

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

March 22, 2005  
3:10 P.M.

Hearing Room B  
Tapes 41 - 45

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Frank Shields, Chair  
Sen. Bruce Starr  
Sen. Joanne Verger  
Sen. Vicki Walker

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Sen. Gary George, Vice-Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:** Judith Callens, Committee Administrator  
Linda K. Gatto, Committee Assistant

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

SB 156 – Work Session  
SB 706 – Work Session – Invited Testimony  
SB 835 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 889 – Public Hearing  
SB 929 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
<b>TAPE 41, A</b>		
005	Chair Shields	Calls the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Announces that SB 964 has been moved to Thursday's meeting and SB 590 has been removed. Opens a work session on SB 156.
<b><u>SB 156 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
028	Catherine Pollino	Secretary of State Audits Division. Explains that SB 156 provides a funding mechanism and clarifies that all funding sources that go to school districts can be audited. Explains that the -1 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ) clarify that these are performance audits and not financial statement opinion audits. Adds that the amendments establish an advisement committee and has a sunset provision.
058	Sen. Walker	Asks if there are objections to the -1 amendments.
065	Pollino	Responds that the amendments address the concerns they felt could be addressed.
072	Sen. Walker	Asks how much does the audit cost and how is it paid.
073	Pollino	Responds that SB 156 does not require a certain level of audit work and does not have a fiscal impact. Explains there is a program option package which would provide additional resources to the work or the current resources could be used but using current resources would take away from another agency audits.
079	Chair Shields	Comments that this is more of a funding issue.
105	Sen. B. Starr	Reiterates there is not a fiscal impact.
101	Judith Callens	Committee Administrator. Summarizes the Legislative Fiscal and

114	Sen. B. Starr	Revenue impact statements ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Asks if the measure has a referral to the Committee on Ways and Means.
115	Chair Shields	Responds no it does not. Explains that this measure attempts to create a system where no local school district gets caught with an audit.
128	Sen. B. Starr	Asks if there has been consideration given to marring the bill to a policy option package.
130	Pollino	Explains the reason for keeping them separate.
137	Chair Shields	Clarifies that this is like assessments in other departments but this system has not been in the public school system.
151	Pollino	Answers affirmatively.
154	Sen. B. Starr	Comments that one way or the other the money will be coming from limited resources and suggests that the Committee on Ways and Means consider the bill.
162	Sen. Walker	Inquires if school districts have been billed in past audits.
178	Pollino	Responds this happened in Klamath Falls many years ago and created a large problem as an audit cost was not anticipated.
192	Sen. Walker	Asks do ESDs have local CPAs doing the financial audits.
199	Pollino	Answers yes.
200	Sen. Verger	Wonders if the focus should be to help the schools and have the legislature become more efficient.
207	Pollino	Responds that performance audits encompass a wide variety of topics that would allow for looking at best practices.
220	Sen. Walker	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 156-1 amendments dated 3/16/05.</b>
222		<b>VOTE: 4-0-1</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - George</b> <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
224	Chair Shields Sen. Walker	<b>MOTION: Moves B 156 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
231	Sen. B. Starr	States that he will be a no vote based on the fiscal and revenue impact statements and believes the bill should be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
245	Chair Shields	Agrees that money will come from either point A as an assessment or point B as a local school district budget.
253	Sen. Walker	Acknowledges Sen. B. Starr's concerns and states that transparent and accountable government is a common goal. Supports the bill.
256		<b>VOTE: 3-1-1</b> <b>AYE: 3 - Verger, Walker, Shields</b> <b>NAY: 1 - Starr B.</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - George</b> <b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>SEN. SHIELDS will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
262	Chair Shields	
263	Chair Shields	Closes the work session on SB 156 and opens the work session on SB 706 and invites testimony from Senator Carter and Representative Hansen.
<b><u>SB 706 – WORK SESSION – INVITED TESTIMONY</u></b>		
269	Judith Callens	Committee Administrator. Explains what SB 706 does. States that the -1 and -2 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ) were worked out Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
287	Sen. Margaret Carter	Senate District 22. States that last session this concept was voted

