



**Legislative Committee**

**Agenda**

**Monday, May 10, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
*Lunch will be provided*

**Local Government Center, Room 113**  
**1201 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon**

**10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Call to Order** AOC President Steve Grasty
  - 1.1 Self introductions
- 2. Conversation with Elizabeth Harchenko** *page 3* President Grasty  
Director, Oregon Department of Revenue

**10:45 a.m.**

- 3. Strategic Plan: *The Power of AOC*** *page 4* Mike McArthur & Laura Cleland
  - 3.1 Overview
  - 3.2 Review draft
  - 3.3 Other items that should be included?

**11:45 a.m.**

*Break for Lunch*

**12:00 p.m.**

- 3. Strategic Plan, *continued*** Mike McArthur & Laura Cleland
  - 3.4 Consider actions in four service sectors
    - Advocacy *20 minutes*
    - Communication *10 minutes*
    - Education *10 minutes*
    - Services *10 minutes*

**12:50 p.m.**

- 4. Agenda approval (Action)** President Grasty
- 5. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2010 (Action)** *page 9* President Grasty

12:55 p.m.

**6. Steering Committee Reports**

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| 6.1  | Communications Policy | <i>page 13</i>                 | Kathy George, chair                    |
| 6.2  | Community Development | <b>(Action)</b> <i>page 16</i> | Nellie Hibbert, chair                  |
| 6.3  | Environment & Energy  | <b>(Action)</b> <i>page 18</i> | Mary Stern, chair                      |
| 6.4  | Governance            |                                | Janet Carlson & Earl Fisher, co-chairs |
| 6.5  | Human Services        |                                | Bill Hall, chair                       |
| 6.6  | Public Lands          |                                | Dan Shoun & Faye Stewart, co-chairs    |
| 6.7  | Public Safety         |                                | Jay Dixon, chair                       |
| 6.8  | Revenue Policy        |                                | Dan DeBoie, chair                      |
| 6.9  | Transportation        |                                | Al Switzer, chair                      |
| 6.10 | Water Policy          |                                | Dennis Doherty, chair                  |

1:15 p.m.

**7. Affiliate Organizations Reports**

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|-----|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| 7.1 | OSACA (Assessors)               |  | Scot Langton  |
| 7.2 | OCCA (Clerks)                   |  | Dana Jenkins  |
| 7.3 | NACA (County Administrators)    |  | Ralph Wyatt   |
| 7.4 | ODAA (District Attorneys)       |  | Walt Beglau   |
| 7.5 | OACES (Engineers and Surveyors) |  | Robb Paul     |
| 7.6 | OJPA (Justices of the Peace)    |  | Lise Yevarsi  |
| 7.7 | OSSA (Sheriffs)                 |  | Russ Burger   |
| 7.8 | OACTC (Tax Collectors)          |  | Bob Vroman    |
| 7.9 | OACTFO (Treasurers)             |  | Laurie Steele |

1:30 p.m.

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| <b>8. Other Business</b> | President Grasty |
| <b>9. Adjournment</b>    | President Grasty |

**Next AOC Legislative Committee meeting – August 9 in Harney County**

**Scheduled Legislative Committee meetings for 2010** *typically 10:30 a.m. start time*

August 9

September 13

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**Date:** May 10, 2010  
**To:** Legislative Committee  
Association of Oregon Counties  
**From:** Mike McArthur  
**Subject:** Conversation with Elizabeth Harchenko

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Elizabeth Harchenko, director of the Department of Revenue (DOR), will visit with the Legislative Committee about present and future challenges jointly facing counties and DOR. She wishes to build collaborative relationships with commissioners and judges that will extend long-term. Consider this the opening of a dialogue about industrial appraisals, the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Account (CAFFA) system, advocating for a healthy property tax system, better county governing body and DOR communication and other topics of joint interest.

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**OR**

***Uniting counties to collaborate, advocate, communicate, and educate***

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### **Strategic Plan: *The Power of AOC***

#### **Objective**

The overall objective of this strategic plan is to focus the *Power of AOC* to benefit its member counties, which ultimately benefits all Oregonians.

Oregon's 36 counties are tremendously diverse. Diverse in population, geography, economy, culture and needs. There is great power in bringing this diversity together as one. AOC plays a valuable role as the collective voice of Oregon's counties, representing county interests with the legislative and administrative branches of government at both the state and federal levels, as well as with other public and private interests. AOC is perfectly situated to play the role of 'convener' as new and emerging issues arise.

