

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-009**

Providing Direction for the County's Legislative Activities for February 2008 Supplemental Session of the Oregon Legislature to be Based on the County's 2008 Budget Priorities

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

- a. Multnomah County is mandated by State law to perform specific functions with State funds. Because the County relies on the State of Oregon for over 20% of its budget, changes at the State level significantly affect the County.
- b. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds it is in the best interest of the county to direct its legislative activities for the February 2008 Supplemental Session of the Oregon Legislature to recognize the six priorities established for the county's 2008 budget as a guide in promoting the interests of Multnomah County.
  1. Protecting the basic livings needs of county residents;
  2. Strengthening public safety for county residents;
  3. Maintaining accountability and stewardship of public resources and trust;
  4. Facilitating a thriving economy for residents and businesses;
  5. Improving the educational environment of school children through a comprehensive and well-rounded approach; and
  6. Creating vibrant communities where libraries, transportation, and land use are well-maintained and utilized.
- c. The six priorities will guide the County's assessment of proposed legislation including but not limited to new mandatory minimum sentencing laws, uninsured children, reimbursement rates for nursing home residents on Medicaid, regional investment boards, and community affordable housing grants.

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

1. The Board directs that the county's legislative activities for the February 2008 Supplemental Session shall be based on the County's 2008 Budget Priorities.
2. The Board further directs its legislative activities to pursue opportunities to advance the county's long term interests in:
  1. improving its court facilities;
  2. funding the Sellwood Bridge replacement;
  3. removing state pre-emption laws that stifle local initiatives; and,

4. improving base funding and/or funding model to reflect actual costs for community mental health, public health, drug and alcohol treatment and senior and disabled persons services.

ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2008.

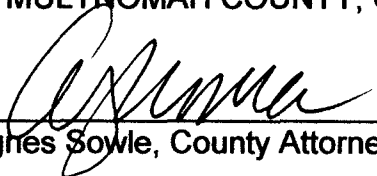


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