INNOVATIVE AGREEMENT THAT WILL ENABLE THEM NOT TO GO THREE FIRE STATIONS BUT ONE FIRE STATION, ONE FIRE CHIEF AND USE THAT RESOURCE MORE EFFICIENTLY. I EXPECT TO SEE SOME MORE GOOD THINGS LIKE THAT. WE LEARN TO DO OUR JOBS BETTER. THAT PROBABLY LEAVES THE LAST THING ON MY LIST, WHICH IS JUST THE BUDGET SITUATION. WE'RE NOT A FULLY FUNCTIONAL, NOT A COMPLETELY HEALTHY AGENCY AT THE MOMENT BUT WE'RE TAKING STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE HAVE ASKED THE STATES TO RENEW THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA AND TO THE GORGE COMMISSION BY GIVING US A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY AND A COUPLE OF EXTRA STAFF POSITIONS.

>> RESTORING STAFF THAT WERE ELIMINATED EARLIER.

>> THANK YOU. THAT'S RIGHT. COUPLE OF NEEDED STAFF POSITIONS. THAT WOULD HELP US BUILD RELATIONSHIPS LIKE THE ONES I JUST DESCRIBED AND IDENTIFIED MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO USE RESOURCES BETTER IN BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. GOVERNOR KITZHABER GRACIOUSLY AND GENEROUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE STATE OF OREGON ADD \$260,000 TO THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET. THAT'S A BIENNIAL INCREASE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE INCREASE FROM WASHINGTON FOR US TO ACHIEVE THAT. WASHINGTON'S GOVERNOR GREGOIRE RECOMMENDED A SMALLER INCREASE. WASHINGTON'S GOVERNOR HURRICANE DENNISLY RECOMMENDED INCREASE GOVERNOR GREGOIRE'S RECOMMENDATION BUT NOT QUITE TO THE LEVEL OF GOVERNOR KITZHABER. THE WASHINGTON SENATE IS A \$200,000 REDUCTION RECOMMENDATION. THE WHITE HOUSE RELEASED ITS RECOMMENDATION FOR ESSENTIALLY \$100,000 INCREASE IN

LINE WITH GOVERNOR GREGOIRE'S ROUGHLY. SO WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS. THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS WILL BE INTERESTING FOR US IN WASHINGTON. IF YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS THERE OR SUGGESTIONS FOR WAYS TO GET BOTH STATES TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THE INNOVATION AND THE AGREEMENT THAT THEY MADE BACK IN 1987, AND THE WORK THE COMMISSION IS DOING AS WE FIND OUR ROLE IN THE REGION THERE'S A LOT OF EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES. I THINK SOME TREMENDOUS VALUE FOR THE NORTHWEST.

>> ON THE REGIONS DELEGATION VERY HELPFUL TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND ARE REACHING OUT TO SOME OF THEIR COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON.

>> THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF MY COMMENTS.

>> WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ADDING VALUE TO THE COUNTY AND DOING THINGS THE COUNTY WANTS. WE WISH WE HAD MORE RESOURCES BUT WE RECOGNIZE THE CIRCUMSTANCES ALL OF US FACE. WE'RE WELCOME TO HEARING YOUR STAFF.

>> I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REITERATE SOME OF WHAT DARREN AND JIM HAVE SAID TODAY. OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GORGE COMMISSION STAFF IS UNIQUE AND IS PROBABLY ONE OF OUR CLOSEST WORKING RELATIONSHIPS. WHILE WE HAVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH MANY JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND STATE WE WORK WITH THE GORGE COMMISSION CLOSELY ON CURRENT PERMITTING, LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS. WE CALL ON THEM, THEY CALL ON US TO HELP INTERVIEW PEOPLE AND BRING ON NEW STAFF. WE WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. PART OF THAT IS OUR SHARED VALUES AROUND THE SCENIC AREA. THE SCENIC AREA IS EVEN MORE COMPLEX THAN OUR OWN LAND USE CODE SO WE NEED TO KNOW TWO CODES TO APPLY AND BE EXPERTS IN ON A DAILY BASIS. WE CALL ON THEM FREQUENTLY TO HELP US WITH UNDERSTANDING WHAT THEIR INTERPRETATIONS ARE, THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT'S A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THEM. WE RECENTLY WORKED ON A COUPLE PROJECTS I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SPECIFICALLY. ONE IS WHAT WE CALL THE DATA SWAP. IT IS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GORGE COMMISSION STAFF TO PROVIDE US PERIODIC UPDATES OF ENDANGERED, THREATENED AND SENSITIVE SPECIES MAPS WHICH HELPS WITH THE PERMITTING WE VIEW PROCESS AND IN EXCHANGE WE AGREED TO SHARE PROPERTY INFORMATION WITH THE GORGE COMMISSION THAT WILL HELP ASSEMBLY PHI COORDINATION EVERS IN THE FUTURE. THAT'S ONE PROJECT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF. CAN DOS TO ADAM FOR NEGOTIATING THAT WITH THE COMMISSION STAFF. WE APPRECIATE THAT. THE SECOND IS WE'RE TRYING TO MODERNIZE OUR COUNTY ZONING MAPS AND MAKE THEM ELECTRONIC. THAT HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING PROCESS. GORGE COMMISSION STAFF ARE WORKING WITH US NOW TO DO THE MAPS AND FOR THE AREAS IN THE SCENIC AREA. WE'RE COMING CLOSE TO THE END OF

THAT. HOPEFULLY MAYBE BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE'LL HAVE ELECTRONIC ZONING MAPS AND WE'LL FEEL LIKE WE'RE REALLY IN THE MODERN WORLD WITH THAT. JUST WANT TO END BY SAYING WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM. IT'S SUCCESSFUL AND A GOOD ONE. THANK YOU.

>> QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER McKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR STEP BACK, LOOKING AT THE COMMISSION, HOW IT'S FUNCTIONING AND WHAT IT'S DOING. I PARTICULARLY LIKE WHERE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE THREE URBAN AREAS WORKING TOGETHER ON THEIR EFFICIENCIES. WE ALL LOVE THE BEAUTY OF THE GORGE, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT, BUT OUR URBAN AREAS HAVE TO BE VITAL AS WELL. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT YOU'RE TAKING A LOOK AT THAT TO SEE HOW YOU CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU IN PARTICULAR TO JIM. WHEN I CAME TO THIS POSITION I ASKED THAT WE HAVE A REGULAR CHECK-IN WITH OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE. SO JIM AND I OR SOMEONE FROM MY OFFICE HAVE DONE THAT ON A VERY REGULAR BASIS AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THANKS. THANKS TO ADAM AND DARREN FOR YOUR WORK TOO. GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> EXCUSE ME. I AM STILL GETTING OVER A COLD. THIS IS THREE WEEKS LONG. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER COLLABORATIONS THAT YOU HAVE WITH FOLKS IN THE REGION. COULD YOU GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT SOME OF THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT YOU HAVE?

>> WELL, I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE THIS MORNING BUT I'LL DO MY BEST.

>> READER'S DIGEST.

>> OKAY. SO ONE OF THE VALUES IN PREPARING THIS REPORT IS IT PROMPTED US TO LIST OUT THE NUMBER OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT THE COMMISSION HAS. WE IDENTIFIED OVER 150 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH. I THINK THAT WAS A SURPRISE TO US ON A NUMBER OF FRONT. FIRST JUST THE VOLUME OF RELATIONSHIPS, BUT ALSO THE NATURE OF THOSE RELATIONSHIPS AND THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE GIVE ATTENTION TO ALL OF THEM. ON THE LIST ARE, EVERYONE FROM SENATE DELEGATION ON TWO SIDES OF THE RIVER, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE COUNTIES, THE CITIES, THE TRIBES, THEN A LIEUTENANTS OF NON-- A LIST OF NONPROFITS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERESTS FROM WIND SURFERS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, LAND CONSERVATION

ORGANIZATIONS WHO SPECIALIZE IN PROTECTING RESOURCES AND A WIDE VARIETY OBVIOUSLY WITH 150-PLUS THERE'S A LOT OF INTERESTS IN THERE.

>> COUPLE OF SPECIFIC THINGS WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH ODOT TO HELP REOPEN SECTIONS OF HISTORIC HIGHWAY. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S ACTIVE AND ONGOING. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY OF THE DALLES BECAUSE THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO POTENTIALLY EXPAND THE URBAN AREA TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR CITIZENS. THE SCENIC AREA CREATES SOME COMPLEXITY THERE. WE HAVE AN ANNUAL GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT MEETING WITH THE FOUR TRIBES. WE'LL BE TRAVELING TO IDAHO TO BE HOSTED BY THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE. WE WORK REGULARLY WITH THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO ASSURE AN AGENDA. THOSE ARE MORE ON THE GROUND EXAMPLES OF THINGS THAT WE DO.