		unanimously in the Senate. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 706 <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> .
361	Chair Shields	Asks if there has been any substantial change that would influence the vote outcome of the previous session.
363	Sen. Carter	Responds there was an issue of this bill being a vehicle for other legislation. Expresses that the current administration has looked at this issue very seriously and Oregonians are human rights oriented.
388	Sen. Walker	Inquires if SB 706 is identical to the bill last session.
389	Sen. Carter	Responds that the realtors' wanted an amendment regarding tax credits.
412	Mark Kirchmeier	Testifies on behalf of Representative Gary Hansen in support of enforcing antidiscrimination laws in housing.
431	Dan Gardner	Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and Industries. Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 706 <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> plus a copy of the hand engrossed bill <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> .
<b>TAPE 42, A</b>		
010	Gardner	States there were three elements to the bill last session: substantially equivalent, a City of Portland tax credit, and facially neutral policies.
030	Annette Talbott	Deputy Labor Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI). States that the -2 amendments include the -1 amendments and is included in the hand engrossed version <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> . Talks about the technical amendment. Refers to the technical amendments on page 11. Reviews the bracketed sections that refer to facially neutral policies.
058	Sen. B. Starr	Asks why is the enforcement on BOLI and not Oregon Housing and Community Services.
064	Gardner	Responds bill is sponsored by Senator Carter, Representatives Hansen and Shields at the request of Housing and Community Services. States that BOLI has the experience and expertise to do discrimination investigations.
071	Amy Klare	Administrator Civil Rights Division. States there will be testimony regarding fair housing being a three legged stool: BOLI in regard to enforcement, Fair Housing in regard to outreach and investigations and the State Housing Council regarding statewide housing plans.
087	Matt Farmer	General Counsel Oregon Association of Realtors. States their interest is in only the provisions explained by BOLI that could be removed without changing the bill making Oregon law consistent with federal law.
126	Farmer	Explains how the evidentiary issue can be a problem.
137	Pegge McGuire	Executive Director, Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Tells of recent instances of discrimination. Submits a brochure and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 706 <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> .
219	Sen. Verger	Comments illegality of discrimination.
238	Jeanne Arana	Community Resources Administrator, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS). Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 706 <b>(EXHIBIT H)</b> .
295	Chair Shields	States that SB 706 needs to be finalized. Closes the invited testimony and closes the work session on SB 706. Opens the public hearing on SB 835.

**The following material is submitted for record without public testimony (EXHIBIT I)**  
**City of Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development, William L. White,**

**Director.**

**SB 835 – PUBLIC HEARING**

298	Judith Callens	Committee Administrator. Reviews the provisions of SB 835.
316	Xochitl Esparza	Service Employees International Union, Local 503. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 835 and a copy of the Department of Revenue's information on personal income tax in Spanish <b>(EXHIBIT J)</b> .
351	Chair Shields	Confirms that the caucus is spread over many governmental departments.
378	Esparza	Responds affirmatively.
373	Juliana Avila	(Esparza translates) Describes a situation where she had to resolve tax issues and no one spoke Spanish.
405	Maria Barba	Resident of Independence. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 835 <b>(EXHIBIT K)</b> and notes that she is representing herself.

