

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: May 6, 2014 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. **Length:** 30 minutes
Presentation Title: 2015 State Legislative Session – Strategic Board Priorities
Department: Public and Government Affairs
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WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Public and Government Affairs (PGA) staff is seeking direction from the Board on their key strategic priorities for the 2015 state legislative session. PGA requests that the Board review the draft list of strategic priorities and narrow the pool to 4-5 priorities, which will be further researched by staff in preparation for a further narrowing of priorities later this year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year Clackamas County adopts a state legislative agenda, which guides the legislative work of PGA staff. As outlined at the 2014 Legislative Debrief on 04/02/14, PGA requests that the Board discuss their draft priorities; narrow those priorities to 4-5 for further study by staff; and formally adopt 2-3 strategic priorities prior to each session. Strategic priorities are brought forward by members of the Board for consideration and require the County and PGA to take the lead on advancing legislation in Salem. The majority of PGA's lobbying efforts should be focused on achieving these key priorities.

In addition to Board strategic priorities, internal County departments will also advance legislative priorities for consideration by the Board during the annual legislative agenda planning meeting, which is held each fall. The majority of department priorities are vetted in advance by affiliate organizations that take the lead on shepherding these issues through the legislative process, with Government Affairs providing support as needed.

Public & Government Affairs staff has recently met with each member of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to discuss potential strategic priorities for the 2015 state legislative session. The following priorities have been advanced by Board members for discussion (in random order):

DRAFT LIST – Board Strategic Priorities for the 2015 Legislative Session	
1. Land Use “Grand Bargain”	Legislation to address urban and rural reserves issues in Clackamas County and access to employment land.
2. Transportation Funding	Influence the Legislature’s 2015 transportation funding package to include funding for county projects. Projects mentioned by Board members include I-205 expansion, Sunrise Phase II, and I-5 connector to Canby (Arndt Road).
3. Franchise Fees	Legislation to prohibit public entities from charging franchise fees to other public entities for use of their public right-of-way.
4. Compost	Legislation to increase the availability of land for the siting of compost facilities, including allowing compost facilities on high value farmland.
5. Rural Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)	Legislation to form a rural ACT for Clackamas County.
6. Fritch Log Homes	Legislation to clarify the definition of “primary processing” of forest products and the types of activities that can occur on forest or mixed farm/forest land.
7. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries*	Legislation to permit local governments to institute an outright ban on medical marijuana dispensaries within their jurisdictions.
8. Community Corrections Funding *	Advocate for increased funding for community corrections and public safety programs.
9. Veteran Services*	Advocate for increased funding and support for Veterans Service Offices (VSOs) and for programs that support the needs of veterans.
10. Social Service Programs/Affordable Housing*	Advocate for increased funding of social service and affordable housing programs.
* <i>These priorities will be advanced by affiliate organizations and do not require the County to take the lead on proposed legislation.</i>	

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

N/A

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

N/A

OPTIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board discuss the draft list of strategic legislative priorities and narrow the list to 4-5 priorities, which will be further studied by staff during the spring and summer months. That research will be brought back to the Board in the fall to further narrow the priorities prior to the 2015 state legislative session.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

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