

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-002**

Adopting the Multnomah County 2018 State Legislative Agenda.

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

- a. The actions of the Oregon Legislature have a significant impact on the residents of Multnomah County and on Multnomah County government.
- b. In order to communicate effectively with legislators and improve the County's legislative outcomes, it is necessary for the Board of County Commissioners to identify legislative priorities.
- c. The Multnomah County 2018 State Legislative Agenda has been developed with input from County Commissioners, County Department leadership and community advocates.
- d. The Multnomah County 2018 State Legislative Agenda will serve to guide the actions of County leaders and advocates during the 2018 session of the Oregon Legislature.

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

1. To undertake all activities and wisely use the necessary resources to promote the success of the attached Multnomah County 2018 State Legislative Agenda.
2. To reserve the right to modify any policy position in the 2018 State Legislative Agenda.

**ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.**



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

*Deborah Kafoury*

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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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## MULTNOMAH COUNTY

### 2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

#### *PRIORITIES*

##### **Protect County Safety Net Programs**

With a possible State General Fund reduction, vital safety net programs provided by the county need to be protected.

##### **Take Action on Housing and Homelessness**

Increase state funding for construction of new affordable, supportive housing, sheltering people experiencing homelessness and housing placement and eviction prevention. Restrict no-cause evictions and lift the preemption on local government regulation of rent increases.

##### **Fund Behavioral Health**

Fill the large gaps in mental health service availability and improve the quality of services.

##### **Prevent Gun Violence**

Keep firearms away from potentially dangerous individuals by closing loopholes.

#### *IMPORTANT ISSUES*

- Strengthen efforts to reduce opioid crisis addiction.
- Expand regulation of tobacco sales to curb youth smoking.
- Protect Oregonians from toxics in the air and water.
- Protect health care access to children and all Oregonians.
- Fight poverty with jobs, training and needed services.
- Shift public safety funds from expensive incarceration to effective supervision.
- Improve efforts to fight climate change, reduce carbon emissions and create clean energy jobs.
- Seek funding for Burnside Bridge seismic safety improvements.