

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.

11-2-16-6

IN THE MATTER OF SENDING A LETTER TO THE
OREGON FEDERAL DELEGATION INDICATING
SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL TAX RETURN OFFSET

WHEREAS, Lane County participated on the Governor's Task Force on Federal Forest Payments and County Services in response to the expected sunset of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, and;

WHEREAS, Lane County is one of the largest recipient of funds under this Act, and;

WHEREAS, the Task Force published a final report containing 53 recommendations for actions at the local, state, and federal levels, and;

WHEREAS, Recommendation #9 reads: **Enact enabling state legislation and support a federal law change to the Oregon Judicial Department to collect unpaid fines, fees, and restitution from individuals' federal tax refunds, while giving first priority to unpaid child support.**, and;

WHEREAS, the Task Force estimated that, if enacted, this measure would result in \$7.2 million per biennium to Oregon Counties, \$10 million to its General Fund per biennium, and \$21.6 million of its Criminal Fines and Assessments Account, which supports public safety officer training and OSP's forensics program, in addition to providing funds for victims' compensation and assistance, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordered that the Lane County Board of Commissioners agrees to the letters regarding their interest in pursuing federal legislation following the recommendation of the Task Force, and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that these letters be mailed to Senator Wyden, Congressman DeFazio, Congressman Blumenauer, and Congressman Walden.

DATED this 16th day of February, 2011



Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners