

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Resolution of Multnomah County's)
support of HB2752 to improve) RESOLUTION
and Modernize the Local Budget) 97-60
Law Statutes)

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 1995, the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association formed a special committee for the purpose of reviewing Oregon's Local Budget Law, ORS 294.305 to 294.565, and making recommendations to improve and modernize the statutes; and

WHEREAS, the committee to review the Local Budget Law was comprised of budget and finance officers from counties, cities, school districts, community colleges, ports and special districts located throughout the state, representatives of the Oregon Department of Revenue, certified public accountants, financial advisors, attorney's and Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the committee members undertook a comprehensive review of the Local Budget Law to identify problems and areas in which the requirements of the law could be improved to better serve the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes in Oregon Local Budget Law will improve public access to and understanding of the budget and the budget process, will provide local officials with the legal authority to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies that threaten public health and safety, will eliminate contradictory, ambiguous language, will increase efficiencies and reduce unnecessary expense; and

WHEREAS, HB 2752 has been introduced in the 1997 Oregon Legislative Session by Representatives Edwards, Beyer and Johnson; now therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon supports HB 2752 to revise the Oregon Local Budget Law; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners urges the 1997 Legislature to pass HB 2752.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 1997.



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