

Lane Economic Committee Bylaws Subcommittee Report - Advocacy March 25, 2003

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The Bylaws subcommittee met on March 25, 2003.

Objective

Review the existing LEC Bylaws to determine LEC ability to take advocacy positions

Recommendation

The Bylaws Subcommittee recommends no changes at the present time.

Comments

1) A review of our LEC Bylaws indicates that the LEC may "Advise LCOG on such economic development issues as may arise." Based on this provision, the subcommittee determined that the LEC could make recommendations to the LCOG Board but not to other outside groups. The subcommittee felt that votes on issues of advocacy should require a 2/3 vote of members present at any LEC meeting. The LEC may want to refer some advocacy issues to an advocacy subcommittee for further review and analysis.

2) A resolution could be brought to the floor at the next LEC meeting regarding an advocacy position for the Port of Siuslaw funding issue, as discussed at the March 21 LEC meeting.

3) The Brownfields advocacy position, as discussed at the March 21 LEC meeting, could be further discussed at the next LEC meeting. However, the Bylaws subcommittee suggests that this is a complicated issue which should be referred to the Advocacy Subcommittee for further analysis prior to any general action at the LEC meeting.