

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION  
ORDER

) In the Matter of Establishing Distressed Area Designations for  
) Unincorporated Communities in Lane County

98-6-24-3

Whereas, in 1997 the budget for economic development programs in the 97/99 biennium, administered through the Oregon Economic Development Department, were reduced by forty-five percent, and

Whereas, the 1997 Oregon Legislature passed SB 932 to establish distressed areas in the state where economic development resources would be focused, and

Whereas, seven of 10 Lane County small cities were designated as distressed areas but Lane County was not determined to be a distressed county area, and

Whereas, the state's process for designating distressed areas did not consider unincorporated communities when evaluating economic development needs for the distressed area listing, and

Whereas, many long-established unincorporated communities in Lane County still have needs for facilities and economic development diversification due to the past decade's decline in timber industry, and

Whereas, unincorporated distressed communities need continued support and assistance to implement their economic development strategic plans, and

Whereas, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has reviewed available information regarding distressed area status and has determined that it is in the best interests of the people of Lane County to designate certain unincorporated areas of the county as distressed areas, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

1) RESOLVED and ORDERED that the following communities are designated as distressed areas in Lane County: Heceta Water District, Mapleton, Port of Siuslaw, Elmira, Crow, London, Marcola, Row River Valley, McKenzie Valley, and Blue River.

2) FURTHER ORDERED that the list of Lane County Distressed Areas, and available supporting documentation, shall be sent by the Board Chair to the State of Oregon Economic Development Department for inclusion in the state's rule-making on distressed areas.

Signed this 24th day of June, 1998.

**FILED**

**JUN 29 1998**

*[Signature]*  
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

**COUNTY CLERK**  
BY *[Signature]*

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 6/15/98 Lane county

*[Signature]*  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

dwelling as a principal or secondary residence. A certificate and verification form so transferred may be used by the purchaser to claim a credit under ORS 316.116.

**SECTION 16.** Sections 9 and 15 of this Act and the amendments to statutes by sections 1 to 7 and 10 to 13 of this Act apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

Approved by the Governor July 14, 1997  
Filed in the office of Secretary of State July 14, 1997  
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**CHAPTER 535**

AN ACT

SB 932

Relating to expenditure of lottery revenues by the Economic Development Department.  
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of this Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 285.

**SECTION 2.** (1) When providing funding for a project, for a program or for technical assistance, the Economic Development Department shall give priority to counties, cities, communities or other geographic areas that are designated as distressed areas by the Economic Development Department, based on indicators of economic distress or dislocation, including but not limited to unemployment, poverty and job loss.

(2) Prior to defining or designating distressed areas for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, the Economic Development Department shall consult with other state agencies and with local agencies and officials.

(3) The Economic Development Department shall conduct a review of its compliance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section at least once in each year and shall prepare a report concerning the compliance review. The report shall be incorporated into the biennial report of the Oregon Economic Development Commission required by ORS 285.013.

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**CHAPTER 536**

AN ACT

SB 956

Relating to private schools; amending ORS 181.539, 326.603, 326.607 and 342.232.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

**SECTION 1.** ORS 326.603, as amended by section 1, chapter 4, Oregon Laws 1997 (Enrolled Senate Bill 183), is amended to read:

326.603. (1)(a) A school district shall send to the Department of Education for purposes of a criminal records check any information, including fingerprints, for each subject individual described in ORS 181.539 (4)(d), (e), (f) or (h).

(b) A private school may send to the Department of Education for purposes of a criminal records check any information, including fingerprints, for each subject individual described in ORS 181.539 (4)(d), (e), (f) or (h).

(2) The Department of Education shall request criminal offender information from the Department of State Police in the manner required by ORS 181.539 and shall charge the district or private school a fee of \$42 for the cost of acquiring and furnishing the information described in ORS 181.525 and 181.539. The school district or private school may recover its costs or a portion thereof from the subject individual described in ORS 181.539 (4)(d), (e), (f) or (h). If the subject individual described in ORS 181.539 (4)(e) or (f) requests, the district shall and a private school may withhold the amount from amounts otherwise due the individual, including a periodic payroll deduction rather than a lump sum payment.

(3)(a) If the Superintendent of Public Instruction informs the school district that the subject individual has been convicted of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 or has made a false statement as to the conviction of a crime, the superintendent shall notify the school district of the fact and the district shall not employ or contract with the individual. Notification by the superintendent that the school district shall not employ or contract with the subject individual shall remove the individual from any school district policies, collective bargaining provisions regarding dismissal procedures and appeals and the provisions of ORS 342.805 to 342.934.

(b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall notify the private school if the subject individual has been convicted of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 or has made a false statement as to the conviction of a crime. Based on the notice, the private school may choose not to employ or contract with the individual.

