

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

1/19/2017

RESOLUTION 2017.3

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to funding of services provided by state & local government entities in Oregon

WHEREAS, public infrastructure funding in Oregon is suffering from deferred maintenance and lack of investment in new infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population; and

WHEREAS, Oregon public educational institutions are have serious budget shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, Oregon faces a \$1.7 billion biennial shortfall, which may increase by up to an additional \$294 million due to the recently passed Oregon State Funding for Dropout Prevention (Measure 98); and

WHEREAS, various revenue-raising proposals have been defeated in part by arguments that they are poorly designed; and

WHEREAS, inadequate levels and quality of services caused by insufficient funding often cause people to think that government is inefficient or ineffective:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Democratic Party of Lane County asks the Legislature to enact a broad-based task force advised by volunteer discussion work groups, said groups shall be

1. Open to all applicants
2. Created at least one per county
3. Enabled to communicate efficiently to each other and to the task force by the use of email and/or informal written reports (thus freeing the task force from the need for extensive travel) to aid the task force to:
 - a. Receive timely and proactive information about revenue shortfalls in the various governmental entities relative to needs.
 - b. Recommend comprehensive revenue-raising proposals; suggesting economies; and possibly advising which services the state, counties, cities, etc. should curtail until adequate funding is secured.
 - c. Provide timely and proactive public reports regarding the shortfalls and their solutions/responses.

Because representative, well-coordinated, and reliably transparent solutions to these budgetary problems call for statewide conversation and input which includes the public, processes for this task force should be created and finalized in consultation with the county volunteer discussion work groups.

The revenues generated or saved as a result of the work of the Task Force as well as the uses to which these revenues or savings are applied shall be monitored and reported annually to the Task Force and the media.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, January 19, 2017**

Signed:

X _____.

Chris Wig

Chair

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Celine Swenson-Harris

Secretary