

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING)	RESOLUTION NO. 93-1747A
THE 1993 METRO LEGISLATIVE TASK)	
FORCE)	Introduced by Presiding
)	Officer Judy Wyers

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ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 28th day of January, 1993.


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Memorandum

RESOLUTION NO. 93-1747A
Exhibit A

DATE: January 21, 1993 (Revised January 22, 1993)

TO: Governmental Affairs Committee and all Councilors

FROM: Merrie Waylett, Office of Government Relations

RE: Establishment and Coordination of Metro 1993 Oregon Legislative Review Process for Metro Council and Staff

Resolution No. 93-1747, introduced by Presiding Officer Judy Wyers, establishes the Metro Legislative Task Force which will make policy recommendations directly to the Council if legislative deadlines require more rapid Council response in directing Metro's lobbyists during the 1993 Session of the Oregon Legislature.

Procedures for bill review and consideration by Metro council and staff have been developed in consultation with Presiding Officer Judy Wyers, Executive Officer Rena Cusma, Metro Council Administrator Don Carlson, General Counsel Dan Cooper, representatives of Western Advocates and members of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

- * Copies of all legislation introduced before the legislature will be initially reviewed by the Metro General Council's office to determine what bills should be reviewed by Metro staff. Concurrently, all legislation will be reviewed by Western Advocates for their recommendation to Metro.
- * Western Advocates will forward a list of bills with summaries to Presiding Officer Judy Wyers, and to Merrie Waylett, Office of Government Relations. This list will be provided to all Metro Council members and copies of full bills will be available to Council members, upon request, from Diane Ragina in the General Counsel's office. Councilor questions regarding legislation should be directed to Merrie Waylett, Ext. 392.
- * Bill summaries FAXed to Merrie Waylett by Western Advocates will be compared with those bills identified by the Metro Office of General Counsel. This should help to further identify bills having impact on Metro which need to be reviewed for consideration of Metro's position.
- * Bills will be routed to the appropriate staff person for review and comment and returned to Merrie Waylett by the designated date on the review form.

* Copies of completed reviews will be provided to Presiding Officer Judy Wyers and Executive Officer Rena Cusma, Council Administrator Don Carlson, the General Counsel's office and Legislative Task Force members.

* Western Advocates representatives and Merrie Waylett will report at regularly scheduled Governmental Affairs Committee meetings on the status of legislation of concern to Metro and recommend action to the Committee where appropriate. The Metro Council will consider and act on resolutions recommending Metro's position on legislation forwarded by the Governmental Affairs Committee.

* If time does not permit consideration by the Committee and the full Council, Resolution No. 92-1688, approved October 8, 1992, provides for the Task Force to act in lieu of the full Council. Meetings of the Legislative Task Force may be called by the Presiding Officer as needed to meet legislative schedules. In those instances where the Task Force must act immediately, a full report on the legislation and action will be presented to the next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee and Council.

* Western Advocates may ask the assistance of Metro council and/or staff in preparing and/or presenting testimony on specific legislation.

cc: Rena Cusma
Don Carlson
Dan Cooper
Burton Weast

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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 93-1747A, ESTABLISHING THE 1993 METRO LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE.

Date: January 28, 1993

Presented by: Councilor Gardner

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its January 21, 1993 meeting the Governmental Affairs Committee voted 4-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 93-1747. Councilors Gates, Gardner, Moore, and Wyers voted in favor; Councilor Hansen was excused.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Resolution No. 93-1747 was drafted for the purpose of updating the Council's previous resolution (92-1688) establishing the 1992-93 Legislative Task Force, to acknowledge changes in Council membership and leadership positions. In the period between filing of the resolution and the committee meeting, however, work was done to incorporate into this resolution a process for reviewing legislation and establishing Council's positions on legislative issues. This process became the subject of discussion.

Merrie Waylett of the Office of Government Relations presented the proposal. She summarized the bill review process, which would include review by Western Advocates, General Counsel, relevant staff members, and then routed to elected officials and the Council Administrator by Ms. Waylett. The Legislative Task Force would then review relevant bills at its regular meetings, and determine which bills to forward to Governmental Affairs and the full Council. If time is critical, the Legislative Task Force was to have authority to agree on Metro's position, which would subsequently be reported to Council. Councilor Wyers moved to amend the resolution by incorporating into the resolution the exhibit outlining that process, and a reference to the exhibit in the resolution itself. Councilor Wyers spoke to her motion, saying she wanted to ensure full opportunity for Councilor participation in the legislative process.

Councilor McLain said she supported the process, with the exception of concerns she had regarding equal opportunity for all Councilors to participate in the process. Councilor Moore agreed with Councilor McLain, and added her opinion that the process should include stipulation of the lead staff person in the bill reviews and a list of bills in priority order. Councilor Gardner suggested that review of legislation be done by the relevant standing committee of the Council, as well as the Task Force. There was discussion of the process followed in 1991, and further discussion on methods to provide the greatest opportunity for all 13 Councilors to participate. The focus of that discussion was on the roles of the Legislative Task Force and the Governmental Affairs Committee in developing recommendations to bring to the full Council.

Noel Klein of Western Advocates summarized the review process in the 1991 session, in which Western Advocates regularly reported to the Governmental Affairs Committee; the Legislative Task Force met infrequently, only in emergency situations. Councilors McLain and Moore expressed a preference for continuing that process, rather than having the Legislative Task Force receive the reports from Western Advocates and recommend positions on bills. Councilor Wyers said she supported that process, and she suggested that Ms. Waylett revise Exhibit A to reflect that process.

The Committee voted 4-0 (Councilor Hansen excused) in favor of amending the resolution to incorporate Exhibit A. The process outlined in that exhibit was to call for regular reports and reviews to come through the Governmental Affairs Committee, and for the Legislative Task Force to make recommendations directly to Council only when time constraints required a quick decision.