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Mark Nelson, Oregon Housing Alliance

Ellen Lowe, Oregon Food Bank

Michael Anderson, Oregon Housing Alliance

Clyde Doctor, City Club of Portland

John Blatt, Assn. of OR Community Development

Julie Massa, Oregon Food Bank

Channah Pastorius, Beaverton OR

Phillip Kennedy-Wong, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Paul Rainey, Assn. of Oregon Housing Authorities

Patti Whitney-Wise, Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force

Sabina Riggi, Oregon Food Bank

Robert Castagna, Oregon Catholic Conference

Staff Present:

Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer

Mary Ayala, Economist

Lizbeth Martin-Mahar, Economist

Kristi Bowman, Committee Assistant

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002 Chair Butler

Calls meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

OPENS PUBLIC HEARING FOR HOUSE BILL 2951 AND HOUSE BILL 2950

- 010 Rep. Flores Testifies in support of HB 2950. Reads from written testimony verbatim from Angland for HB 2950. (Exhibit 1). Testifies in support of HB 2951 because it allows businesses to provide family-friendly benefits such as child care for employees. Submits written testimony from various individuals (Exhibits 2-7).
- 086 Tina Kotek Submits written testimony in support of HB 2950 and 2951 (Exhibit 8). Comments that both bills would give an incentive to businesses to provide child care.
- 107 Chair Butler Refers to the HB 2951 Staff Measure Summary (Exhibit 9) background information regarding 24 corporations that claimed an average of \$71,184 in 2002. Comments that these must be fairly substantial companies. Asks Kotek for more specific information.
- 118 Kotek Responds that she will get that information to Chair Butler. Comments that it is her understanding that the credits are claimed by a range of businesses, some with as few as 10 employees to several hundred.
- 125 Chair Butler Asks for more information regarding the programs themselves.
- 127 Kotek Responds that the Nike representative might be able to provide more program information. Kotek describes a variety of credits that can be used depending on the employer's needs. Comments that the Coalition would like to see more employers take advantage of the tax credit, and there is a need to provide more "carrots" to encourage private investment.

- 144 Komp Asks whether data is available regarding Kotek’s statement that on-site child care helps employees become more productive.
- 152 Kotek Responds that there is some national research available on this, and she will provide that information to Rep. Komp.
- 164 Julia Brim-Edwards Testifies in support of HB 2951 because “finding high-quality child care is a significant issue for working parents,” and any assistance that employers can provide is a valuable benefit. Reads from written testimony (Exhibit 10). Discusses child-care facilities at Nike’s office complex. Discusses benefits of on-site child care to Nike employees, commenting that it improves the parent’s focus and productivity.
- 242 Rep. Komp Asks if there is a separate facility or room available for nursing mothers.
- 244 Brim-Edwards Responds yes, and offers a tour of the Paterno child-care facility to committee members.
- 254 Rep. Riley Asks about benefits to employers with having on-site child care centers.
- 256 Brim-Edwards Responds with comments on the benefits to employees.
- 270 Rep. Riley Asks about the “dollar” benefits to employers. Chair Butler follows up with a clarifying question on the same issue.

- 272 Brim-Edwards Responds that Nike sees an intangible benefit. Comments that Nike hasn't quantified the data, but feedback from employees is positive.
- 299 Chair Butler Asks if there is demographic data on the age of Nike employees.
- 301 Brim-Edwards Comments that Nike has a young workforce due to the nature of the company. Adds that Nike helps people return to work by providing infant care and cites a workplace example.
- 331 Chair Butler Questions and discussion interspersed with Brim-Edwards.
- 354 Rep. Berger Comments that child care is an ongoing issue, especially with the rising cost of living. Comments on Chemeketa Community College's child care program for employees and staff.
- 378 Rep. Boquist Asks about Nike child-care facilities in other states and the corresponding tax benefits.
- 380 Brim-Edwards Responds that there is a Nike child-care facility in Tennessee, but she is not familiar with the Tennessee tax code. She will provide that information to Rep. Boquist.

400 Tamara Brickman Testifies about the Dept. of Employment's concerns about tax issues and unemployment wages. The Dept. is waiting for more information from the Dept. of Labor. Comments that there may be a need to amend the Dept. of Employment's definition of "wages."

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025 Lizbeth Martin-Mahar Discusses revenue impact of HB 2951 (Exhibit 11) and HB 2950 (Exhibit 12). HB 2950 needs clarification from the Dept. of Employment whether the federal government allows dependent care assistance payments to be made outside of wages, and whether to disconnect from the federal tax code.

049 Chair Butler General comments on both bills.

056 Rep. Riley Comments that he supports both bills because he supports workplace child care, but is uncomfortable on eliminating sunset dates on any tax credits.

062 Chair Butler Comments about numerous sunset extensions to HB 2951. In looking to the future, would these tax credits be considered detrimental to society and to the overall tax system.

CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING FOR HOUSE BILLS 2950 AND 2951

OPENS PUBLIC HEARING FOR HOUSE BILL 3110

- 080 Mary Ayala Gives overview of HB 3110 (Exhibit 13). The bill creates a low-income rental assistance program for qualified persons under 58 years old. Discusses revenue impact (Exhibit 14).
- 134 Rep. Debbie Farr Testifies in support of HB 3110. Discusses anecdote to illustrate the instability of housing for poverty-level families.
- 159 Rep. Dave Hunt Testifies in support of HB 3110, not as THE solution, but as one critical piece of the solution. Paraphrases written testimony (Exhibit 15). Discusses the cost of rent and the need for rent assistance.
- 231 Mark Nelson Testifies in support of HB 3110 because the Housing Alliance believes that low-income families should be able to afford housing and have money left over for food and other necessities.
- 259 Ellen Lowe Testifies in support of HB 3110. Refers to information in packet submitted (Exhibit 16). Comments that a tax credit needs to be enacted for renters in order to seek some kind of fairness. Adds that stability in secure housing affects stability in schools, churches, and transportation. Discusses HJR 65 included in packet (Exhibit 16).
- 363 Michael Anderson

Testifies in support of HB 3110. Reads from written testimony (Exhibit 17).