>> THANK YOU. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU HAVE?

>> 5.6 INCLUDING MYSELF.

>> YOU WANT SEVEN?

>> I WANT ABOUT 25 JUST BASED ON THE WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WE'RE FACING, BUT WE HAVE ASKED FOR THREE ADDITIONAL STAFF POSITIONS WHICH WOULD BRING US UP TO 9.0. THAT'S THE NEGOTIATION AT THE STATES NOW. FRANKLY, THOSE POSITIONS WOULD BE PLANNING POSITIONS THAT WILL INTERACT WITH AND HOPEFULLY SUPPORT YOUR STAFF IF WE CAN GET THEM. THAT'S THE MAIN RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE IS WITH THE COUNTIES AND THAT PARTNERSHIP OF IMPLEMENTING NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY -- YOUR LEADERSHIP SOUNDS JUST EXTRAORDINARY. IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY RESOURCE AND EXTRAORDINARY ASSET. WELL, I THINK IT'S FULLY DESERVING OF ALL OF THE ATTENTION THAT YOU'RE GIVING IT, AND I LOVE THAT YOU'RE DOING COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT SKILLS. WE SHOULD ALL BE HONING OUR COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT SKILLS AT ALL TIMES. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, GRANDCHILDREN WHOSE NAMES ARE ROWAN AND SOLILO, I CAN ONLY BE GRATEFUL THAT MY DAUGHTER STOPPED BEFORE WE HAD RUFUS AND BIGGS. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO.

>> I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL. I CAN ATTEST TO YOUR HARD WORKING STAFF AS MY DEAR FRIEND JENNIFER CADEN IS ONE OF YOUR STAFF. SHE CAN NEVER COME PLACE WITH US BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS WORKING.

>> THAT'S MY FAULT. I APOLOGIZE.

>> SHE'S NOT EVEN GETTING PAID FULL-TIME.

>> I KNOW.

>> WE'RE HOPING TO GET MORE STAFF.

>> WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO HELP.

>> THANKS FOR THE BRIEFING AND FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK. JIM, THANKS FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.

>>> OUR NEXT BRIEFING, AN UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BASED COORDINATORS OF EARLY LEARNING, HUB, SYSTEM.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M GOING TO FOCUS BACK ON COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT SKILLS, WHICH IS THE THEME OF THIS PRESENTATION. I APPRECIATE THAT EARLIER PRESENTATION. THE EARLY LEARNING SYSTEM IS A VISION THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS ARTICULATED WHOSE TIME HAS REALLY COME AND IT'S REALLY COME IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE RECOGNIZE THE VALUE THAT WE CAN REALIZE BY WORKING ACROSS SILOS, AND WE CAN USE OUR CURRENT EXPERTISE WITH RECOGNIZING AND WORKING WITH SYSTEMS ALONGSIDE OF OUR PROGRAM EXPERTISE IN THESE AREAS AS WELL AS THE CREDIBILITY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A CONVENER TO EFFECTIVELY ASSIST IN REALIZING THIS VISION THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS ARTICULATED THROUGH SUBSTANTIVE OUT COMES. JOANNE FULLER.

Ms. Fuller: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. JOANNE FULLER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I HAVE SERENA STOUDAMIRE WHO HAS BEEN DOING LEG WORK, OUTREACH WORK, GETTING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY TO WORK ON THIS EFFORT. WE ALSO HAVE IN THE BOARDROOM OUR INTERNAL TEAM, I'LL ASK THEM TO RAISE THEIR HANDS, WORKING WITH US. THEY ARE NOT RAISING THEIR HANDS! WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US TO REALLY FIGURE OUT WHAT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS WE CAN MAKE TO YOU ABOUT THE ROLE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN PLAY IN THIS SIGNIFICANT CHANGE THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS ARTICULATED FOR THE STATE OF OREGON. I HAVE A LITTLE BACKGROUND FLYER, BUT I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO HAND IT OUT AT THE END BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO JUST PAY ATTENTION FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO MY PRESENTATION AND THEN WE'LL HAND IT OUT. SORRY! DON'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU FEEL THAT WAY. THERE'S JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK THINGS FOR YOU TO KNOW ABOUT THIS THEN WE CAN OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS. YOU ALL KNOW THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED THIS CHANGE DURING THE BEGINNING OF HIS TERM AS GOVERNOR IN THE STATE, AND HE SEES IT AS A COMPANION CHANGE TO CHANGES IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THE HEALTHCARE

TRANSFORMATION WHICH WE HAVE ALL BEEN SO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN. IN THE WORLD OF EARLY LEARNING THERE ARE MANY, MANY SPHERES THAT TOUCH FAMILIES AND KIDS. THERE ARE EDUCATIONAL SPHERES, CHILD CARE SPHERES, THERE'S FOLKS LIKE OUR HEADSTART PARTNERS. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES WITH KIDS. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH REALM FROM THE PHYSICAL HEALTH REALM. THEN YOU GO FARTHER AFIELD TO THINGS LIKE ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE PROVIDING FAMILIES WITH BASIC NEEDS LIKE HOUSING. THEN YOU GET INTO PARENTING CURRICULUM. THERE'S JUST A HUGE SET OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE TOUCHING THE LIVES OF FAMILIES WITH KIDS WHO ARE IN THEIR EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL YEARS. ON THE ONE HAND, WE WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. THESE FAMILIES NEED SUPPORT TO GROW THE FUTURE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE FUTURE FOLKS THAT WILL LEAD OUR STATE AND OUR NATION AND BE PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE IN OUR WORLD. AND AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE EFFORTS ARE MEANINGFUL AND THAT WE ARE GETTING THE RIGHT SERVICES AT THE RIGHT TIME AT THE RIGHT PLACE TO THE RIGHT KIDS AND FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THAT'S A CHALLENGE WHEN YOU HAVE SO MANY DIFFERENT SYSTEMS THAT GET THEIR MONEY IN DIFFERENT WAYS, THAT ARE CONCERNED THAT DIFFERENT PIECES OF THE FAMILIES AND KIDS' FUNCTIONING, AND THAT HAVE DIFFERENT PARAMETERS AROUND WHICH THEY WORK AS EITHER PROFESSIONALS, PARA PROFESSIONALS OR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS. WITH ALL OF THOSE MOVING PARTS, THE GOVERNOR'S VISION REALLY IS TO TRY TO ALIGN ALL OF THOSE EFFORTS TO GET SOME VERY SPECIFIC OUT COMES, AND HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT KIDS IN POVERTY AND KIDS OF COLOR. IF WE THINK ABOUT IT, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY PARTICULARLY WITH A FOCUS ON THOSE POPULATIONS THAT WE CARE DEEPLY ABOUT IN THIS COMMUNITY, WE HAVE A UNIQUE ROLE TO PLAY TO HELP THE STATE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS CHANGE. WE HAVE 25% OF THE POPULATION OF JUST ABOUT ANY SERVICE SYSTEM THAT YOU CAN NAME, AND IF YOU WERE TO HONE IN ON FOCUSING ON KIDS OF POVERTY AND OF COLOR WE HAVE GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THE STATE POPULATION OF THOSE KIDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS A UNIQUE ROLE IN TRYING TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR PROGRAMMING IN A WAY THAT IT IS MOST EFFECTIVE WITH THOSE KIDS AND FAMILIES. WE OWN AND HAVE EMBRACED OUR ROLE IN WORKING WITH DIVERSE POPULATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY AND HELPING TO BE A PARTNER WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES TO MAKE KIDS MORE SUCCESSFUL. ALL OF OUR KIDS SUCCESSFUL. WITH THAT BACKGROUND, IT MAKES SENSE FOR US TO BECOME A SIGNIFICANT PARTNER WITH ALL OF THOSE OTHER SERVICE SYSTEMS AND TO LEAD DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT THE GOVERNOR IS CALLING HUBS, WHICH ARE BASICALLY THE COORDINATING BODY THAT WILL TRY TO BRING ALL OF THOSE SYSTEMS THAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT INTO ALIGNMENT TO FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON PARTICULAR GOALS. NOW, WHAT THE STATE IS

GOING TO DO IS UP IN THE AIR. FOR A LONG TIME WE AT THE COUNTY WERE WAITING FOR THE STATE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO. THEN A WHILE AGO, AFTER SERENA HAD SO MANY PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHO WAS DOING WHAT OUT THERE, WE DECIDED THAT IT MADE SENSE FOR US TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS AND TO BE THE SPONSOR OF THE HUB AND TO -- FOR WHATEVER ORGANIZATION CAME OUT OF THE STATE FOR THIS EFFORT FOR US TO SAY WE OWN THIS. THESE ARE OUR KIDS. THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS OUR WORK. YOU AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE ALREADY INVESTING NOT ONLY THE STATE DOLLARS THAT ARE PASSED THROUGH THE BOARD TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BUT SIGNIFICANT COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO ADDRESS THESE FAMILIES. THESE ARE OUR FAMILIES. THESE ARE FAMILIES THAT WE ARE ALREADY SEEING IN OUR HEALTH CLINICS, OUR OUTREACH NURSES ARE TOUCHING THEM. THESE FAMILIES ARE COMING TO SUN SCHOOLS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN SPONSORING AND SUPPORTING THESE FAMILIES ARE COMING TO THE LIBRARY. SO THIS ISN'T A NEW POPULATION FOR US TO GO OUT AND FIND, THIS IS A POPULATION THAT WE ARE ALREADY ENGAGING. WE THINK THAT BY BEING A SPONSOR OF THIS HUB WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF COLLABORATING TOGETHER, NOT ONLY ACROSS THE COMMUNITY BUT WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO REALLY THINK THROUGH WHAT IS THAT RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT FAMILY AND KID FOR THE SERVICE THAT THEY NEED TO RECEIVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. SO I'LL STOP THERE AND TAKE QUESTIONS.