(c) The criminal records are confidential and shall not be released to the district or private school but are subject to inspection by the subject individual. The subject individual, other than a subject individual in a private school, may appeal the determination as a contested case under ORS 183.413 to 183.470 and the superintendent shall notify the subject individual of the right to appeal the determination.

(4) If an individual described in subsection (1) of this section refuses to consent to the criminal records check or refuses to be fingerprinted or if the subject individual falsely swears to the nonconviction of a crime, the district shall terminate the employment or contract status of the individual.



# Lane Council of Governments

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May 4, 1998

Commissioner Steve Cornacchia  
Chair  
Lane County Commissioners  
125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97401

Dear Commissioner Cornacchia:

At its April 20 meeting, the Lane Economic Committee (LEC) took action to support efforts by Lane County to secure "distressed area" status for major unincorporated areas in Lane County.

With the passage of Senate bill 932 in the last legislative session, the Oregon Economic Development Department (OEDD) updated and broadened the methodology used to determine "distressed areas" in Oregon. The recently enacted statute directs OEDD to "give priority status to counties, cities, communities or other geographic areas that are designated as distressed areas."

Recently, OEDD has indicated that it will review applications from county commissions, tribal councils, city councils, or from one of these bodies' designated representatives, requesting the addition of sub-county and sub-city areas to the list of distressed areas. The LEC believes that without distressed area designation distressed unincorporated communities face significant roadblocks in securing financial assistance from OEDD for their community and economic development projects.

All areas in Lane County that qualify as distressed areas should be designated as such. The LEC endorses the efforts of Lane County, as presented by Peter Thurston, to secure the distressed area designation for the appropriate unincorporated areas.

If you have any questions or need further staff assistance, please contact Jim Zelenka (682-4095) or Cynthia van Zelm (682-4628) at Lane Council of Governments.

Sincerely,

Liz Cawood  
Lane Economic Committee Chair

cc: Peter Thurston, Lane County Community and Economic Development Coordinator  
Stephanie Schulz, Lane County Rural Development Coordinator  
Arthur Ayre, Economist, Oregon Economic Development Department

May 5, 1998

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TO: Community Organizations Interested in Distressed Community Listing

SUBJECT: Lane County Process For Requesting Listing

Community \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The Oregon Economic Development Department is preparing a list of communities throughout the state that are considered distressed when the criteria described below are evaluated and rated and ranked. With a few exceptions, only counties and cities are currently listed. Lane County Board of Commissioners will consider recommending other communities for listing, including unincorporated areas. The advantage of being listed as a distressed area is primarily related to increased potential for grant funding. Answering the following questions will assist in preparing a rationale for listing your community. Please attach additional information and pages as appropriate.

- A. What is the boundary of the community? Is it a municipal district, school district, or other entity that can be shown on a map? Please describe and provide a map, if possible.
- B. About how many people live in the community? \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What historical, cultural, and social characteristics contribute to the community as a place in Lane County that is recognized as a community even though it is not incorporated as a city.
- D. For any or all of the following distress factors, list information that points to the need for your community to be listed. Some information sources that may be indicators of need include: school lunch participation or surveys conducted by public or non-profit organizations providing services. Senior lunch programs, housing projects, and service providers may have information from their on-going programs. Any information about recent changes may contribute to the current needs.

## Distress Indicators:

1. Unemployment rate (business decline, local jobs lost)
2. Per capita personal income (family income down)
3. Average pay/worker (two-income families, change to service jobs, out-of-area employment)
4. Population change (usually loss, but maybe rapid increase poses problems)
5. Percent of population receiving unemployment insurance benefits
6. Industrial diversity (new businesses)
7. Percent of families in poverty (surveys, school lunch percentages, people on fixed-income)
8. Employment change (where are the jobs?)

Person providing information: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return no later than May 20 to: Peter Thurston, C&amp;ED Coordinator, County Administration, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401

Phone: 541-682-4062 Fax: 541-682-3803

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**Distressed Area Indicators of Need in Unincorporated Lane County  
--areas and communities listed west to east, bold means recommended--**

<b>Community name</b>	<b>low income</b>	<b>Local Community Organization</b>	<b>NWEAI Impact Area</b>	<b>Water Quality Impact to Public Health and Safety</b>	<b>Regional Center</b>
<b>Heceta Water Dist.</b>	X	X		X	
<b>Mapleton</b>	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Port of Siuslaw</b>	X	X	X	X	
Deadwood	X		X		
Blachly/ Triangle Lake					
Noti/Walton					X
<b>Elmira</b>	X	X		X	
<b>Crow</b>	X	X		X	
Cheshire					
<b>London</b>	X	X	X	X	
<b>Marcola</b>	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Dorena/Culp Creek/Disston</b>	X		X		
<b>McKenzie Valley</b>		X		X	
Leaburg/Vida		X			
<b>Blue River</b>	X	X	X	X	X

**Low income:** Determined by percent of students in the rural school district that are eligible for participation in the reduced and free lunch program or by a specific Community Development Block Grant income survey.