Every action AOC takes is on behalf of AOC's member counties. It is crucial that AOC members provide direction to AOC staff. This strategic plan is a road map to which staff and AOC leadership can look for general direction.

The deliverables for the association will be included in Action Plans created by AOC members in four Service Centers. These Service Centers embody the breadth of work that AOC performs. They are:

- Communications
- Advocacy
- Service
- Education

AOC members will develop an Action Plan in each of these service areas. The Action Plans will be included in the overall strategic plan, but will be updated with more frequency than the overall plan. (See "*Service Centers*" below for more information)

#### **Situation**

The Association of Oregon Counties updates its strategic plan as circumstances warrant. The time has come to modernize the strategic plan. Reasons to look at the plan at this time include:

- ✓ The association lives in a time of a rapidly changing and dynamic environment relative to technology. Demands on use of technology at the county level are rising and the needs of AOC members are changing. Additionally, Oregonians are looking to utilize the latest and greatest tools of technology as they interact with their government.

- ✓ AOC has undertaken a number of new roles and programs in the past five years, in addition to maintaining those functions that have long been staples of the association. In order to be most effective and efficient, AOC needs to put its many tasks into a focused plan.
- ✓ The need for efficiencies has never been greater. AOC and member counties are working within a time of great budget uncertainty.
- ✓ Difficult budget situations at home make it more difficult for commissioners, judges and other county elected officials and staff to fully engage in activities of AOC and their affiliate associations. AOC must develop a plan to address this issue.
- ✓ As with any member-based association, it is incumbent upon AOC to demonstrate value to its members moving forward.
- ✓ As with any member-based association, AOC is only as strong as the participation of its members in association activities.
- ✓ It has long been said that county government is closest to the people. That may be true in smaller counties, but in the larger more populated counties citizens may relate more closely to a city or special service district. It remains, however, that counties are the government that serves all residents of each county.

It is within this framework that the AOC strategic plan is being updated.

### **AOC Values**

AOC operates under a strong set of core values. These values are important to the association as a whole and to each of its members individually. They are the basis of what drives issue work and how the association conducts business. These core values include:

- Honesty and integrity
- Local self-governance
- Creativity and innovation
- Open communication
- Strong partnerships
- Catalytic leadership
- Embracing the diversity of counties and their strength of common interests

### **Universal Organizational Goals**

Much like the values above, there are some universal goals that AOC has identified. These goals include:

- ✓ ***Organizational stability***  
This includes both financial and personnel

- AOC has been fortunate over the years to have dedicated, long-term staff. The value associated with the institutional knowledge and experience of such staffers cannot be understated. Some of these staffers are now retiring, or are preparing to retire. AOC has developed a staff succession plan to deal with the loss of long-time staff, while integrating a new crop of energetic and knowledgeable staff.
- AOC must continue to look toward innovative ways to solidify the financial stability of the association.
- ✓ ***Ability to evolve***  
The only constant is change. And AOC must be ready to embrace change, or it will be left behind. In order to accomplish this, AOC must:
  - Make smart use of new technologies
  - Recognize the diversity among counties and embrace those differences as a strength of the organization
  - Add value to the AOC Business Partner program
  - Take advantage of the opportunities presented by environmental challenges
- ✓ ***Timely and concise communications***  
Time is value. Once that minute has ticked away, there is no way to get it back. That makes timely and concise communication more valuable than ever. There are some things AOC can do to make communications more effective:
  - Support commissioners/judges in their day-to-day responsibilities by disseminating valuable information in a timely manner
    - Do not inundate commissioners/judges and staff with unnecessary communications.
    - Enhance the field work function of AOC staff
    - Tell the county story better, more frequently and to a broader audience
- ✓ ***AOC as a resource***  
During the past five years AOC has become a trusted resource for many, including:
  - AOC members
    - Information
    - Research
  - State legislators
  - Congressional offices
  - Governor's office
  - Media
  - Affiliate members and associate members
    - Moving forward, AOC needs to maintain and strengthen these relationships while reaching out to become a trusted resource for even more.
- ✓ ***Training and education***  
Training and education plays a critical role in the success of commissioners, judges, other elected officials and county staff. To that end, there are a number of educational opportunities available to counties.
  - The ***County College*** program has been a tremendous success in its first four years. As the program matures, AOC must keep it fresh and make it available

to a broader audience. A restructuring of County College will begin this year with the full program running in the odd-numbered years and educational forums offered to all in the even-numbered years.