>> HOW ARE THE HUBS DIVIDED IN THE STATE AND HOW MANY HUBS?

>> WE DO NOT KNOW YET WHAT IS ULTIMATELY GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE THE LEGISLATION IS STILL WENDING ITS WAY THROUGH THE PROCESS. BUT THE ORIGINAL VISION WAS FOR COMMUNITIES TO SELF-DEFINE WHAT THE BOUNDARIES WERE GOING TO BE OF HUBS. AT THE WAY, WAY, WAY BACK WHEN WHEN THE GOVERNOR WAS FIRST ELECTED THERE WAS TALK ABOUT HUB BOUNDARIES THAT WOULD ALIGN WITH THE COORDINATED CARES ORGANIZATIONS BUT THAT THINKING HAS EVOLVED REALLY TO A VISION THAT COMMUNITIES WOULD SORT OF SELF-CHOOSE WHAT THEIR BOUNDARIES WERE.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION. ARE WE GOING TO HEAR FROM. [SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY] FIRST, IT'S A PROCESS QUESTION. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO IS GOING TO PRESENT TO US THIS MORNING?

>> I DON'T THINK SO. WE HAVE GOT FOLKS HERE WHO ARE AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. BUT I THINK THAT TODAY WE JUST WANTED TO DO A VERY CLEAR BRIEFING WITH YOU AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS RECOMMENDATION.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION, JOANNE. WHAT'S THE FISCAL IMPACT ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY? WE SERVE THIS POPULATION ALREADY, BUT WHAT ADDITIONAL DOLLARS ARE WE GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO PUT INTO THE HUB SYSTEM?

>> THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. SO RIGHT NOW MULTNOMAH COUNTY RECEIVES THE FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. THAT FUNDING COMING IN THE WAY THAT IT COMES IS SUPPOSED TO END AS OF JULY 1st. THE MONEY THAT COMES TO THE COMMISSION COMES, WE GET MULTIPLE FUNDING STREAMS TO THE COMMISSION. AND THE MONEY THAT COMES FOR DIRECT SERVICES THROUGH THE COMMISSION, WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE. WELL, ACTUALLY, I TAKE THAT BACK. IT'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE DIRECT SERVICES. HEALTHY START IS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT MONEY. THE STATE HAS NOT FIGURED OUT YET BECAUSE THE LEGISLATION ISN'T FINALIZED HOW THAT MONEY WOULD FLOW, WHETHER THAT WOULD FLOW DIRECTLY TO COUNTIES AND WE WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTRACT FOR THOSE SERVICES, OR WHETHER OR NOT THAT MONEY WOULD COME FROM THE STATE DIRECT CONTRACTED TO AGENCIES. THE MONEY THAT IS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOR HUBS TO BE CREATED IS THE MONEY THAT CURRENTLY FUNDS THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES' BASE SUPPORT FUNDING. YES, FOR STAFFING. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THE STATE IS GOING TO DIVVY THAT MONEY UP. WHAT WE'RE DOING, WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING HERE IS THAT THE COUNTY BEGIN THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNANCE PROCESS AND THAT WE APPLY FOR THE HUB. IF IT TURNS OUT THAT THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR US TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO THEN WE'LL BE BACK TO THE BOARD TO EVALUATE THAT.

>> ONE LAST QUESTION. IN TERMS OF WHO IS GOING TO BE IN THE HUB, ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIKE THE CCOs THAT ARE PLANNING TO BE A HUB AS WELL? AND WHO IS OUT THERE? WHO IS WITH US? I'M NOT QUITE SURE.

>> AREN'T PLANNING TO BE A PUB BUT PLANNING TO BE A PART OF THE HUB AND THEY ARE MANDATING THAT SO THE EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL AND OHPB IS MEETING AND DEVELOPING MATRIX. WE HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THOSE MEETINGS TO SEE HOW THAT WILL WORK BUT THEY ARE MANDATING THAT THE CCOs BE A PART OF HEALTH CARE AND EARLY LEARNING TOGETHER.

>> NOT NECESSARILY CCOs, -- ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE ASIDE FROM THE CCOs THAT LIKE FOR EXAMPLE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICES, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, ARE THEY PLANNING TO BE A HUB AS WELL?

>> WE HAVE TALKED TO THEM. I THINK THAT THEY HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BEING A HUB. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WILL CHOOSE TO DO IF WE GO AHEAD AND APPLY TO BE A HUB. WE HAVE INVITED THEM TO BE PART OF OUR OVER ALL GOVERNANCE.

>> OKAY.

>> I WANT TO ADDRESS SOMETHING IN COMMISSIONER SMITH'S FIRST QUESTION ABOUT THE NOTION OF WHAT WE'RE EXPECTED TO DO AS A RESULT OF THIS. I WANT TO JUST SHARE MY PERSPECTIVE ON THAT. I AM WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT WE APPLY FOR THIS. I LIKE THE REST OF THE BOARD IS A VERY BIG SUPPORTER OF EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENTS AND I SEE IN THIS PROPOSAL SOME ASPECTS THAT MAKE SENSE BROADLY, BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY I'M VERY CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM THAT WE'RE BEING ASKED TO SIGN ON TO IS EXTREMELY UNDEVELOPED, THAT IT'S NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHAT IT IS WE'RE BEING ASKED TO DO, THAT IT'S NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHAT RESOURCES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT ASK. I WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I'M NOT AGREEING TO SIGN ON TO SOME UNFUNDED MANDATE AND IF AT THE END OF THE DAY THE STATE, AS THEY OFTEN HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, DOESN'T ADEQUATELY RESOURCE WHAT THEY ARE ASKING US TO DO I'M NOT READY TO SIGN ON TO MAKE UP FOR THE UNFUNDED STATE MANDATE IF IT BECOMES THAT.

>> YES, MR. CHAIR, I ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK ALL THE COUNTY STAFF THAT HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS DISCUSSION ARE COMPLETELY IN AGREEMENT ABOUT THAT. THAT KIND OF A VISION. IT'S KIND OF A CHICKEN AND EGG THING. WE HAVE FELT LIKE IF WE DON'T GET OUT THERE AND BE CLEAR ABOUT OUR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON THIS ROLE, THAT THERE MAY NOT BE AN -- A SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DEFINE WITH THE STATE WHAT IT IS THAT WE WOULD BE DOING AS A HUB. SO BY TAKING THIS STEP WE BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT OURSELVES IN A STRONG POSITION TO HELP SHAPE THAT POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR ROLE AS A HUB.

>> THAT'S WHY I'M WILLING PERSONALLY TO GO ALONG WITH THIS. I WANT TO BE CLEAR IT'S SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY. ARE WE COMMITTING TO DO THIS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME? CAN WE WALK AWAY IF IT TURNS INTO A DISASTER?

>> YES. [LAUGHTER] SO WE WILL BE ASSESSING THAT. WE DON'T KNOW YET KIND OF WHAT THE PARAMETERS WILL BE FOR THE RFP, WHEN IT COMES OUT. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'LL BE ASSESSING. UNLIKE OUR FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS WHERE THERE ARE OPT OUT THRESHHOLDS

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>> THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I WAS ASKING THAT QUESTION.

>> THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CONVERSATION ABOUT OPT OUT THRESHHOLDS WITH THIS. WHICH MAKES ME ASSUME THAT IT WOULD BE A STRAIGHTFORWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WITH AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE STATE WHICH WOULD THEN ALLOW US ON A YEAR BY YEAR BASIS TO ASSESS OUR WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO THAT CONTRACT. BUT WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THAT. BUT NO ONE IN THE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT THOSE THRESHHOLDS IN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OR ACTUALLY IN THE LEGISLATION. NO ONE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN THE LEGISLATION. THEN THE OTHER PLACE THAT WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE STATE CAN GIVE US MORE OR LESS MONEY FOR IN MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY. THAT ALSO HAS A DIFFERENT STRUCTURE IN THE LEGISLATION THAN THIS, THAN ANYONE HAS TALKED ABOUT FOR THIS.

>> IF I COULD, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. THE WARINESS. I THINK THAT THERE IS A VERY INTERESTING CHICKEN AND EGG DYNAMIC THAT IS PARALYZING IN SOME RESPECTS BECAUSE THE CONVERSATION TURNS FROM THE SUBSTANCE TO THE CHICKEN AND EGG PROCESS AND THAT OF COURSE IS A VERY TIGHT LOOP. IN SOME WAYS, THE CONVERSATION EVER SINCE REALLY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE THIS NEW EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM THAT WAS PUT FORWARD AS A BOX WITH A VISION IN IT AND FEWER REALLY MOVING PARTS. THERE WAS NO MACHINERY IN THERE. THERE WERE A LOT OF MOVING PARTS BUT THEY WERE IN A HEAP IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX AND HAS HAD NOT BEEN ASSEMBLED YET INTO ANY KIND OF PROGRAMMING. SO JUST LIKE WITH THE TOYS THAT WE BUY FOR OUR CHILDREN THERE'S SO MUCH ASSEMBLY REQUIRED THAT IT GETS FRUSTRATING FOR THE GROWNUPS. I THINK THAT -- LET ME TALK ABOUT HOW I SEE WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE DOING TODAY. ROLLING OUT WHERE WE ARE, SPEAKING ABOUT SORT OF LEVEL THAT WE HAVE RISEN TO WITH ALL OF THIS HELP FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND FROM SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE ENGAGED FROM THE COMMUNITY IN RESPONDING TO THIS VISION. I THINK THAT THE VISION IS ITSELF REALLY ENGAGING. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THOSE RISKS, WE DO HAVE SUN SCHOOLS, HEALTH CLINICS, LIBRARIES, HOUSING PROGRAMS, NUTRITION PROGRAMS, ALL OF WHICH ARE REALLY ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THE SUCCESS OF EARLY LEARNING. THE WELL-BEING THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON THROUGH OUR KIND OF IN-PROGRESS EARLY LEARNING LENS INCORPORATES THE EQUITY LENS AND THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING ON THAT. ALSO NEW WORK VERY ENCOURAGING. AND IT INCORPORATES A VALUE THAT PUTS THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD OUT, HERE IS THE CHICKEN AND EGG RESULT THAT I THINK I HOPE IS HELPFUL IT PUTS THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD OUT IN FRONT OF INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING. WE HAVE A BIG STAKE IN INSTITUTIONAL WELL-BEING AS WELL WHICH YOU JUST EXPRESSED AND

WE HAVE TO KEEP IN BALANCE WITH THAT. I THINK WITH WHAT WE OWN AND WHAT WE HAVE EMBRACED AND WHAT IT IS THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOES, WE ARE IN A POSITION NOW TO NOT JUST WAIT FOR THE STATE TO DEFINE A PROGRAM AND HAND IT OUT TO US, BUT WHERE WE ARE ACTUALLY LEADING THE STATE. WE'RE GOING TO HELP SHOW THE STATE HOW THIS CAN BE DONE. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS A TURF-BASED LESSON OR COMPETITION AT ALL. I THINK THAT IT IS AN EXERCISE IN COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT. I AM CERTAIN FROM THE CONVERSATIONS I HAVE LISTENED TO AND FROM THE WORK THAT SERENA AND JOANNE AND SO MANY OF THE PARTNERS IN THE ROOM TODAY HAVE DONE THAT WE CAN PUT THIS FORWARD AS A PILOT ASSEMBLY, AND THAT IT WILL WORK FOR US. MOST IMPORTANTLY IT WILL WORK FOR US AND FOR OUR KIDS, AND THAT IT WILL ALSO WORK TO ACHIEVE THE SUPPORT THAT WE NEED FROM THE STATE OF OREGON AND BECAUSE OF ALL OF THIS THERE'S A RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD NEXT WEEK, NOT IN TWO DAYS BUT ON APRIL 25th, FOR US TO DECIDE WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THIS POSITION AND THEN TAKE OUR POSITION TO THE STATE AND SHOW THEM THAT WE HAVE -- WE HAVE BEGUN IN GOOD FAITH TO ASSEMBLE THE PIECES OUT OF THAT BOX OF PARTS.

>> I WOULD SAY WE HAVE MORE THAN PREPARED IN GOOD FAITH. THIS IS VERY AMBITIOUS. I HAVE A QUESTION. I WISH THAT CLAUDIA WAS HERE. WHAT IMPACT DID HB2013 HAVE ON WHAT WE MAY DO? THAT'S ONE PART OF THE QUESTION. SERENA, IN YOUR TRAVELS OUTSIDE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHAT HAS BEEN SOME OF THE FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS?

>> OUTSIDE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY I THINK EVERYONE HAS BEEN ON THE WAIT AND SEE, SITTING BACK WAITING TO SEE WHAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS GOING TO DO. OTHER COUNTIES LIKE DESCHUTES FEEL LIKE THEY COULD BECOME AN EARLY ADOPTER. THEY SEE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS THIS BIG MONSTER JUST SITTING BACK. BY US STEPPING FORWARD THAT'S JUST PUTTING OUR HAT IN THE RING AND SAYING WE TOO CAN BECOME AN EARLY ADOPTER AND BE A PART OF WHAT'S GOING ON.

>> SO THERE ARE OTHER COUNTIES WHO WANT TO --

>> RIGHT. THERE'S CLACKAMAS, WASHINGTON, AND THEN WASHINGTON COUNTY PARTNERING WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY. SO EVERYONE IS LOOKING LIKE MORE REGIONAL HUBS BUT THEY ARE JUST NOT SURE HOW THAT IS GOING TO PLAY OUT, SO THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENT COUNTIES TALKING TO EACH OTHER, COMING TOGETHER TO FORM A PARTNERSHIP. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT EVERYONE IS DOING. THEN THERE ARE SOME LOOKING MORE -- THEIR COMMISSIONS JUST CHANGED OVER TO START MOVING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.

>> MY CONCERN IS, THAT'S GOOD INFORMATION, I WAS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. I KNOW THEY HAVE PROBABLY BEEN HEARING A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT HOW THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION IS CHANGING AND HOW THAT WILL IMPACT THEM. I'M JUST WONDERING, HAVE WE TALKED TO CONSTITUENCY GROUPS IN THE COUNTY OF MUSIC AND HOW ARE THEY REACTING TO THIS NEW CHANGE?

>> I MET WITH A GROUP IN NORTH PORTLAND ALONG WITH THE STATE. I RECENTLY MET WITH THE HEADSTART IN MOUNT HOOD. YESTERDAY I MET WITH RONNEY HERNDON REGARDING HEADSTART IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. [AUDIO NOT UNDERSTANDABLE] I HAVE MET WITH COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AS WELL AS OTHER CONSTITUENTS. THEY HAVE THOUGHT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WOULD BE THE BEFORE THE. THEY FELT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE FOR IT TO BE AND THAT IT WOULD BE WELL BALANCED.

>> THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE OF US TAKING THE LEAD?

>> YES.

>> I WANTED TO SEE THAT WE HAVE THAT KIND OF COMMITMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, NOT JUST AGENCIES THAT WORK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> RIGHT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> IN REGARDS TO THE BILL 2013, IT WILL PROBABLY BECOME THE VEHICLE FOR DEFINING HOW MANY HUBS WILL GO FORWARD. THE PUSH-PULL HAS BEEN THAT GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL VISION WAS FOR THERE TO BE A HUB THAT COVERED EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE STATE FROM THE ONSET. SEVERAL KEY LEGISLATORS HAVE WANTED TO DO MORE OF A PILOT INITIAL START KIND OF A MODEL THAN GROWING THE NUMBER OF HUBS PERHAPS FROM THERE. SO IT'S UNCLEAR HOW THAT'S GOING TO WORK OUT. US DOING THIS I THINK MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE A HUB IN IN IF NOT THE MOST DIVERSE ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE STATE AND FOR SURE THE MOST POPULATED COUNTY IN THE STATE. THERE WAS A QUESTION WHETHER WHETHER OR NOT THE THREE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, CLACKAMAS AND MULTNOMAH, MAY FORM A HUB TOGETHER. LIKE OUR PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH SHARE. CLACKAMAS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY WERE PRETTY CLEAR THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED. WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL WORKING WITH THEM IN HEALTH SHARE AND THAT'S BEEN A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE. BUT THEIR LANDSCAPE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT IN THOSE TWO COUNTIES THAN OURS. THEY WERE PRETTY CLEAR THEY WOULD LIKE FOR TO US FORM OUR OWN HUB.

