

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

March 10, 2005
6:00 P.M.

Cottage Grove High School
Tapes 31 - 34

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Sen. Roger Beyer, Vice-Chair
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Doug Whitsett

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Charlie Ringo

VISITING MEMBERS: Rep. Paul Holvey
Rep. Bruce Hanna

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Braun, Committee Administrator
Karen Scoffield, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD & WITNESSES:

SB 313 – Public Hearing
SB 912 – Public Hearing
SB 626 – Public Hearing
SB 627 – Public Hearing
SB 628 - Public Hearing
SB 629 - Public Hearing
SB 630 – Public Hearing
SB 744 - Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 31, A		
005	Chair Prozanski	Calls the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Addresses audience. Introduces committee members. Opens public hearing on SB 313, 912, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630 and 744 regarding Methamphetamine (Meth) and Identity Theft.
<u>SB 313, 912, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 744 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
045	Anna Braun	Committee Administrator. Discusses the bills.
055	Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski	Governor, State of Oregon. Discusses and submits written testimony regarding Methamphetamine (Meth) (EXHIBIT A). Discusses problems and solutions to Meth.
100	Gov. Kulongoski	Concludes testimony.
115	Sen. Beyer	Asks for data regarding reduction of Meth labs in Oregon and asks if there has been a shift in the border areas of Oregon of people obtaining Meth precursors in other states.
125	Gov. Kulongoski	Responds. Defers to Craig Campbell, Senior Policy Advisor, who will later testify and provide statistics. Discusses the difference between Meth users and Meth labs. Answers that people do cross the border into Washington.
170	Sen. Burdick	Comments on the importance of treatment programs. Discusses drug courts and asks Gov. Kulongoski what he has planned in his

190	Gov. Kulongoski	budget and policy proposals to assist in funding drug courts. Answers that the Chief Justice develops the budgets for the courts.
195	Sen. Burdick	Responds. Remarks that in the past many of the drug courts were funded federally and that money is going away.
200	Gov. Kulongoski	Discusses the state budget and how it is allocated. Discusses the need for people to understand the problems associated with Meth.
270	Sen. Whitsett	Discusses the need of research to determine the causes of Meth addiction and asks for Gov. Kulongoski's plans regarding it.
280	Gov. Kulongoski	Remarks that this is the only task force that did not go away after publishing their report. Comments on knowledge of people who abuse Meth and the problems involved.
330	Sen. Whitsett	Discusses a grant proposal by Dr. Peter Kohler, President of the Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU), to fund the research of Meth addiction and comments that Gov. Kulongoski should look at it and assist OHSU in obtaining the grant.
345	Gov. Kulongoski	Agrees.
348	Rep. Holvey	Discusses the cost effectiveness of drug courts. Asks if Gov. Kulongoski thinks that the legislature could slow down the expansion of prison infrastructure to fund more drug court type programs.
370	Gov. Kulongoski	Responds. Discusses efforts of dealing with Meth addiction.
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015	Rep. Hanna	Discusses costs of mental and physical healthcare in the Department of Corrections.
030	Gov. Kulongoski	Comments on desire for the legislature to require greater cooperation between the Department of Corrections and the State Mental Health Department.
055	Chair Prozanski	Thanks Gov. Kulongoski for his testimony.
065	Gov. Kulongoski	Remarks that the Cottage Grove area was the first district that he represented in the legislature over thirty (30) years ago.
075	Craig Durbin	Lieutenant, State Police. Commander, Drug Enforcement Section. Discusses and submits written testimony in support of SB 313 and 912 (EXHIBIT B). Discusses statistics of Meth use in Oregon. Submits written testimony on behalf of Rob Bovett, Legal Counsel, Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association (ONEA), President, Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (OADEC), Chair, Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Subcommittee - Governor's Meth Task Force in support of SB 313 and 912 (EXHIBIT C).
150	Durbin	Discusses cost savings associated with using precursor legislation.
200	Sean Hoar	Assistant United States District Attorney. Discusses experience dealing with internet fraud and Identity theft. Discusses experience dealing with Meth addiction.
260	Hoar	Discusses procedures of Identity theft criminals. Discusses the relation of Identity theft and Meth use.
350	Craig Campbell	Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office. Discusses the need of Meth prevention efforts and treatment.
TAPE 31, B		
005	Campbell	Discusses the effects of Meth to the brain. Concludes testimony.
045	Gary Williams	Mayor, Cottage Grove. Introduces City Council members who are present at the meeting. Discusses problems associated with

