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TO: CAP DIRECTORS, LRC CONTACT PERSONS AND  
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FROM: GORDON J. MOLITOR, CHAIRMAN  
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: NEXT LRC MEETING

May 28, 1980  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Labor & Industries Bldg.  
Room B.  
Salem, Oregon

AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Complete Issue Identification and Prioritization.
  - A. Housing
  - B. Employment
- III. Review activities in Legislative areas:
  - A. Energy
  - B. Welfare
  - C. Nutrition
  - D. Transportation
- IV. Schedule next meeting.

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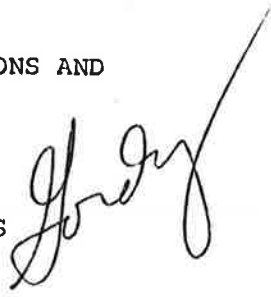
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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF LAST LRC MEETING



The following are the issues identified and prioritized at the last LRC meeting.

Energy-Steve Rapp & Karen Wentzel 756-6535

1. Conservation/Weatherization.  
SCSP has submitted a legislative concept for a state funded Weatherization program. Apparently, the program will be very close to last session's 2414 with the LRC supported amendments. Jerry Bieberlee will keep us informed on the status of the concept package. The concept is now part of the SCSP Budget.
2. Consumer Council for the Public Utility Commissioner.  
In an effort to get more citizen input into the PUC, the Southwest CAP Energy Advocates will be developing legislation to require a Citizens Consumer Council to the PUC.
3. Consumer Rights Program.
4. Prohibit cost of living increases. Multnomah County Legal Aid and the Energy advocates will be developing legislation that will prohibit the PUC from granting utility price increases based on cost of living increases. Any cost increases should be based on the cost of production and distribution.
5. Program support funding for federal Weatherization program.  
SCSA has submitted a legislative concept which would fund program support (wages, equipment, etc.) for the federal program. Apparently the Executive Department has indicated some support. Jerry will keep us informed on concept.

6. People's Utility District.  
If any Legislation comes up on PUDs we will review it and offer support for consideration of PUDs.
7. Grant program for Appropriate Technology.  
The State D.O.E. has a legislative concept to refund their small grant program in Appropriate Technology. We will support.
8. Energy Management Plan.  
Oregon should be encouraged to develop a Comprehensive Energy Plan. The first step of which could be implementation of parts of the Alternative Energy Department Commission's finding. The Energy Advocates will be persuing this issue.
9. Building Codes for Appropriate Technology.  
Bud Schmidt offered Mid-Willamette Valley's technical assistance in offering revision to the State Building code that would not impeded the development of appropriate technology.

Housing-Peggy Steveson 687-3999

As the housing contact person could not make the meeting, the following list is incomplete and not prioritized.

- Minor Home Repair.
- Elderly Housing Bond.
- Discrimination against single parent families in renting.
- Increasing revenue bonding for multi-family units similar to 236.
- State funded program for Farm Labor Housing.  
WCCAO and the Farmworker Legal Aid office will be developing such legislation.
- Low cost loans for home purchases similar to the V.A. program.
- Follow up on SB288 the State Water program.

Welfare-Jerralynn Ness 648-6646

1. Work with Oregon Legal Services and Multnomah County Legal Aid.  
Jerralynn will be responsible for coalition building with these two organizations which usually are key in Welfare legislation.
2. Advocate for paying 100% of the poverty level to AFS clients and general monitoring of the DHR Budget.
3. Make a proposal for a better two parent program (WORTH).
4. Monitor the implementation of HB456, the Welfare Bilingual Bill and report back to the legislature.
5. Work on the establishment of a state minority or a Black and a Hispanic Commission.  
The Governor has established a Task Force to examine these possibilities. The LRC will respond to their recommendation.