>> THANK YOU. SO THE RFP IS NOT OUT YET.

>> RIGHT.

>> WE HAVEN'T SEEN DRAFTS OF IT?

>> NO.

>> SO MY SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION THAT'S GOING TO BE COMING UP WILL BE A TENTATIVE ONE IN THAT I THINK WE'RE AGREEING TO DO SOMETHING BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE THAT RFP BEFORE I SIGN ON THE BOTTOM LINE. THEN WE DON'T YET KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THEY ARE STILL DEBATING -- LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE PILOT --

>> SOME PILOTS BUT NOT YET HOW MANY PILOTS THERE ARE GOING TO BE. THE LAST NUMBER I HEARD THE OTHER DAY WAS MAYBE 10, GIVE OR TAKE A FEW.

>> DO WE KNOW IF FOR THOSE OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE THEY JUST RECEIVING THE SAME DOLLARS THEY WERE RECEIVING, THE -- WHAT WAS IT? CCFCs?

>> I THINK WE DON'T KNOW.

>> OKAY. SO WE'RE TENTATIVELY AGREEING BUT WE HAVE NO IDEA -- [LAUGHTER] WHAT HAS CHANGED FROM, SAY, JANUARY OF THIS YEAR WHEN WE HAD OUR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS?

>> I THINK IT'S BECOME CLEAR THAT IF WE DON'T TAKE SOME KIND OF ACTION TO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE'RE FORMING A HUB THERE WILL BE DEEP QUESTIONS AT THE LEGISLATURE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN GET OUR ACT TOGETHER.

>> AND THAT COULD IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO SHAPE THIS PROCESS MOVING FORWARD.

>> THAT'S NOT CHANGED, THOUGH, SINCE JANUARY.

>> WE HAVE BECOME CLEAR IF WE DON'T TAKE SOME KIND OF ACTION TO STEP INTO THIS ROLE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE DEMONSTRATING TO THE LEGISLATURE THAT WE'RE READY TO DO THAT. THAT WILL MEAN THAT WE WON'T -- AS THEY THINK ABOUT HOW MANY HUBS THEY CREATE AND WHERE THOSE HUBS MIGHT BE AS THEY FORMULATE THEIR POLICY THEY WON'T BE THINKING ABOUT US AS TAKING ON THIS ROLE.

>> JOANNE, WHO HAS THEIR ACT TOGETHER MORE THAN MULTNOMAH COUNTY?

>> WELL, SO THERE ARE COUNTIES THAT HAVE, DESCHUTES FOR ONE, THERE ARE COUNTIES THAT HAVE TAKEN EXISTING KINDS OF STRUCTURES AND REFORMED THEM AND GOTTEN THEM IN SHAPE TO SAY, OKAY, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. THERE ARE COUNTIES THAT ARE VIEWED AS MORE FARTHER ALONG THAN WE ARE.

>> THEN IF THEY ARE FURTHER ALONG THEY WOULD HANDLE MULTNOMAH COUNTY? THEY WOULD BE THE HUB FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY?

>> NO, BUT THE STATE MIGHT DECIDE TO CONTRACT DIRECTLY FOR SERVICES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHICH COULD BE A CHALLENGE FOR US SINCE WE BUNDLE SO MANY SERVICES TOGETHER FOR THOSE SERVICES THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE STATE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TODAY.

>> I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION. ECHO A LOT OF THE COMMENTS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTREACH WORK. I HAVE HEARD THIS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY, WHERE IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY? THEY NEED TO STEP UP AND BE A LEADER HERE. BUT I GUESS AS WE TALK ABOUT ALL OF THE THINGS, HOW WE SORT OF DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO STEP UP TO, WHAT IS IT WE SAY TO OUR CONSTITUENTS WHEN WE DO THIS? THEY SAY, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE A HUB?

>> SO A COUPLE OF THINGS. HOW I THINK ABOUT IT, FIRST I WANT TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT IN BEING A LEADER THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE DOING THIS ALONE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE TALKED TO ABOUT PARTICIPATING WITH US IN THIS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND PRODUCE WHO ARE BRINGING THEIR OWN ENERGY AND RESOURCES TO THE TABLE WHO WE REALLY NEED TO BE ABLE TO IMPACT THE FAMILIES THAT WE'RE GOING TO LEAD. WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR THIS BUT WE'RE BY NO MEANS DOING THIS ALONE. WE'RE DOING IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH MANY, MANY PARTNERS AS WE FORM THE GOVERNANCE OF THIS. SECONDLY, I THINK THERE'S A ROLE FOR US TO BE A LEADER IN TERMS OF THINKING STRATEGICALLY ABOUT STATE INVESTMENTS AND OUR INVESSELS IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR EARLY LEARNING RESULTS WHETHER OR NOT THE STATE DECIDED TO GIVE US HUB MONEY. NOW TLOOKS REALLY DIFFERENT IF WE DON'T GET HUB MONEY BECAUSE THAT COULD GIVE US THE STAFFING FOR THE EFFORT. BUT I THINK THERE'S A LEGITIMATE ROLE FOR US TO PLAY SINCE WE ARE INVESTING, WE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU AS LEADERS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ARE INVESTING A LOT OF LOCAL RESOURCE AN PARTNERING WITH LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE IN MULTIPLE SYSTEMS ALREADY AROUND EARLY CHILDHOOD. SO FOR US TO CREATE A LINE IN THAT SYSTEM AND CREATE ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE, HELP

TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD, THAT'S A NATURAL ROLE FOR US WHETHER OR NOT WE EVER BECAME A HUB FROM THE STATE OR NOT. BECAUSE THAT INVESTMENT IS ALREADY HAPPENING. YOU ARE ALREADY MAKING THAT INVESTMENT ON THE GROUND. OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE ALREADY WORKING WITH THESE KIDS AND FAMILIES. THIS ISN'T LIKE A WHOLE NEW POPULATION FOR US TO GET INVOLVED WITH.

>> SO IS THERE ANY TIMELINE AS TO WHEN THEY WOULD BE DESIGNATING THESE HUBS?

>> IT WILL BE IN THE LEGISLATION I'M ASSUMING. OR THE RULES THAT THEY WILL WRITE SHORTLY AFTER THE LEGISLATION COMES OUT. THEY HAVE BEEN SAYING SPRING.

>> WELCOME TO THE SAUSAGE FACTORY. [LAUGHTER]

>> THIS IS WHERE THAT WHOLE METAPHOR ABOUT SAUSAGE MAKING COMES INTO PLAY. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT A LOT IN POLITE COMPANY I DON'T THINK, BUT I ALSO THINK THAT A COUPLE OF THINGS, ONE, TO COMMISSIONER SMITH, THIS IS WHY WE'RE HAVING THIS BRIEFING TODAY, TO AIR THIS -- THIS PROPOSED METHOD OF MOVING FORWARD OUT OF WHAT HAS BECOME REALLY A CONUNDRUM, WHICH IS WE ANNOUNCE THE CHANGE SO WE ANNOUNCE THAT WE'RE LEG GO OF ONE OF THE HANDLE -- LETTING GO OF ONE OF THE HAND WILLS OF OUR FLYING TRAPEZE BEFORE WE HAD A BEAD WHERE WE WERE GOING TO GRAB ON TO NEXT. THAT NATURALLY MAKES PEOPLE FEEL NERVOUS. A COUPLE OF THINGS.