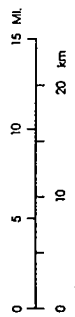
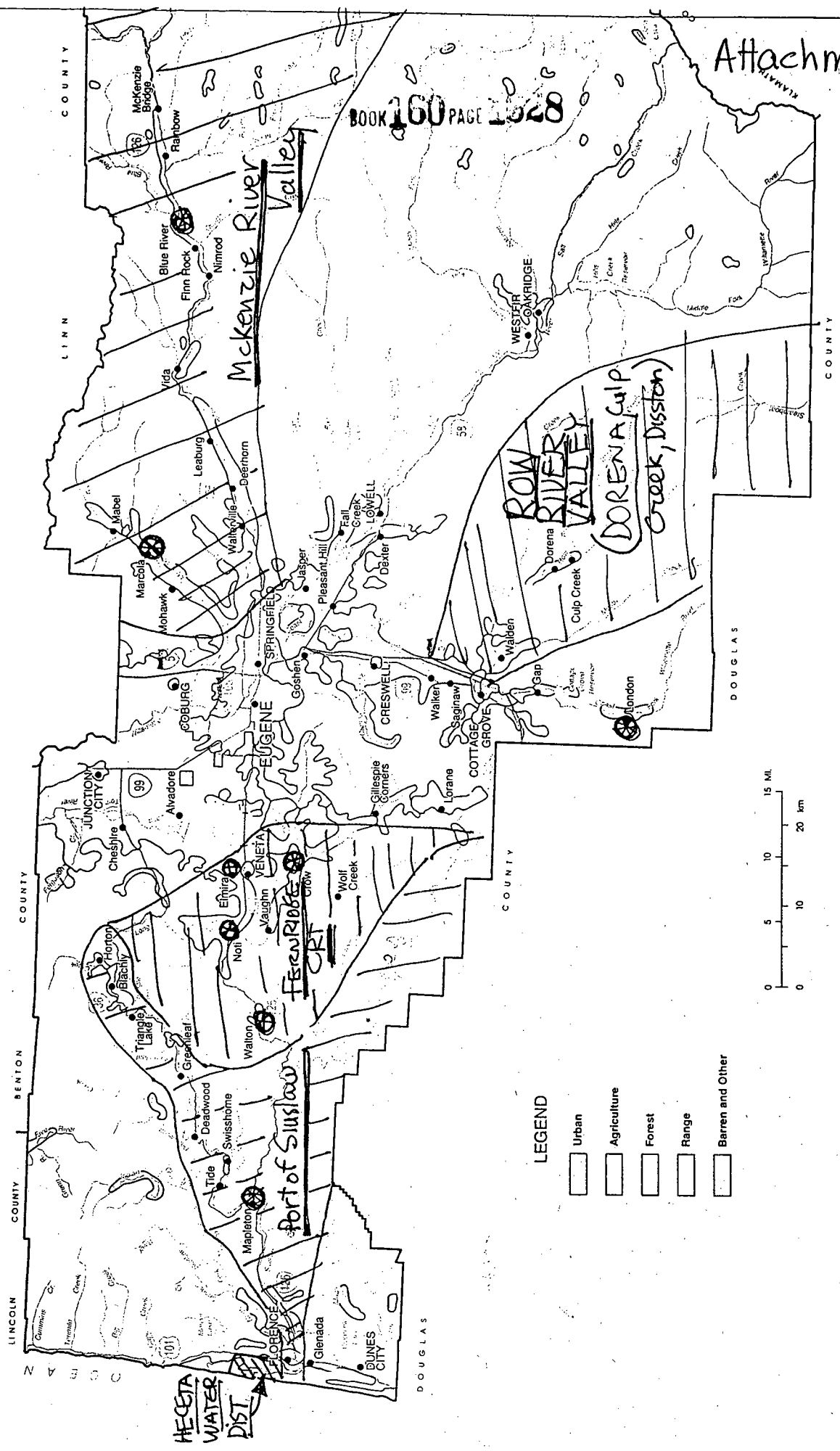
**Local Community Organization:** Local citizens are organized and function as a voice for the community. Includes rural Community Development Corporations, Community Response Teams, Co-op's, Chambers of Commerce, Special Districts and other non-profit corporations.

**NWEAI Impact Area:** Designation as an area of high job loss due to changes in timber harvest activity under the 1990-1998 Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative (NWEAI).

**Water Quality Impact to Public Health and Safety:** Notice of non-compliance with water quality standards regulated by State Department of Environmental Quality or Health Division.

**Regional Center:** Provides essential services to a rural region of the county, including commercial, banking, shopping, and household services.

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- Range
- Barren and Other