- The ***Local Government Personnel Institute*** is an educational resource for county and city elected officials and staff. LGPI offers a variety of courses throughout the state. AOC needs to do a better job of publicizing these opportunities.
- The ***Oregon Local Leadership Institute*** also provides a variety of training resources and programs across the state. As with LGPI, AOC needs to better publicize these offerings.
- AOC has successfully held several ***issue-specific seminars***. Emerging technologies may make this type of issue-specific forum more feasible and effective.
- Networking and educational opportunities abound at AOC ***conferences*** and ***summits***.
- ✓ ***Catalytic leadership***  
Catalytic leadership is both a value and a goal. This term is familiar to many in the county family. But what does it mean to AOC as it moves forward? A catalytic leader is one who thinks strategically and acts collaboratively. Instead of saying, “because that’s how we’ve always done it,” a catalytic leader will ask, “how can we do it better?” To AOC, catalytic leadership will mean:
  - Establish and maintain ***focus*** on the core functions of the association. AOC must do what it does well, and not get stretched too thin.
  - Continue to work the ***Systems Approach*** message with the Legislature, state agencies and the Governor’s office.
  - ***Collaborate*** with other associations and organizations while staying true to county interests.
  - Embrace AOC ***affiliate and associate*** members in a more meaningful way.
  - Look to ***build coalitions*** on critical issues.

### **Service Centers**

AOC has defined its work through four Service Centers. Each Service Center will develop and execute an Action Plan – this is where the deliverables for the organization will be found. The Service Centers are:

- ✓ **Communications**  
An action plan will be developed to assure:
  - Timely and concise communication
  - AOC as a resource
  - Effective use of evolving communications tools
  - Informed residents
  - Informed decision makers
- ✓ **Advocacy**  
An action plan will be developed to include:
  - Structure – the structure of the AOC policy making process

- Principles – each steering committee and legislative committee will develop a set of principles
- Process – how policy decisions are made
- Work plan – each steering committee will develop a work plan
- ✓ Service
  - An action plan will be developed to:
    - Provide tools to enhance efficient county government operations
    - Keep costs down
      - Will include items such as the AOC Business Partner Program
      - NACo-sponsored cost-cutting services
      - City County Insurance Services
- ✓ Education
  - An action plan will be developed to:
    - Provide professional training opportunities for the county family

Once developed, AOC will use these Action Plans to be better situated to not only respond to the shifting landscape, but to lead the way through difficult and changing times.

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**Association of Oregon Counties  
Legislative Committee**

**Monday, February 15, 2010  
10:30 a.m.**

**Local Government Center  
Salem, Oregon**

*Present: Judge Steve Grasty, Judge Pat Shaw, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commissioner Barbara Briggs, Commissioner Linda Modrell, Commissioner Jay Dixon, Commissioner Bob Austin, Commissioner Jim Bernard, Commissioner Susan Morgan, Commissioner Nikki Whitty, Commissioner Dennis Luke, Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Georgia Nowlin, Commissioner John Lindsey, Commissioner Diane McKeel, Commissioner Bill Hansell, Commissioner Tony Hyde, Commissioner Dan Shoun, Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo, Commissioner Nellie Hibbert, Commissioner Bill Hall, Commissioner Faye Stewart, Commissioner Dan DeBoie, Commissioner Al Switzer, Commissioner Dennis Doherty, District Attorney Walt Beglau, Tax Collector Bob Vroman, Treasurer Laurie Steele, Administrator Ralph Wyatt*

*Via telephone: Commissioner Kathy George, Commissioner Leslie Lewis, Commissioner Don Lindly, Commissioner Mary Stern*

*Guests: Commissioner Chris Perry, Commissioner Alan Unger, Commissioner Chuck Hurliman, Judge Mike McCabe, Commissioner Joe Laurance, Marc Kelley, Ray Naff, Danielle Cowan, Jim Austin, Alex Cuyler, Andrew Olsen, Nancy Bennett*

*Staff and consultants: Mike McArthur, Cara Fischer, Paul Snider, Gil Riddell, Art Schlack, Morgan Cowling, Ann Hanus, Mike Eliason, Eric Schmidt, Laura Cleland, Emily Ackland, Doris Penwell, Scott Parker, Joann Hendrix*

President Steve Grasty called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

***Agenda***

**Administrator Ralph Wyatt moved to approve the agenda of February 15, 2010, with the deletion of item 2.2 Intergovernmental Relations and the addition of action items from the Human Services Committee and Public Lands and National Resources Committee, seconded by Commissioner Al Switzer. Motion carried.**

***Minutes***

**Commissioner Tony Hyde moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2010 and February 1, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Luke. Motion carried.**

***Announcements and Remonstrances***

**OSU Extension Services**

Commissioner Linda Modrell urged her colleagues to participate in a webinar scheduled for Friday, February 19 concerning reorganization of the OSU Extension Service in light of current

and future budget constraints. Discussion ensued on the various reorganization ideas that will be discussed.

