



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/5/12
 Agenda Item #: R.2
 Est. Start Time: 9:50 am
 Date Submitted: 3/20/12

Agenda Title: Consider RESOLUTION Adopting a Tobacco Free Campus Policy for Multnomah County

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: 4/5/2012 **Time Needed:** 20 minutes

Department: Health Department **Division:** Community Wellness & Prevention

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Sonia Manhas, Program Manager; Elizabeth Takahashi, Health Educator; Abbey Hendricks, Employee Benefits Manager; Michael Hanna, Local 88 President

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

To consider a tobacco free campus resolution that would prohibit tobacco use in and on all outside property or grounds owned by Multnomah County, including parking areas.

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.

Tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of death in Multnomah County and U.S., causing cancer, heart disease and strokes. Exposure to secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death and kills 53,000 non-smokers in the U.S. each year. It causes cancer, heart disease, strokes and many other illnesses. Secondhand smoke also exacerbates other medical conditions such as asthma, emphysema, heart failure and anemia. The U.S. Surgeon General has declared that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Multnomah County alone spends \$212 million in medical care for tobacco related illness and loses \$193 million to decreased productivity each year. The Community Preventative Services Task Force recommends smoking bans and restrictions based on strong evidence that they reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, as well as reducing tobacco use among workers. Establishing tobacco-free buildings and campuses at Multnomah County will protect the public and employees from exposure to secondhand smoke, help people to quit and stay quit, as well as promote healthy community norms.

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

The Health Department's state-funded tobacco prevention and education program has purchased signage to be posted across Multnomah County facilities. We anticipate one time FTE costs to Multnomah County facilities to install the signage and remove ashtrays and have been working closely with County Facilities to assure they can assist with policy implementation within current staffing resources.

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

This proposed policy supports the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act which prohibits indoor smoking at worksites.

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

County stakeholders, including employee unions, facilities and the Wellness & Benefits Program, have all been consulted in developing this resolution, and support adoption of a tobacco free campus policy for county campuses.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**



Date: 03/20/12