Carter Pushes For Summer Jobs For Youth

State Representative Margaret L. Carter (Democrat, North/Northeast Portland) today voted for the first step to establish a summer Youth Conservation Corps for 1987. "We must get the kids on the streets into worthy endeavors this summer," stated Representative Carter as she explained her vote Monday on House Bill 5555. "We can not neglect our future by looking away from the need of work now for our young people," Carter said.

"Under House Bill 5555, an initial \$50,000 is to be authorized to set up the mechanism for a state-wide Youth Conservation Corps. Under the proposed program, young people will get a change to earn a salary, learn good work habits, and improve Oregon's natural resource economic base," Carter elaborated. "If enacted, the Corps will be a permanent employment opportunity for young people ages 17 to 23. It is an opportunity for the kids on the street corners to learn emergency services, public conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement programs in urban and rural areas."

"Self-sufficiency for at-risk youth will be one of the primary objectives of the proposed program. For each young person, we hope to open a door to improved economic situation, and skills. Another objective is education. Corps members who do not have a high school diploma will also be working toward obtaining a G.E.D.," Carter said.

"Experience has also shown that these are dollars well spent. For every dollar on this type of program, it is estimated the state will gain \$1.61 in benefits."

"I hope the vote on this Monday is only the beginning for a very worthwhile program," Carter said.

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corps is modeled



after the Civilian Conservation Corps developed by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt over 50 years ago. Under the original program, young people from over the nation came to Oregon to improve the natural environment, forests, wildlife habitat, and historical sites.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the public hearing previously scheduled to be held by the Tri-County Metopolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Tri-Met) at 3:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 25, 1987, at the Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Second Floor, Meeting Room "C" will not be held because no requests were received. The hearing would have been for the purpose of considering a grant application for Section 9 assistance under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, for planning projects. The grant application is still available for public inspection at:

Tri-Met
Public Services Division
4012 SE 17th Avenue
Portland, Oregon, 97202.



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