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NIKE COMES OUT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
 Nike lent its voice of support for Senate Bills 1000 and 1073 in a statement sent to legislative leadership June 21.

With its announcement, Nike joins the ranks of Oregon businesses calling on the state to pass civil union and anti-discrimination legislation this session.

In a letter written on behalf of Nike, Wes Coleman, vice president of global human resources, said: "Nike has a record of leadership in support of diversity and nondiscrimination, as recognized by the Human Rights Campaign. Nike is committed to diversity and inclusion and strives to treat our employees equally without

regard to sexual orientation or marital status. "The nondiscrimination provisions contained within SB 1000 are consistent with Nike's corporate policies and practices and our support of similar legislation at the federal and state level. We strongly support the nondiscrimination provisions in SB 1000, as this legislation will extend a set of basic rights to many Oregonians.

"Nike also supports the provisions in SB 1073 and SB 1000 creating civil unions and extending a set of rights and responsibilities to same-sex permanent partners, which are consistent with their financial and nonfinancial commitments. Supporting the creation of civil unions is a meaningful complement to the

nondiscrimination position Nike has taken previously. And, civil unions promote inclusion by providing all our employees the opportunity to enter into lasting permanent relationships without regard to sexual orientation. As a global company, we have employees in other countries who can opt to register civil unions or an equivalent status."

These are some of the Oregon businesses that have also made formal endorsements in support of SB 1000 and SB 1073:

Norm Thompson, Powell's Books, McDonald Jacobs, Metropolitan Group, Azumano Travel, eROI, Benjamin & Co., Bridge City Family Medical Clinic, Construction Transformations, Diversitech, Newberg Mailroom, Dragonheart Family Healthcare, Eyes on Broadway, Froelick Gallery, Hara Shick Architecture, Harriman Creative, Cherchez La Femme Projects, Jupiter Hotel, Law Office of James D. McVittie, MBL Group, Plazm Media, PonderFusion, Powell Phones, Rose City Mortgage Specialists, Second Story Bistro, Shalinar Mobile Home Park, Silver Plume Imports, Sustan, Tashman Johnson, The Grove Restaurant and Lounge, Tutch Consulting and Vacation Vacations.

CAPITOL PRIDE IN SALEM JULY 23

Capitol Pride is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 23 at Cascade Gateway Park in Salem.



Eugene Pride takes place in the laid-back environment of Alton Baker Park.

This year's event is a potluck picnic and barbecue. Capitol Pride will provide hot dogs, condiments and chips. There will also be information and vendor booths, several bands and other forms of entertainment and lots of activities as well as games and events for children.

Because the 300 Club has closed, Capitol Pride is no longer able to raise funds there with bingo and drag shows. Organizers are looking for sponsors and donations of cash and items that it can auction or raffle at home party fund-raisers.

More information, sponsor packets and vendor information forms can be requested by calling 503-363-0006, e-mailing chucksimpson5@aol.com, visiting www.capitolpride.org or writing to Capitol Pride, P.O. Box 243, Salem, OR 97308.

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