

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

April 12, 2005 Hearing Room D

8:30 A.M. Tapes 59 – 60

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Jerry Krummel, Chair**

Rep. Diane Rosenbaum, Vice-Chair

Rep. Alan Brown

Rep. Jackie Dingfelder

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Rep. Tom Butler, Vice-Chair**

STAFF PRESENT: **Jim Keller, Committee Administrator**

Kellie Whiting, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2777 – Public Hearing

HB 3028 – Public Hearing

HB 2382 – Work Session

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
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TAPE 59, A

002 Chair Krummel Calls the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Announces the committee is meeting as a subcommittee for the purpose of taking testimony. Opens a public hearing on HB 2777.

HB 2777 – PUBLIC HEARING

006 Jim Keller Committee Administrator. Reads HB 2777.

008 Chair Krummel Closes the public hearing on HB 2777 and opens a public hearing on HB 3028.

HB 3028 – PUBLIC HEARING

026 Eugene Schoenheit Submits and reads written testimony (**EXHIBIT A**). Testifies in support of HB 3028 and makes suggestions to the bill.

071 Chair Krummel Comments on the suggestions for line 14 of HB 3028. Inquires about the reason for the restrictions.

079 Schoenheit Responds about the suggestions.

101 Chair Krummel Refers to page two of (**EXHIBIT A**) and asks if they are suggested amendments.

104 Schoenheit Concurr.

108 Chair Krummel Inquires if the savings will be greater than what it would cost to administer.

113 Schoenheit Concurr. Explains the savings.

124 Chair Krummel Closes the public hearing as a sub-committee on HB 3028. Acknowledges the presence of Reps. Brown, Rosenbaum and Dingfelder and opens the meeting as a full-committee. Re-opens the public hearing on HB 3028.

HB 3028 – PUBLIC HEARING

133	Chair Krummel	Inquires if the suggestions have been reviewed by legislative revenue of fiscal.
140	Schoenheit	Responds he has not had it reviewed.
151	Jason Williams	Executive Director of Taxpayers of Oregon. Testifies in support of HB 3028.
175	Chair Krummel	Inquires if the bill is a way to give people incentives to help government by way of suggestion.
180	Williams	Responds it is a way. Provides an example.
189	Chair Krummel	Inquires if keeping the suggestions on file for five years is a sufficient amount of time.
190	Williams	Responds the five-year limit is sufficient.
206	Rep. Rosenbaum	Inquires if we need a financial incentive.
211	Williams	Responds that if there is a program for people, it will help the process.
219	Rep. Rosenbaum	Inquires if it is necessary to pay money to people who already give suggestions.
225	Williams	Responds the financial incentive assists.
231	Chair Krummel	Inquires if he is familiar with the Save Oregon Program.
235	Williams	Responds he is not.
239	Chair Krummel	Explains the Save Oregon Program to the committee.
271	Schoenheit	Responds he is not familiar with the program.
283	Chair Krummel	Inquires at what point is the money reimbursed.

289	Schoenheit	Responds the idea needs to be determined by administration prior to implementation. Comments about language of the bill to be added.
310	Chair Krummel	Inquires if Mr. Schoenheit is familiar with the Employee Program.
319	Schoenheit	Responds he has heard it is misused and is not effective.
335	Rep. Rosenbaum	Responds the employee program has a cap, one suggestion made saved \$3 million and asks if the \$300,000 reimbursement was appropriate.
348	Schoenheit	Responds it is a savings and is worth it.
364	Chair Krummel	Comments the committee will have an opportunity to hear from Department of Administrative Services about the Smart Buy Program. Comments about the savings entailed. Closes the public hearing on HB 3028 and re-opens the public hearing on HB 2777.

HB 2777 – PUBLIC HEARING

TAPE 60, A

002	Jason Williams	Oregon Taxpayer Association. Submits written testimony in support of HB 2777.
030	Rep. Dingfelder	Inquires about the full-time equivalency of employees and asks why the bill is necessary.
038	Williams	Responds the documentation the legislature receives is not available to everyone. Responds it is a good idea to have the documentation in the same place so that interested parties can access it, including lawmakers.
052	Rep. Brown	Inquires how many people work for the state of Oregon.
057	Williams	Responds approximately 50,000.
059	Rep. Brown	Responds about the size of the list.
063	Williams	Responds it would be at the expense of the interested party.

067	Chair Krummel	Inquires about the listing of their names, or job descriptions and notes it may not be a smart idea to list some. Gives an example of police officers, detectives and agency workers. Inquires how it would be resolved.
086	Williams	Responds he is open to a security clause.
090	Chair Krummel	Comments on a previous bill including an ID number, not a name. Inquires if they want to see names.
103	Williams	Responds he wants to see where the dollars are going.
107	Chair Krummel	Clarifies he wants transparency.
110	Williams	Concurs.
112	Eugene Schoenheit	Comments on the budget system.
123	Chair Krummel	Closes the public hearing on HB 2777 and opens a work session on HB 2382.

HB 2382 – WORK SESSION

126	Jim Keller	Committee Administrator. Explains the -2 proposed amendments.
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136	Rep. Dingfelder	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2382-2 amendments dated 4/8/05.
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VOTE: 4-0-1

EXCUSED: 1 - Butler

	Chair Krummel	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
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154	Rep. Dingfelder	MOTION: Moves HB 2382 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
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156		VOTE: 4-0-1
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AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

EXCUSED: 1 - Butler

Chair Krummel The motion CARRIES.

156 Chair Krummel Closes the work session on HB 2382. Adjourns the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **HB 3028, prepared testimony, Eugene Schoenheit, 2 pp**
- B. **HB 2777, prepared testimony, Jason Williams, 1 p**
- C. **HB 2382, -2 amendments, staff, 1 p**