>> THAT'S SCARY IMAGERY. [LAUGHTER]

>> A COUPLE OF THINGS TO COMMISSIONER SMITH, TO THE CONCERNS YOU'RE EXPRESSING. ONE OF THEM IS THAT BY ACTING TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO HELP LEAD A WAY FOR EARLY LEARNING OUT OF THIS CONFUSION, AND OUT OF WHAT BECOMES THEN SORT OF A COMFORT LEVEL IN THE PROCESS BUT PROCESS ALONE ISN'T GOING TO GET US TO THE FINISH LINE HERE, THE TABLE DOESN'T GO AWAY. THERE'S BEEN QUITE A TABLE CREATED OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN THIS. NO ONE IS PROPOSING THAT THAT TABLE GO AWAY. IN FACT I THINK THAT THIS REALLY INVIGORATES THE TABLE AND ALSO CREATES A LITTLE MORE STRUCTURE AROUND THE TABLE. SECONDLY, BEING A HUB IS NOT LIKE GRASPING THE GOLD RING AS THE CHAIR POINTED OUT. BEING A HUB IS STEPPING UP TO A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IN OUR CASE PRETTY MUCH THESE ARE ROLES THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR MANY OF THE MOVING PARTS IS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALREADY PLAYS. IF AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE IT LOOKS LIKE THERE SHOULD BE SOME OTHER ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD BE THE HUB I DON'T THINK ANYONE FEELS ANY

GREAT THRILL OF OWNERSHIP, NOT LIKE A NEW CAR OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT THIS VEHICLE IS. AND THEN TO COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE RFP, I WANT TO SAY REALLY IN THE INTERESTS OF TRANSPARENCY THAT WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE IS GUIDE THE CONTENTS OF THE RFP BY PUTTING OUR CARDS ON THE TABLE FIRST. SO IT KIND OF GOT TO -- IT'S APRIL. IT'S THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. IT'S GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE WE CAN WAIT AND SEE WHAT'S DONE TO US OR WE CAN STEP OUT AND SAY, HERE'S WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH YOU. I REALLY DO THINK THAT AT SOME POINT IN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WHEN THINGS GET ROLLING ALONG, IT'S BOTH HELPFUL TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND IN OUR OWN SELF-INTERESTS TO DO THAT. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO MOVE THIS RESOLUTION -- THERE'S A HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 2013 TOMORROW. IT WON'T BE IN FRONT OF COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HEARING SO THERE'S STILL MORE PROCESS. WE SHOULD HAVE OUR -- I THINK INTENTION TO SUPPORT IT IN FRONT OF THAT PROCESS IN A TIMELY WAY.

>> OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? GREAT. WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU. WE'RE SLIGHTLY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE FOR OUR NEXT BRIEFING. LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IS HERE, SO WHY DON'T WE MOVE TO OUR LAST ONE OF THE MORNING, A BRIEFING ON TOXICS REDUCTIONS IN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AS WELL AS IN THE COMMUNITY. TOXIC REDUCTION FOLKS, COME ON DOWN.

>> GOOD MORNING. WHO WANTS TO KICK IT OFF?

>>> I WILL.

>> GREAT.

>> HI. GOOD MORNING. I'M KARI LYONS-EUBANKS, A POLICY ANALYST WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I'M EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY WITH GRANT SWANSON FROM LIBRARIES, JOHN WASIUTYNSKI, SOPHIA CAVALLI FROM PURCHASING TO TOWNSHIP TALKING ABOUT TOXICS AND OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORKPLACE. WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS. REDUCING EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL CHEMICALS. TODAY WE'LL DEFINE TOXICS, GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HEALTH EFFECTS AND THEN THE COUNTY PURCHASING AND OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE STRATEGY AND HEALTHY PURCHASING STRATEGY. WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY? APPROXIMATE AND USE OF CHEMICALS HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST 100 YEARS. FEDERAL LAWS REGULATE THESE CHEMICALS, HOWEVER MANY ARE GRANDFATHERED INTO THESE LAWS AND DEEMED SAFE UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1976, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 62,000

TOXICS IN EXISTENCE. IN AN EFFORT TO REGULATE THEM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CREATED THE TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT AND ONLY 2% OF THESE TOXICS HAVE UNDERGONE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH REVIEWS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. SCIENTIFIC STUDIES FOUND MANY OF THEM POSE A DANGER TO HUMAN HEALTH. THE INCREASE IN INCIDENTS OF CHRONIC DISEASE IS EVIDENCED BY RISING RATES OF ASTHMA, DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS, BIRTH DEFECTS AND SOME TYPES OF CANCER. A GROWING BODY OF RESEARCH CONFIRMS ENVIRONMENT AT FACTORS, AIR, WATER AND SOIL POLLUTANTS ARE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS. WE ARE OFTEN EXPOSED TO MULTIPLE CHEMICALS THROUGH MULTIPLE PATHWAYS THROUGH THE AIR WE BREATHE, FOOD WE EAT, THE CONTAINER OUR FOOD COMES IN AND THE PRODUCTS WE USE SUCH AS COSMETICS. AROUND HEALTH EFFECTS AND EQUITY OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ARE OFTEN DISPROPORTIONATELY THERE AFFECTED. TECHNICIANS IN NAIL SALONS ARE ASIAN WOMEN, MANY OF WHOM LACK OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. LEAD IS A HEAVY METAL WE ARE EXPOSED TO THROUGH LEAD-BASED PAINT, IMPORTED POTTERY AND IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS. EXPOSED TO LEAD -- EXPOSURE TO LEAD IS KNOWN TO CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE, LEARNING AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS AND STUNTED GROWTH IN CHILDREN. CHILDREN REPRESENT A POPULATION OF PARTICULAR CONCERN BECAUSE THEIR BEHAVIOR PATTERNS AND EARLY GROWTH CAN MAKE THEM BIOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE. INJURY TO DEVELOPING ORGAN SYSTEMS CAN CAUSE LIFELONG DISABILITY. WE WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO HIGHLIGHT ONE TOXIC IN PARTICULAR TO DEMONSTRATE WHY ADDRESSING TOXICS EXPOSURE IS IMPORTANT TO PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH. DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER 2.5 IS A PRODUCT FROM ON AND OFF ROAD EQUIPMENT POWERED BY DIESEL FUEL. PARTICULATE MATTER 2.5 IS SMALL IN SIZE, ABOUT 130th IN DIAMETER OF THE HUMAN HAIR WHICH MAKES IT HARMFUL. IT EVADES THE BODY'S NATURAL RESPIRATORY DEFENSES AND PASSES THROUGH THE LUNGS DIRECTLY TO THE BLOODSTREAM. IT ABSORBS WITH OTHER TOXICS AND TRANSPORTS THEM AS WELL. A STUDY IN CALIFORNIA ESTIMATED UP TO 60% OF OUR DAILY EXPOSURE TO DIESEL PARTICULATE CAME ONLY DURING OUR COMMUTE TIME. IT IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW SUBSTANCES THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A KNOWN CARCINOGEN BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND HAS MANY HEALTH EFFECTS. CHRONIC INHALATION EXPOSURE CAUSED VARIOUS DISORDERS IN THE BLOOD INCLUDING REDUCED RED BLOOD CELLS IN OCCUPATIONAL SETTINGS. NEARLY 33 STUDIES HAVE EXPLORED ASSOCIATION BETWEEN DIESEL EXHAUST AND BLADDER CANCER BASED PRIMARILY ON STUDIES OF TRUCK DRIVERS, RAILROAD WORKERS, BUS DRIVERS AND SHIPYARD WORKERS. REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FOR WOMEN EXPOSED BY INHALATION TO HIGH LEVELS AND ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE DEVELOPING FETUS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN ANIMAL TESTS. YOUNG CHILDREN ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO HEALTH EFFECTS OF DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTERS IN TERMS OF RESPIRATORY IMPACTS AND EXPOSURE. CHILDREN MAY BE ESPECIALLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO ADVERSE

RESPIRATORY IMPACTS DUE TO FINE DIAMETER PARTICULATE MATTER EMITTED FROM BY MACHINERY INCLUDING SCHOOL BUSES. HEALTH EFFECT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN IMPACTS TO THE CARDIOVASCULAR AND NERVOUS SYSTEMS. THE COMBINED ESTIMATE OF THE COSTS OF EXPOSURE BY EPA FROM HIGHWAY, NONROAD, LOCOMOTIVE AND MARINE ENGINES EQUALS 174 BILLION A YEAR NATIONWIDE WHEN CALCULATING EXPENSES LIKE ASTHMA HOSPITALIZATION, E.R. UTILIZATION AND WORKDAYS MISSED. A RECENT STUDY BY THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ESTIMATED BY 2017 NEARLY ALL OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL STILL BREATHE AIR WITH DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER 2.5. LEVELS OVER TEN TIMES THE STATE HEALTH BENCHMARKS OR SAFETY THRESHOLD. THAT SAME STUDY FOUND AREAS WITH THE HIGHEST AIR TOXICS LOAD HAD THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF RESIDENTS WHO ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS ALREADY BEGUN ACTION TO REDUCE IMPACT OF DIESEL TOXICS INCLUDING JOINT CITY-COUNTY CLEAN DIESEL PARTNERSHIP THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETROFITTING NEARLY 200 VEHICLES WITH DIESEL EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES. CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO THE CONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS AND ADVISORY COMMISSION CREATED A SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIR TOXICS AND ASKED FOR ANALYSIS OF DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER PROTECTIONS USED IN THE PORTLAND AIR TOXIC SOLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE USING CALIFORNIA, WASHINGTON BENCHMARKS WHICH ARE MORE PROTECTIVE OF HEALTH. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY ON MANY TOXIC ISSUES AND WE'RE WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY PRESSING CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE LOOK TO OUR COUNTY COLLEAGUES TO HELP GUIDE OUR WORK DUE TO THEIR YEARS OF INVESTING IN TOXICS INTRODUCTION WHICH LEADS ME TO INTRODUCE JOHN W..

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT INFORMATIVE INTRODUCTION ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC. I'M JOHN WASIUTYNSKI, RESOURCE COORDINATOR FOR SUSTAINABLE HERE AT THE COUNTY. RESIDENTS WITH BE PROUD OF THE ACTIONS THIS BODY HAS TAKEN TO PROTECT PEOPLE WE SERVE FROM HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOXICS. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOCUSES ON ADDRESSING TOXICS IN THE COMMUNITY THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY HAS WORKED WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE TOXICS REDUCTION STRATEGY. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2004 A JOINT COUNTY-CITY RESOLUTION ESTABLISHED A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY. FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OPERATIONS USING PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE AS A FRAMEWORK. IN 2006, THE BOARD ADOPTED A SET OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THAT WORKING GROUP WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS TOXICS REDUCTION STRATEGY. SINCE THE ADOPTION THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE WORK TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS. ALLOW ME TO LIST SOME EXAMPLES OF THE ACTIONS COMPLETED TO DATE. FLEET MANAGEMENT REPLACED LEAD WHEEL WEIGHTS WITH NONTOXIC ALTERNATIVES AND FURTHER POLLUTION PREVENTION EFFORTS THEY HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED

AS A GREAT BUSINESS BY THE CITY OF GRESHAM AND AN ECOLOGICAL BUSINESS BY THE POLLUTION PREVENTION OUTREACH TEAM. FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PURCHASES A PORTION OF ELECTRICITY AS CLEAN WIND RENEWABLE POWER ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY IN AN ONGOING EFFORT TO REDUCE EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ENERGY PRODUCTION. THEY HAVE CREATED A POLICY WHICH ENSURES ALL LIGHTING TUBES, BULBS AND BALUSTER ARE PROPERLY RECYCLED, ENSURE ADHERES TO THE PREVIOUSLY IMPLEMENTED CLEAN AND GREEN POLICY. THEY PERFORM ONGOING MONITORING OF AIR AND WATER QUALITY IN COUNTY BUILDINGS. THESE ARE A FEW ACTIONS THEY HAVE INTEGRATED INTO THEIR OPERATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. DISTRIBUTION SERVICES HANDLES RECYCLING OF BATTERIES, SMALL ELECTRONICS AND TONER CARTRIDGES AT THE END OF THEIR USEFUL LIVES FOR THE COUNTY. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTED A NEW CHEMICAL REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALL NEW CONSUMABLE CHEMICALS THAT ARE BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTY AS WAY TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THESE PRODUCTS AND SPECIFY SAFE HANDLING TECHNIQUES THIS. PROCESS HELPS REDUCE PUBLIC EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND EMPLOYEES EXPOSURE AS WELL. IT LOOKS TOIST LOOKS TO PROCURE EQUIPMENT WITH THE HIGHEST THIRD PARTY ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION AND ENSURE THAT EQUIPMENT IS PROPERLY RECYCLED OR REUSED. THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE CHAIR'S OFFICE PROMOTED AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION CAMPAIGN IDLING GETS YOU NOWHERE. IT ASKED PEOPLE TO SHUT OFF THEIR VEHICLES AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS AND BRIDGE LIFTS. THE COUNTY IMPLEMENTED A KNOW IDLING RULE FOR COUNTY VEHICLES AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON COUNTY PROPERTY. THE COUNTY HAS PROMOTED THE USE OF CLEAN ELECTRIC VEHICLES BY INSTALLATION CHARGING STATIONS AND PURCHASING ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR THE COUNTY MOTOR POOL. AT THE FOREFRONT IS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DUE TO THE LEADERSHIP OF FOLKS LIKE GRANT SWANSON. HE HAS BEEN A LEADER ON THIS ISSUE AT THE LIBRARIES AND AT THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. I'LL LET GRANT EXPLAIN EFFORTS AT THE LIBRARIES.

>> GRANT.

>> GOOD MORNING. HOW YOU ALL DOING THIS MORNING?

>> GOOD, THANKS.

>> SO MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY FOCUSES ON LOWERING THE CHEMICAL BODY BURDEN OF STAFF AND THE PUBLIC BY FINDING THE LEAST TOXIC PRODUCTS TO BE USED IN THE LIBRARY. SOME EXAMPLES OF THIS, WE REPLACED MANY OF THE CONVENTIONAL CLEANERS WE USE TO CLEAN BOOKS AND SURFACES IN THE LIBRARY. WE USED TO USE FORMULA 409, WINDEX, CLOROX, WD-40 TO NAME A FEW. WE FOUND SEVERAL LESS TOXIC

ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS GRAPEFRUIT IN WATER, VINEGAR AND WATER AND WE USE 7th GENERATION PRODUCTS FOR DISINFECTION. THE COST SAVINGS FOR REPLACING THESE CLEANERS HAS BEEN AN UNEXPECTED BOON FOR THIS. [AUDIO NOT UNDERSTANDABLE] OUR MAIN CLEANER NOW ONLY COSTS AROUND 30 CENTS PER BOTTLE. THAT'S IN CONTRAST TO AROUND \$5 A BOTTLE FOR FORMULA 409. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE VINEGAR AND WATER OVER WINDEX. COSTS A WHOLE LOT LESS. IT LOWERS THE EXPOSURE AS WELL. THESE ACCOUNT FOR THE BULK OF THE NONJANITORIAL CLEANING NEEDS FOR THE LIBRARY AND JANITORIAL STUFF IS COVERED BY THE GREEN SEAL PRODUCTS WE ALL GET THROUGH FACILITIES IN OUR BUILDINGS. SOMETIMES REDUCING PEOPLE'S CHEMICAL BODY BURDEN HAS MEANT REPLACING A TOXIC OR LARGE GREENHOUSE GAS EMITTER SUCH AS CANNED AIR WITH REUSABLE DURABLE GOODS ALTERNATIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, BY USING THE COMBINATION OF USING BRUSHES AND FLIPPING YOUR KEYBOARDS OVER AND TAPPING THEM WE HAVE ELIMINATED THE NEED OF CANNED AIR IN LINE WITH WHAT OUR COMPUTER VENDOR DELL RECOMMENDS. THE REASON WE IDENTIFY CANNED AIR AS A FOCAL POINT IS A SINGLE CAN OF CANNED AIR REDUCES THE NAME NUMBER OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AS IT TAKES A HONDA CIVIC TO DRIVE FROM SEATTLE TO NEW YORK AND BACK TO CHICAGO. WE KNEW THIS WAS A BAD POLLUTANT. WE DIDN'T NEED IT IN THE LIBRARY. WE HAVE NOW ELIMINATED IT FROM ALL USES THAT WE USE I.T. USES IT FOR INTERNAL COMPONENT DUSTING. BUT THAT'S AN EXAMPLE. NOW THAT WE HAVE BOUGHT THESE ONE TIME ONLY DURABLE GOODS INVESTMENTS WE NEVER HAVE TO BUY THEM AGAIN AND THEY ARE AROUND FIVE AND \$10 A CAN. WE ALSO FOUND THAT WHEN SEARCHING FOR ALTERNATIVES THAT SUPPORTS NORTHWEST BUSINESSES BECAUSE THE NORTHWEST IS A LEADER IN SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES MANY OF THE PRODUCTS WE REPLACED WERE FROM LOCALLY SOURCED ALTERNATIVES. THIS OF COURSE HELPS SUPPORT LOCAL JOBS AND KEEPS OUR MONEY IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY. AN EXAMPLE IS THE BIO CLEAN. A COMPANY THAT IS OVER IN WASHINGTON IN VANCOUVER OVER THE RIVER, AND THAT'S WHERE WE GET OUR ADHESIVE REMOVER AND WD-40 ALTERNATIVES. THE CENTRAL LIBRARY WAS THE FIRST IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO USE MERCURY FREE LOW INDUCTION LIGHTING SYSTEMS WHICH IS LESS TOXIC ALTERNATIVE TO FLUORESCENTS OR THE OLD LIGHTING. WE ALWAYS ARE KEEPING AN EYE TOWARD END OF LIFE TOXICITY WITH OWE NEW PURCHASES THE LAB NOW HAS LEDS ANYWHERE THAT THEY CAN. SINCE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY SUPPORTS SOME OF PORTLAND'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, UNHOUSED, UNEMPLOYED AND CHILDREN, REDUCING OUR TOXIC FOOTPRINT INDIRECTLY SUPPORTS HEALTH OF THESE POPULATIONS THAT HEAVILY USE THE LIBRARY AS WELL AS THE STAFF THAT WORK THERE. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN MAKING THAT HAPPEN.