### **AOC Legislative Committee and Board**

Mike McArthur announced that the AOC Legislative Committee and Board would not meet in March due to the absence of several commissioners and staff who will be attending the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

### ***Update on 2010 Supplemental Session***

Mr. McArthur referred to the February 2010 Legislative Calendar referencing the deadlines for committee action.

AOC policy managers presented an overview of bills considered by the legislature during the 2010 supplemental session.

Some of the bills required action by the Legislative Committee to provide AOC policy managers direction. The following actions were taken:

### ***Human Services – HB 3669***

The Human Services Steering Committee moved that the Legislative Committee support the passage of HB 3669.

Morgan Cowling stated HB 3669 repeals SB 163, which requires the disclosure of protected health information regarding the individual between providers of mental health or physical health care services. As the bill was being implemented there were problems with who had completed disclosure forms and which entity had them. Instead of trying to amend the bill that passed in the previous session, the goal with HB 3669 is to repeal the whole bill and have the health authority try again as it moves toward integration of behavioral and physical health.

**Commissioner Bill Hall moved to support the passage of HB 3669, seconded by Commissioner Janet Carlson. Motion carried.**

### ***Public Lands & Natural Resources – SB 1060***

The Public Lands & Natural Resources Committee recommends to the AOC Legislative Committee that it urge the legislature to defer action on SB 1060 until the 2011 legislative session so stakeholders may meet to refine the concept and attempt to reach agreement.

Gil Riddell stated that SB 1060 establishes a public right to recreational use of certain rivers and lakes, describes the extent and limitations of the right, and limits liability of adjacent property owners. It is intended to be independent of the navigability determination process.

**Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo moved that AOC urge the legislature to defer action on SB 1060 until the 2011 legislative session, seconded by Commissioner Dan Shoun. Motion carried.**

### ***Governance Committee – HB 3673***

Commissioner Janet Carlson stated that it was The Governance Steering Committee's decision to request the AOC Legislative Committee support HB 3673, the recreational immunity bill, and the dash 4 amendments.

**Commissioner Carlson moved to support HB 3673, seconded by Commissioner Bill Hansell. Motion carried.**

### ***Communications Policy Committee***

Commissioner Kathy George reported that OWIN Project oversight funding is being closely scrutinized by the Ways and Means Committee.

### ***Community Development Committee***

Commissioner Nellie Hibbert said the committee reviewed SB 1050. It also discussed the National League of Cities proposal for a Nonprofit Mutual Bond Insurance Company to be funded by Congress in the Jobs Bill. The committee decided to wait on any decision until hearing NACo's recommendation.

### ***Environment and Energy Committee***

Commissioner Bob Austin stated the committee discussed upcoming NACo Resolutions. He said Paul Woodin and John Arens attended the committee meeting to discuss the possibility of a NACo resolution or amendment to the EELU Platform that would address NACo's support for community renewable energy projects.

***Revenue Policy*** – no report.

***Transportation Committee*** – no report.

### ***Water Policy Committee***

Commissioner Dennis Doherty reported on the first meeting of IWRS (Integrated Water Resources Strategy) Advisory Policy Group. He announced there would be a series of open houses held around the state this year to discuss water issues. Several other topics were discussed by the Water Policy Committee with emphasis on preparing for the 2011 legislative session.

### ***NACo Resolution***

Commissioner Joe Laurance presented a draft resolution that has been submitted to NACo for consideration at the NACo Legislative Conference in March. The title of the resolution is "To Promote Healthy Forest Ecosystems and Reduce the Release of Green House Gases through Active Management of the Nation's Forests."

The AOC Legislative Committee previously endorsed this resolution.

### ***Presentation on SRS Reauthorization Campaign***

Marc Kelley, a consultant to the National Forest Counties and School Coalition, gave an update about the effort for long-term reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act.

## **Affiliate Organizations Reports**

*Assessors* – no report.

*Tax Collectors* – no report.

*Clerks* – no report.

*County Administrators* – no report.

