

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the matter of endorsing H.B. 2001)
introduced by Rep. Margaret Carter and)
others, requiring divestment of Oregon)
public funds from firms doing substantial)
business with South Africa.)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the policy of apartheid practiced in South Africa and Namibia is racist and contrary to American values and;

WHEREAS, the White South African government has denied voting rights to 22 million Black South Africans, forcibly removed Blacks to remote areas, and detained hundreds without trial and;

WHEREAS, U.S. investment and corporate involvement strengthen the system of apartheid by supporting strategic sectors of the economy and providing tax revenues to the South African government which enables them to acquire the technological and military means to enforce apartheid laws and;

WHEREAS, investments can be redirected to other enterprises which strengthen and preserve the state economy and create employment in Oregon and constitute socially and economically responsible investments of our public funds and;

WHEREAS Oregonians, by not acting to divest Oregon monies, are helping to promote the continued existence of apartheid in South Africa and;

WHEREAS, the failure to condemn and concretely to oppose apartheid in deeds and not merely in words contributes to the maintenance of a climate of racism in Multnomah County as well as the rest of Oregon and;

WHEREAS, Representative Margaret Carter and others have introduced H.B. 2001 in the state legislature (attached here as Attachment A) requiring the State of Oregon to divest its investments in South Africa and Namibia and prohibiting future investments:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Multnomah County declares its endorsement and support of H.B. 2001.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 1985

Earl Blumenauer

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Presiding Officer

William Kabury

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