

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION No. 96-1-3-8

) IN THE MATTER OF URGING CONGRESS
) TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL AID AND
) EDUCATIONAL LOANS FOR STUDENTS
) OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, Lane County recognizes the importance of education to the future of this country, and accepts its responsibility to support the availability and affordability of education for all students despite their economic situation; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 Cost of College index shows that tuition for colleges and universities, private and public, is still rising faster than the average family income; and

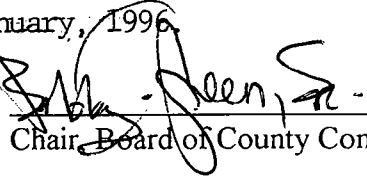
WHEREAS, the cost of borrowing money for education has increased while at the same time there has been a 20% decrease in the amount of grant money available; and

WHEREAS, nationally, the percentage of students relying on educational loans has grown from 17% in 1975-76 to 53% in 1993-94; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing number of students who will face debts of \$10,000 to \$50,000 by graduation which negatively impacts the families of the students as well as the Students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lane County, Oregon, that given the crisis facing higher education, the Board urges Congress to support student loans for higher education by voting no on the proposed cuts in financial aid, and to support the continuation of grants and other financial aid measures.

DATED this 3rd day of January, 1996


Chair Board of County Commissioners

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