### ***District Attorneys***

District Attorney Walt Beglau reported that the DA association is continuing its work with the Attorney General's Office, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police as partners on public safety issues. The association is monitoring implementation of Measure 57 and focusing on establishing actual fiscal impact for offenses.

*Engineers and Surveyors* – no report.

*Justices of the Peace* – no report.

*Sheriffs* – no report.

*Treasurers* – no report.

### **Other Business**

#### ***Veterans at Risk***

Commissioner Hall stated that more than 2,700 Oregon National Guard and Reserve members were deployed to Iraq during May, 2009 with an expected return date of April, 2010. Multiple deployments are causing excessive stress on many of the veterans and their families. The Oregon National Guard Reintegration Team and Oregon Partners in Crisis have joined together and will be holding "Veterans at Risk" stakeholder meetings statewide to prepare for the return of military troops.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

**Date:** May 10, 2010

**To:** Legislative Committee  
Association of Oregon Counties

**From:** Communications Steering Committee

**Subject:** Resolution Supporting State Interoperable Communications for  
Emergency Responders in Oregon

**Staff:** Eric Schmidt, communications manager

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**Background:**

The State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) is asking local government boards and councils to endorse a resolution supporting State Interoperable Communications for Emergency Responders in Oregon. The resolution will allow SIEC to bolster its continuing efforts to provide interoperable communications in Oregon by accessing all available federal opportunities.

This is an endorsement of Oregon's efforts to secure certain federal funding for interoperable communication systems and an endorsement of Oregon's efforts to secure a portion of the radio spectrum for interoperable communication along with other federal endeavors.

The Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN) is part of the SIEC interoperable communications plan. During the special session of the Oregon Legislature earlier this year, OWIN was transferred from the oversight of the Oregon State Police to the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Legislature is keeping a close watch on the OWIN Project.

Commissioner Kathy George represents AOC on SIEC and is a member of the OWIN Project Steering Committee.



## State Interoperability Executive Council

Dear Local Government Official:

The Partnership Committee of the State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) is asking you to consider endorsing a resolution in support of State Interoperable Communications for Emergency Responders in Oregon.

A copy of a draft resolution is attached for your consideration and action. The SIEC and the Partnership Committee will use your endorsement to further the case that Oregon needs a robust and healthy interoperable communications system to strengthen the mission and work of our local law enforcement, public safety and emergency agencies to save lives and property. With such a system in place, efforts to prevent crime and accidents will be enhanced and our first responders will be better prepared to deal with natural and human-caused disasters and multi-jurisdictional events.

The resolution will also enhance the partnerships SIEC has championed between the State of Oregon and local governments. The partnerships entered into thus far, have reduced the overall cost of a statewide interoperable communications network and have strengthened the communications system by making sure all who need to be involved are involved. The Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN) continues to work on achieving additional partnerships needed to make the statewide system more cost effective and efficient.

The SIEC Partnership Committee is dedicated to ensuring that local partners have a significant role in the development and deployment of the interoperable communications system in Oregon. With your support, SIEC and OWIN can continue to work closely with local partners, the Legislature and with federal officials to make Oregon a safer place to live, work and play.

Please consider taking the attached resolution to your local board or council. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Russ Burger  
Lane County Sheriff  
Chair, SIEC Partnership Committee



Interoperability will solve a huge clutter problem for Oregon's first responders.

## RESOLUTION

### In the Matter of Achieving Statewide Interoperable Communications for Emergency Responders

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires that all states adopt statewide communications interoperability plans, and that all grant recipients submit a statewide communications interoperability plan, and;

**WHEREAS**, the criteria for a statewide plan provide an opportunity for partnership among local, tribal, state and Federal entities, each of which has a critical role in the development of a strong statewide, locally driven interoperability plan that improves operability and efficiencies, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Governor's Office, or its designee, should act as an umbrella organization and provide management, and support for the statewide planning process, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN) has been designated as the public safety wireless umbrella organization, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) will provide leadership and direction in public safety communications and support and encourage regional and local efforts to plan, coordinate and implement interoperability solutions and continuity of emergency communications, and;

**WHEREAS**, local jurisdictions have an equally important role in the development of interoperability within the region, and should identify ways for current systems to become interoperable with neighboring jurisdictions, and provide significant input into the development of a statewide plan that will utilize efforts already underway, and;

**WHEREAS**, through interoperable communications, the day-to-day operations of fire, police and other public safety responders, through improved communication and coordination, will be coordinated in preventing crime and accidents and be better prepared for and able to respond to natural disasters and multi-jurisdictional events, fulfilling the mission of saving lives and property.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that \_\_\_\_\_ supports the efforts of the Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network and the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council to achieve interoperable communications throughout the State of Oregon.