>> NO PROBLEM. SOPHIA HAS THE LAST SECTION OF OUR PRESENTATION.

Ms. Cavalli: GOOD MORNING. SOPHIA CAVALLI FOR CENTRAL PURCHASING. I'M PLEASED TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE HEALTHY PURCHASING INITIATIVE THIS MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CAN BE LEVERAGED IN TWO WAYS, HOW BUT PURCHASE GOODS AND SERVICES AND WHO WE PURCHASE THEM FROM. THE COUNTY SPENDS ANNUALLY BETWEEN 200 AND \$400 MILLION EACH YEAR. THESE EXTEND FAR BEYOND PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES, THEY CREATE LOCAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PUBLIC PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR PURCHASING POWER TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH BY PURCHASING SAFER AND LESS TOXIC PRODUCTS. IN LINE WITH THE 2006 TOXICS REDUCTIONS STRATEGY AND 2010 SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING AND SOCIAL EQUITY POLICY IN SEPTEMBER OF 2012 MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND JOINTLY PASSED A HEALTHY PURCHASING INITIATIVE WITH SUPPORT OF INDUSTRY LEADERS. AT THE ADOPTION OF THE HEALTHY PURCHASING INITIATIVE OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS, SARAH ARCHITECT, OREGON BEST AND OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, REFERENCED A DRAFT HEALTH PRODUCT DECLARATION TOOL FOR POSSIBLE UTILIZATION IN ADDRESSING SAFER, LESS TOXIC GOODS. THE DRAFT HEALTH PRODUCT DECLARATION ALSO REFERENCED HPD WAS DESIGNED BY CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN INDUSTRY LEADERS TO CREATE A COMMON LANGUAGE FOR PRODUCT CONTENT DISCLOSURE. THIS DRAFT WAS ENDORSED BY OVER 30 ARCHITECT, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS AS WELL AS GOOGLE. MANY OF THE H.P.D. ENDORSERS INCLUDED LOCAL AREA DESIGN FIRM. AT THE TIME 30 MANUFACTURERS HAVE FULLY DESIGNED THE CONTENT OF THEIR PRODUCT. WITHIN SIX WEEKS OF ADOPTING THE HEALTHY PURCHASING INITIATIVE, RAPID MOVEMENT IN THE MARKETPLACE TOOK PLACE. I WANT TO SHARE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES. GOOGLE AWARDED THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL A \$3 MILLION GRANT TO STUDY MATERIAL CONTENT AND HEALTH. THE DRAFT HEALTH PRODUCT DECLARATION NO LONGER BECAME A DRAFT DOCUMENT AND WAS OFFICIALLY RELEASED. THIS INCLUDED AN OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE IS [WWW.HPD.ORG](http://WWW.HPD.ORG). THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL BECAME AN OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE HEALTH PRODUCT DECLARATION AND LASTLY MANUFACTURERS BEGAN BRANDING AROUND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTH PRODUCT DECLARATION TOOL AND ALSO THEIR COMPLETED FORMS. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT BUT AGAIN WE STARTED RECEIVING THESE INVITATIONS AND THESE COMMUNICATIONS FROM MANUFACTURERS SPECIFICALLY HIGHLIGHTING WE HAVE BEEN AN ENDORSER, WE'RE A SPONSOR. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT TO HAVE THAT MOVEMENT HAPPENING IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE HEALTHY PURCHASING INITIATIVE WE BEGAN ASKING OURSELVES THREE QUESTIONS. HOW CAN WE IMPLEMENT THIS INITIATIVE WITH OUR EXISTING PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCESSES, WHO CAN WE PARTNER WITH AND HOW CAN WE PARTNER WITH THEM AND

HOW CAN WE POSITIVELY IMPACT THE MARKETPLACE? BY FRAMING OUR INITIAL STEPS WITH THESE THREE QUESTIONS COUPLED WITH RAPID MOVEMENT IN THE MARKETPLACE AND SELECTION OF ZJF ARCHITECTS THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WAS IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIALLY USING HPDS TO SELECT SAFER, LESS TOXIC MATERIALS. IN JANUARY WE MET WITH EACH OF YOU TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THIS TOOL. IT APPEARED IN OUR CONVERSATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE BEST OPTION WAS TO PROCEED WITH THREE TO FIVE POTENTIAL PRODUCTS THAT COULD BE USED TO VET AND DISCUSS USING SPECIFICALLY THE HEALTH DECLARATION TOOL. SO VERY SPECIFICALLY FOR THE HEALTH HEADQUARTERS BUILDING THIS 38.5 MILLION PRODUCT WILL -- PROJECT WILL LOOK TO ZGF AN EARLY LEADER AND ENDORSER, TO LOOK THROUGH ADDITIONAL LENS TO IDENTIFY THREE TO FIVE PRODUCTS THAT ARE BEST SUITED FOR AN HPD. THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND VETTED AS WE MOVE INTO CHEM ATTIC DESIGN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT GOALS SUCH AS COST, DURABILITY AND OTHERS. BY EMBRACING THE CONCEPT THE DECISIONS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH CAN HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS WHEN APPLIED EARLY TO THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE OF A PROCESS OR PRODUCT. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS TAKING FIRST STEPS TO GO BEYOND PAST EFFORTS. SPECIFICALLY IN ADDRESSING THE QUESTION WHO AND HOW CAN WE PARTNER, OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL IS PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP TO BRING OTHER REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS TOGETHER IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO ADDRESS HEALTHY PURCHASING DECISIONS THROUGH A HEALTHY PURCHASING COALITION. I SPECIFICALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE COLIN PRICE, I BELIEVE HE'S HERE. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ON THIS. WANT TO GIVE THE BOARD A WAVE? GREAT. THE HEALTHY PURCHASING COALITION IS EXPLORING AN ARRAY OF TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES FOR PURCHASING SAFER, LESS TOXIC GOODS WHILE DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE MARKETPLACE. THESE ARE FOCUSED IN SIX AREAS THROUGH FORMALIZED AGREEMENT. THE HEALTHY PURCHASING COALITION AGREEMENT INCLUDES REVIEWING ORGANIZATIONAL POLICIES, IDENTIFYING PILOT PROJECTS, COMMODITIES AND CONTRACTS, INTEGRATING CRITERIA INTO CONTRACTS SO THIS COULD INCLUDE FOR EXAMPLE REQUIRING THAT PRODUCTS DO NOT HAVE FORMALDEHYDE OR SPECIFICALLY SAYING ON THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACT WE'RE GOING TO REQUIRE THAT YOU COMPLETE HPD. ON A JANITORIAL CONTRACT WE COULD CALL OUT A SPECIFIC CLEANING PRODUCT AND SAY WE WANT YOU TO COMPLETE THESE HPDs. ESTABLISH MARKET FEEDBACK LOOPS, SETTING GOALS AND MEASURING PROGRESS OVER TIME. SHARING WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS. TO DATE EARLY ADAPTORS OF THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDE THE CITY OF PORTLAND, PORT OF PORTLAND, CITY OF HILLSBORO AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE COPY OF COALITION AGREEMENT IS LOCATED ON OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL'S WEBSITE [WWW.OECONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.OECONLINE.ORG). THERE'S AN ENTIRE SECTION UNDER HEALTHY PURCHASING. OTHER AGENCIES THAT HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE

HEALTHY PURCHASING COALITION, HEALTHY PURCHASING INITIATIVE AND SOCIAL EQUITY POLICY INCLUDE THE CITY OF EUGENE, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, METRO, PDC, UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGES, COLUMBIA AND OTHERS. BY SHARING OUR SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING AND SOCIAL EQUITY POLICY AND HEALTHY PURCHASING INITIATIVE WITH OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES SEEKING TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND REDUCE TOXINS IN THEIR OWN PURCHASING OF BUSINESS PRACTICES MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS LEVERAGING PURCHASING POWER BEYOND OUR REGION. ON BEHALF OF PURCHASING AND THE HEALTHY PURCHASING COALITION I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING MAXIMIZE ECONOMIC AND HEALTH IMPACT OF THE COUNTY'S DOLLARS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I ALSO SPECIFICALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE KARI, GARRETT AND JOHN FOR THE IMPORTANT WORK THEY ARE DOING AROUND THE COUNTY.

>> THANK YOU. BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT WORK IN TURNING OUR VALUES INTO ACTION. GREAT THAT YOU CAN SAVE MONEY DOING IT TOO. [LAUGHTER] THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE'RE NOW ADJOURNED.

>> THANK YOU.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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