



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/12/11
Agenda Item #: B-1
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am
Date Submitted: 4/4/11

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on the Bed Bug Summit, outcomes and next steps.**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: April 12, 2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 20 minutes
Department: Non-departmental **Division:** District 1
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Deborah Kafoury, Commissioner
Ben Duncan, Multnomah County Environmental Health,
Jon Wild, Housing Authority of Portland,
Jonathan Clay, Metro Multifamily Housing Association

General Information

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**
None. Informational Board briefing.
- 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

On March 11, Commissioner Kafoury convened a Bed Bug Summit with the co-sponsorship of the Multnomah County Health Department, City Commissioner Nick Fish and the Housing Authority of Portland. Experts from housing, government, pest control, schools and childcare, shelters, transitional housing, lodging and other public spaces came together to build an understanding of the scope of the bed bug problem in our community, identify barriers or challenges in dealing with the problem, and, came out of the day with a plan for moving forward policies that can keep bed bugs under control. This briefing will provide context and follow up information about the Bed Bug Summit, and information about the environmental health program offer (Program #40037A).

Bed bugs can be found in Multnomah County and throughout Oregon. They are in our public spaces and in our homes— and while bed bugs are not known to transmit diseases, they are an expensive nuisance and can cause stress and discomfort.

Agencies, businesses and non-profits have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to stop these bed bugs, including our own departments—money that could be spent in countless other ways to improve our community. Last year, a group of housing and social service advocates urged the county and city to provide leadership on the Portland area's growing bed bug infestation problem.

Learn more about bed bugs by visiting <http://web.multco.us/health/bed-bugs> .

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

None. Included in program offer 40037A is 0.5FTE to staff the workgroups coming out of the summit.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The Bed Bug Summit was co-sponsored by Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, the Multnomah County Health Department, City Commissioner Nick Fish and the Housing Authority of Portland. Similar informational briefings are in development for the Portland City Council and the state House Health Care Committee.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



Date: April 4, 2011