**Dated** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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**Date:** May 10, 2010

**To:** Legislative Committee  
Association of Oregon Counties

**From:** Community Development Steering Committee

**Subject:** Local Jobs for America Act (H.R. 4812)

**Staff:** Ann Hanus, policy manager

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**Requested Action:**

Support H.R. 4812 which would provide \$75 billion over two years to local communities to save and create jobs.

**Background:**

H.R. 4812 — developed with bipartisan county officials, mayors, and others — will provide \$75 billion over two years to local communities to hold off planned cuts or to hire back workers for local services who have been laid-off because of tight budgets. Funding would go directly to eligible local communities and nonprofit community organizations to decide how best to use the funds.

The bill also would provide \$23 billion to states to help support 250,000 education jobs, put 5,500 law enforcement officers on the beat, and retain, rehire, and hire firefighters. In addition, H.R. 4812 allocates \$500 million under the Workforce Investment Act to fund approximately 50,000 additional private-sector on-the-job training positions to help private business expand employment. Workers would be able to acquire core job skills and important work experience for private employers.

H.R. 4812 is the first major proposal to provide local governments, not just states, with direct and flexible fiscal assistance focused on job retention and creation.

Key details of the bill are:

- Provides \$75 billion over two years to local governments, community-based organizations, and states to save and create local jobs.
- The funding distribution mechanism is based on the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) — every city or county with a population of 50,000 or more would be eligible to receive direct funding. Local governments with a population below 50,000 would also be eligible to receive funding, only passed through states.
- As with CDBG, 70 percent of the funding would be for direct entitlement communities, and 30 percent would be for state pass-through

- Though the distribution mechanism is based on CDBG, the formula is not the same. This formula is based on unemployment numbers (50 percent), poverty level (25 percent) and population (25 percent).
- Half of the funding can be used to retain employees who might otherwise lose their jobs because of budget shortfalls
- 25 percent can be given to local community-based organizations to hire employees to provide services or functions not customarily provided by local government employees
- 5 percent of the funding can be used for administration of the program
- This program has no local match requirement
- There is no requirement to retain employees once the funding runs out. There would be two years of funding, and then it would be up to a city or county to retain employees funded by the program.
- Employees would have to be hired full time with benefits, under existing contracts or agreements. The federal funding can be used to cover all costs, including salaries and benefits, and
- There is no cap on per-employee cost; however, no more than 20 percent of the funds can be used for management employees.

**Date:** May 10, 2010

**To:** Legislative Committee  
Association of Oregon Counties

**From:** Environment and Energy Steering Committee

**Subject:** Support the PGE Integrated Resource Plan for the Boardman Coal Plant

**Staff:** Emily Ackland, environmental policy manager

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**Requested Action:**

Support the PGE Integrated Resource Plan for the Boardman Coal Plant

**Background:**

PGE is pursuing a plan to close the Boardman Generating Station in 2020. The alternative plan will save customers more than \$600 million during the next ten years, compared to the cost of the 2014 shutdown that will be required under current state rules unless PGE installs more than \$500 million in new pollution control equipment. It will also give PGE more time to find reliable, cost-effective replacement resources while meeting state and federal environmental goals, and it will allow time for workers and their families at the plant to transition to new jobs.

PGE is proposing the alternative in lieu of the best option available under current state rules, which would require installation of the full package of new pollution control equipment and continued operation of the plant through 2040. To be implemented, the alternative plan will require the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approvals, and acknowledgement by the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

**Date:** May 10, 2010

**To:** Legislative Committee  
Association of Oregon Counties

**From:** Environment and Energy Steering Committee

**Subject:** Discussion/ decision on AOC becoming an intervener in support of PGE Integrated Resource Plan for the Boardman Coal Plant

**Staff:** Emily Ackland, environmental policy manager

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**Requested Action:**

Discussion and possible decision on AOC becoming an intervener in support of the PGE Integrated Resource Plan for the Boardman Coal Plant.

**Background:**

The Environment and Energy Steering Committee has deferred recommendation of this action to the Legislative Committee, which has a broader representation of county interests.

The PGE Integrated Resource Plan for the Boardman Coal Plant will require the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approvals, and acknowledgement by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Proponents of this action (PGE) have stated that in order to have AOC support on the record with the PUC, AOC must sign-up and serve as an “intervener.” Legal counsel will provide a summary of the responsibilities and commitments of an “intervener.”