

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of a Resolution            )  
Supporting Amendments to                )  
Ethics Laws                                    )       **RESOLUTION NO. 35 - 2008**

WHEREAS, the 2007 session of the Oregon Legislature passed SB 10, codified at ORS 244.010 et seq., revising ethics reporting requirements for public officials listed in ORS 244.050; and

WHEREAS, ORS 244.060 now requires reporting of the names of relatives over the age of 18, including the public official's spouse, domestic partner, children, siblings, spouses of siblings and parents; and

WHEREAS, ORS 244.060 further requires reporting of all real property in which the public official, or member of the public official's household has an ownership interest; and

WHEREAS, ORS 244.070 requires reporting of certain debts of the public official if the lender has been doing business, does business or could reasonably be expected to do business with the public official's entity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners considers the above reporting requirements changes in ORS 244.050 to be an unreasonable invasion of privacy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is concerned that the reporting requirements are so onerous as to cause public officials to resign their public service, especially in volunteer positions; and

WHEREAS, small local governments, including Columbia County, rely on volunteer public officials and cannot afford to lose them to resignations caused by onerous reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the benefit to the public from these reporting requirements is negligible; and

WHEREAS, the new law allows private information to be displayed on a public

Internet site without adequate protections; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Columbia County hereby requests that the reporting requirements of ORS 244.060 and ORS 244.070 be reviewed by the legislature based on the foregoing concerns and amendments made accordingly.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

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Commissioner

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