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based on sexual orientation. It was considered a toned-down version of 1992's Measure 9.

1995

⊙ Lt. Richard P. Watson tests the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy by filing an injunction to stop his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy. Watson, an instructor at the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Oregon State University, gave written notice in 1994 that he is gay.



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⊙ Even though it's illegal to discriminate against people who have AIDS, Cascade AIDS Project still reports receiving one or two phone calls a week from people who feel they have been denied housing due to their HIV status.

1996

⊙ After hearing the concerns of transsexual activists, the Right to Privacy board of directors agrees to change the name of its Lucille Hart fund-raising dinner to the annual RTP

Dinner. By year's end, the organization changes its name to Right to Pride.

⊙ A Multnomah County judge rules in favor of the plaintiffs in *Tanner vs. OHSU*, which seeks domestic partner health benefits for same-sex couples. The ruling is appealed.

1997



⊙ Eugene extends health benefits to domestic partners of city employees.

1998

⊙ In the *Tanner* lawsuit, the Oregon Court of Appeals issues a landmark ruling stipulating that all state and local governments must offer spousal benefits to same-sex domestic partners. The ruling also prohibits private employers from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring, firing and pay.



⊙ Our House of Portland celebrates 10 years of service to the HIV and AIDS community.

⊙ In December, the American Basketball League, a women's professional basketball league, folds and leaves fans wondering what to do without the Portland Power.

⊙ The Portland City Council adopts a resolution forbidding discrimination on the basis of gender identity.

1999



⊙ Basic Rights Oregon coordinates Oregon's participation in Equality Begins at Home, a nationwide campaign held in March that features an array of activities to promote gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans equality.

⊙ Scott Meisner, Eugene's first openly gay councilor, becomes president of the City Council. The unanimous vote by his peers places him second in command behind the mayor.



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