

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 01-053

Recommendation to the Governor of Oregon and the 71st Oregon Legislative Assembly Supporting Proposed District Attorney Funding

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The voters of Multnomah County and Oregon have indicated that public safety is a high priority.
- b. Multnomah County has built a nationally recognized prosecutor's office that is at the forefront of innovative justice issues, focusing on meeting the needs of victims of crime and the citizens of Multnomah County.
- c. Support for the cost of prosecuting crimes by the State of Oregon has decreased by more than half in recent years, from 19 percent in 1974 to only 9 percent in 2000.
- d. Multnomah County and the Counties of Oregon have been funding the increased costs of prosecuting crimes by District Attorneys.
- e. The Multnomah County District Attorney's office anticipates a potential general fund loss of \$1,183,827 reducing eight key areas of prosecution including felony prosecutions in White Collar crimes, auto theft and drugs.
- f. The SB 6 Task Force, created in 1999 by the Oregon Legislature, recommends as a long term goal that prosecution costs be shared evenly, 50/50, between the State of Oregon and Oregon Counties.
- g. The SB 6 Task Force recommends, as an initial step, that the State of Oregon increase its share of funding District Attorney crime prosecuting expenses to \$20 million.
- h. Multnomah County and the Counties of Oregon believe that all parts of the Criminal Justice system need to be treated equally, and financially supported as a system.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

Multnomah County asks the Governor of Oregon and the 71st Oregon Legislative Assembly to provide the amount recommended by the SB 6 Task Force of \$20 million as the State of Oregon's initial share for the cost of prosecuting crimes.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2001.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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