6. Improve the State funded General Assistance Program particularly to those over 50 years.  
Not defined as yet.

Nutrition-Sue Marshall 777-4761

1. Local option for School Breakfast.  
The CFNP Coordinators and the Breakfast Outreach project will be working on legislation that would require school districts to have parents vote whether they wanted the program.
2. Monitor Food Stamp legislation. Even though this is not a State issue, it slipped in any way.
3. Direct Marketing.  
Clakamas County will be leading the development of legislation that would remove barriers to direct grower/consumer marketing of products.
4. Nutrition Education.  
If more Federal money is made available for nutrition education, State matching funds will be requested from Ways & Means.

Transportation-Paul Coon 655-8726

- Raise mileage reimbursement rate for volunteers.  
Jerry and Paul are going to check to see what the mileage rate paid to volunteers is and if it should be raised.
- Earmark transportation funds for Handicapped transportation.
- Good samaritan coverage for volunteers providing transportation.  
Jerry will be checking on the current status of such legislation.
- State purchased insurance or insurance pooling.  
Pam Miller and Don Mulholland will be studying this issue further.

Employment-Dan Mulholland 757-6868

As the contact person was not at the meeting the following list may not be complete and is not prioritized.

- Plant closing Bill.  
The International Association of Wood Workers will be developing legislation that would require advance notice and re-training to employees of plants which are closing. Dan will be contacting the Association.
- Farm Labor Contract Requirement.  
WCCAO and the Farm Worker Legal Services project will be monitoring legislation in this field.
- Tax incentive for employers who hire youth.

Family-Pam Miller 757-6868

1. Domestic Violence.  
The Governor's Commission on Women may present legislation to fund Domestic Violence programs through an increased marriage license fee. Pam will keep us informed on the development.
2. Displaced Home Makers.  
SCSP's Displaced Home Makers program will be supported.

3. Domestic Violence Shelter.

A concept paper to fund a Domestic Violence Shelter program has been developed. Pam and Jerry Bieberlee will keep us informed on its progress.

If anyone has any suggestions or concerns, please direct them to the above contact persons or myself.

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## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

### Energy

- \* 1. A state funded weatherization program for people over DOE guidelines. Either refund program or direct services not a tax credit.
- \* 2. Lifeline utility rates and utility rate reform.
- 3. Tax incentives or refund program to encourage use of renewable resources.
- 4. Funds for appropriate technology demonstration projects to be installed on homes of low-income persons.
- 5. Establishment of public utility districts.
- 6. Building code regulation which encourage installation of energy saving devices and appropriate technology.
- 7. Funding to develop an Energy Management Plan to make Oregon energy self-sufficient in an appropriate safe way.

### Employment

- \* 1. Work with Oregon Legal Services Farmworker project on monitoring farm labor contract law.
- 2. Reviewing the WORTH Program and establishing a better program for two parent families.

### Housing

- \* 1. State funding for Farm Labor Housing.
- 2. Low cost loans for home purchase similar to the Veterans Administration Program.
- 3. Building code regulations for appropriate technology.

### Welfare

- \* 1. Work with Oregon Legal Services and Multnomah County Legal Aid.
- \* 2. Advocate for paying 100% of the Poverty level to AFS clients.
- \* 3. Make a proposal for a better two parent program (WORTH).
- \* 4. Monitor the implementation of HB 456 the Welfare Bi-Lingual Bill and report back to legislature.
- \* 5. Work on establishment of a State Hispanic Commission.
- \* 6. Improve the State funded General Assistance Program particularly to those over 50 years.

Transportation

1. Monitor mass transit (light rail) for the west side of Portland Metropolitan Area.

Families

- \* 1. Mandating kindergarten in all School Districts.
2. Obtaining funding for handicapped children ages 0-5. Implementation of federal law 94-142.
3. Tightening or monitoring revisions to old SB 908 the "Babysitting Bill", which loosened child care standards, Monitoring CSD Day Care standards.
4. Obtaining funding for day treatment for mentally and physically handicapped.

\* Issues which WCCAO staff will be willing to put energy into.

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