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- 043 Clyde Doctor Testifies in support of HB 3110. Reads verbatim from written testimony (Exhibits 18 and 19).
- 069 John Blatt Testifies in support of HB 3110. Comments that adding this tax credit on top of what the Assn. of OR Community Development can do will increase the availability of affordable housing.
- 091 Kotek Testifies in support of HB 3110. Comments that HB 3110 is a cost-effective way to provide assistance to working families and will reduce financial instability for families.
- 120 Rep. Riley Asks if HB 3110 is a tax credit.
- 122 Ayala Responds that this is a subsidy program, not a tax credit.
- 124 Chair Butler Adds further information on the mechanics of HB 3110.
- 145 Julie Massa Testifies in support of HB 3110. Refers to information in packet submitted by Ellen Lowe (Exhibit 16). Discusses housing

affordability issues. Comments that HB 3110 is the “gateway” to home ownership opportunities for low-income people.

- 199 Channah Pastorius Testifies in support of HB 3110. Comments that she needs the housing assistance provided in this bill in order to meet her day-to-day expenses. Discusses her monthly personal expenses.
- 241 Phillip Kennedy-Wong Testifies in support of HB 3110 because it is a pro-family bill. Reads verbatim from written testimony (Exhibit 20).
- 328 Patty Whitney-Wise Testifies in support of HB 3110 and submits written testimony (Exhibit 21). Discusses the background of “poverty level” standards.
- 374 Paul Rainey Testifies in support of HB 3110 and submits written testimony (Exhibit 22). Comments that families must choose between housing and food, and adds that HB 3110 will help meet the state’s affordable housing need.

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- 012 Sabina Riggi Testifies in support of HB 3110 because the bill would provide financial relief for low-income grandparents who are supporting their grandchildren.
- 033 Rep. Riley Expresses concern about federal cuts in spending on social programs and that these costs are being passed down to the states.

- 048 Chair Butler Asks Whitney-Wise about the administration of the program regarding:
- • Students living in dorms or shared housing
 - • Shared rents between adult child and parents
 - • Utility costs paid by tenant
 - • Assisted Living facilities
 - • Household asset allocation
 - • Is the assistance considered taxable
 - • Insurance or settlement awards
- Also asks for more information on: 1) the costs associated with the current senior rental assistance program; 2) the difference in percentages used for housing costs for seniors (30%) versus the 20% rate for persons under 58 as stated in HB 3110.
- 064 Whitney-Wise Responds that she will provide the requested information to the committee. Comments that seniors over age 58 will not be affected by HB 3110; this bill expands the rental assistance program to those under 58.
- 150 Rep. Hass Concurs with Chair Butler about various points raised about the administration of the program.
- 183 Bob Castagna Testifies in support of HB 3110. Asks the committee members to keep in mind the moral principle of “preferential option for the poor.”
- 213 Chair Butler Discusses various tax credits that have been presented to the revenue committee during this legislative session. Asks Rep. Hass to form an ad-hoc committee to determine “the best of the best” of

the tax credits proposed so far. Expresses concerns about administrative costs of HB 3110.

CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING FOR HOUSE BILL 3110

259 Chair Butler Adjourns meeting at 2:47 p.m.

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Exhibit Summary:

1. HB 2950, Testimony, Angland, 2 pp., 03/24/05
2. HB 2951, Testimony, Angland, 1 pg., 03/24/05
3. HB 2951, Testimony, Schnell, 1 pg., 04/02/05
4. HB 2951, Testimony, Blackwell, 1 pg., 04/04/05
5. HB 2951, Testimony, Peterson, 1 pg., 04/02/05
6. HB 2951, Testimony, Coehlo, 1 pg., 04/04/05
7. HB 2951, Testimony, Martinez, 1 pg., 04/04/05
8. HB 2950, HB 2951, Testimony, Kotek, 1 pg., 04/04/05
9. HB 2951, Staff Measure Summary, Martin-Mahar, 1 pg., 04/01/05
10. HB 2951, Testimony, Brim-Edwards, 2 pp., 04/04/05
11. HB 2951, Revenue Impact Statement, Martin-Mahar, 1 pg., 04/01/05
12. HB 2950, Staff Measure Summary, Martin-Mahar, 1 pg., 04/04/05
13. HB 2950, Testimony, Moore, 1 pg., 03/23/05

14. HB 3110, Staff Measure Summary, Ayala, 1 pg., 04/04/05
15. HB 3110, Revenue Impact Statement, Ayala, 1 pg., 04/04/05
16. HB 3110, Testimony, Rep. Hunt, 2 pp., 04/04/05
17. HB 3110, Handouts, Lowe, 67 pp., 04/04/05
18. HB 3110, Testimony, Anderson, 4 pp., 04/04/05
19. HB 3110, Testimony, Doctor, 1 pg., 04/04/05
20. HB 3110, Booklet, Doctor, 123 pp., 04/04/05
21. HB 3110, Testimony, Kennedy-Wong, 6 pp., 04/04/05
22. HB 3110, Testimony, Whitney-Wise, 2 pp., 04/04/05
23. HB 3110, Handout: Section 8 Housing Assistance Shortfalls, Rainey, 2 pp., 04/04/05
24. HB 3110, Testimony, Goplen, 1 pg., 04/04/05