090	Mike Grover	Meth. Discusses local intervention services for Meth. Chief of Police, Cottage Grove. Discusses local problems with Meth use. Discusses shortage of jails to hold Meth users. Comments on the need to stop Meth use.
165	Heather Murphy	Executive Director, Family Relief Nursery. Discusses the effects of Meth, specifically on children. Discusses stories of people who used Meth.
250	Murphy	Discusses the need of treatment solutions in the local community.
295	Jim Welsh	Government Affairs Director, Eugene Association of Realtors. Discusses the effects of Meth and Identity theft on the community and on property owners.
390	Welsh	Relates anecdote regarding theft. Discusses the positive effects of advertising regarding drug use. Concludes.
TAPE 32, B		
035	Doug Harclerod	District Attorney, Lane County, Oregon. Discusses problems associated with Meth and personal experience prosecuting against it. Proposes possible solutions to fighting Meth.
135	Harclerod	Discusses funding problems to fight against Meth. Discusses need to prevent Meth use by helping out children. Summarizes and concludes.
190	Ron Roberts	Lieutenant, Eugene Police Department. Discusses and submits written testimony in support of SB 313, 912 and 630 (EXHIBIT D).
215	Seymmantha Dicke	Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council. Discusses experience with a friend who died from Meth use.
240	Kristin Borg	Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council. Relates anecdote of brother addicted to Meth.
280	Chair Prozanski	Asks Borg and Dicke how a message of the effects of Meth use can be given to youth in the community.
290	Dicke	Comments on the ease of the ability to obtain Meth and suggests making it more difficult.
305	Borg	Comments on the desire of teens to experiment and rural areas having drug problems.
325	Holvey	Asks if Borg and Dicke feel that there is enough education on the dangers of Meth in school.
340	Borg	Answers that their Health teachers in school do a great job of informing the students.
350	Dicke	Remarks that more can be done to educate on drug use.
390	Jesse Backman	Citizen, Tillamook County. Discusses and submits written testimony in support of SB 744 (EXHIBIT E). Discusses Identity theft and Meth problems.
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015	Eric Cullander	Teacher, Cottage Grove High School. Discusses problems associated with Meth addiction.
045	Sen. Whitsett	Asks Cullander what age he feels is appropriate to begin teaching children about Meth.
047	Cullander	Remarks that children should be taught by at least Middle school because it is two to three years before they are at risk. Remarks that youth need to be taught about the drugs that are out there.
060	Sen. Burdick	Asks Cullander how you differentiate Meth from all of the other things you tell children to do and not to do.
075	Cullander	Responds. Discusses the challenge of dealing with adolescents.
105	Cheryl MacGinitie	Program Director, Family Relief Nursery. Discusses problems

		with Meth in the Cottage Grove community and the Family Relief Nursery's efforts.
180	MacGinitie	Discusses the need to come up with solutions to the Meth problem. Discusses experience as a past Meth user. Encourages the community to work to help with the Meth problem. Remarks that addicts can overcome their addiction as she did.
230	Carla George	Family Relief Nursery. Discusses experience as a past Meth user and the services that assisted her in recovery. Discusses efforts in the Family Relief Nursery to help parents and children affected by Meth.
270	MacGinitie	Discusses the Accessing Success program at the Family Relief Nursery.
280	Chair Prozanski	Inquires if George has contact with the state prison system and knows of improvements needed regarding the type of programs discussed.
285	George	Responds.
310	Cheryl Pellegrini	Attorney-in-Charge, Financial Fraud/Consumer Protection Section, Oregon Department of Justice. Discusses and submits written testimony with a neutral position to SB 626, SB 627, SB 628, SB 629, SB 630 and SB 744 (EXHIBIT F). Submits written testimony on behalf of Hardy Myers in support of SB 912 (EXHIBIT G).
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010	Pellegrini	Continues to discuss Identity theft. Concludes.
025	Bradd Swank	Special Counsel, Government Relations, Oregon Judicial Department. Discusses Identity theft. Discusses procedures taken by the department to help eliminate Identity theft.
065	Marcia Keith	Oregon Veterinary Medical Association. Discusses and submits written testimony regarding SB 313, suggesting amendments (EXHIBIT H) and SB 912, suggesting amendments (EXHIBIT I).
090	Pamela Leavitt	Credit Union Association of Oregon. Discusses and submits written testimony in opposition to SB 626, 627, 630 and 744 (EXHIBIT J).
125	Rick Dotson	Citizen, Lane County. Discusses the break down of the fundamentals of the family. Discusses problems with the local court system.
215	Chair Prozanski	Encourages witness to seek legal help to assist with his complaints.
225	Sally LeDoux	Citizen, Lane County. Discusses Meth problems in the local community.
245	Pat Patterson	City Councilor, Cottage Grove. Discusses experience with helping children and youth affected by drugs. Remarks that under certain circumstances it is never too early to educate on drug abuse.
320	Patterson	Summarizes and concludes.
The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:		
	Tom Holt	Executive Director, Oregon State Pharmacy Association. Submits written testimony in support of SB 313 and SB 912 (EXHIBIT K).
	Rick Bennett	Associate State Director for Advocacy, AARP. Submits written testimony in support of SB 626, 627, 629, 629, 630, and 744 (EXHIBIT L).
360	Chair Prozanski	Closes public hearing on SB 313, 912, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630

and 744. Adjourns the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SB 313, 912, written testimony, Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski, 2 pp
- B. SB 313, 912, written testimony, Craig Durbin, 5 pp
- C. SB 313, 912, written testimony of Rob Bovett, Craig Durbin, 6 pp
- D. SB 313, 912, 630, written testimony, Ron Roberts, 2 pp
- E. SB 744, written testimony, Jesse Backman, 1 p
- F. SB 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 744, written testimony, Cheryl Pellegrini, 10 pp
- G. SB 912, written testimony of Hardy Myers, Cheryl Pellegrini, 1 p
- H. SB 313, written testimony, Marcia Keith, 2 pp
- I. SB 912, written testimony, Marcia Keith, 2 pp
- J. SB 626, 627, 630, 744, written testimony, Pamela Leavitt, 3 pp
- K. SB 313, 912, written testimony, Tom Holt, 1 p
- L. SB 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 744, written testimony, Rick Bennett, 1 p