**TAPE 41, B**

023	Sen. Walker	Confirms that the forms are not easy and citizens are being deprived of filing their own tax returns because these documents are not in their own language.
030	Barba	Responds affirmatively.
050	Susan Browning	Deputy Director, Department of Revenue. Submits <b>(EXHIBIT L)</b> which is an example of what is currently available on the Department of Revenue web site. Expresses concerns and states there is more involved than simply translating the language.
084	Browning	Notes there are other populations that are not Spanish speaking. Notes the implementation of SB 835, in the timeline noted in the bill, is a resource issue.
118	Chair Shields	Asks why would the request to a return and demand to file a return forms be translated before a 40S form.
120	Browning	Responds the intention is to translate the forms as well as the booklet and notices in Spanish.
140	Chair Shields	States it seems backward that there is a demand to file a return but a Spanish speaking person can not access a form in Spanish.
156	Browning	Responds that the multilingual committee suggested that these forms be done first based on where the demand and issues are.
162	Chair Shields	Asks for a response to Ms. Avila's testimony regarding no one being available who could speak Spanish. Asks if the 11 Spanish speaking people in the office all agents.
183	Browning	Answers no, some are tax auditors, tax payer assistance and collections of delinquent tax dept.
186	Chair Shields	Asks how many of the 11 would be out front to assist those customers who cannot speak English.
189	Browning	Answers there are two in the Salem office, one in Medford and one in Portland.
195	Sen. B. Starr	Asks if they have the authority to this without this bill.
210	Browning	Responds affirmatively.
213	Sen. B. Starr	Asks does the department have a plan to develop these forms in Spanish.
220	Browning	Responds affirmatively.
231	Sen. B. Starr	Asks if the department employs people to speak to other second language speakers.
234	Browning	Responds there is a list of employees that are fluent in other languages. Other languages include Russian, Vietnamese, Laotian, Korean, and Chinese.

241	Chair Shields	Asks of these languages which is the largest population and how does it compare with the Latino population.
245	Browning	Responds Russian although smaller than the Hispanic population is centralized in certain parts of the state.
252	Browning	Responds it has been estimated that the expected number of returns filed by Latino Oregonians ages 15 – 64 speaking Spanish as a primary language is 115,000.
256	Chair Shields	Comments that 9% of Oregonians are Latino.
258	Sen. Walker	Comments that the Latino population is the fastest growing population in Oregon.
266	Chair Shields	Recesses the public hearing on SB 835. Opens the public hearing on SB 889 and SB 929.

**SB 889 PUBLIC HEARING**

291	Rep. Jackie Dingfelder	House District 45. Submits and reads written testimony in support of SB 889 ( <b>EXHIBIT M</b> ).
317	Chair Shields	Closes the public hearing on SB 889 and reopens the public hearing on SB 835.

**SB 835 – PUBLIC HEARING**

354	Gabriel Silva	Citizen. Comments on the translation services he has provided in various jobs and personal circumstances. Supports SB 835 as a first step in assisting a better understanding of laws and requirements.
375	Sen. Verger	Asks should every document printed in English be printed in Spanish.
384	Silva	Responds no, but believes critical documents should be.
301	Sen. Verger	Asks is it more of an educational process rather than just a translation of the forms.
405	Silva	Answers critical documents would provide basic information that would generate questions.
446	Chair Shields	Asks is this a pilot project.
456	Browning	Responds that this has already been happening in various state agencies.
458	Chair Shields	Asks if the Department of Revenue is performing as well as other state agencies.
461	Browning	Responds that there is a lot more that can be done.
<b>TAPE 42, B</b>		
021	Sen. Walker	Asks are these efforts that other state agencies are doing mandated by federal or state government.
026	Silva	Answers there are federal laws that require it if federal funds are being received.
056	Sen. Walker	Comments on the availability of language translation in the courts.
062	Joe Schaeffer	Service Employees International Union Local 503 (SEIU). Points out that this is also a work load issue. Supports SB 835.
080	Sen. Walker	Asks if it is the same individuals that are affected by the workload also the community volunteers.
083	Schaeffer	Responds affirmatively.
087	Sen. Walker	States the Latino population wants to be good citizens but are limited by the ability to read the documents.
100	Chair Shields	Closes the public hearing on SB 835 and opens the work session on SB 835.

**SB 835 – WORK SESSION**

111	Sen. Walker	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 835 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the</b>
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**committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.**

102 Sen. Verger Expresses that there are many multicultural dialects and  
comments on other ways that community groups help others.  
134 Sen. Starr Concurrs with Sen. Verger that there is a lot of diversity in  
Oregon. Asks if this is done for one shouldn't it be done for all.  
**145 VOTE: 4-0-1**  
**EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. George**  
**Chair Shields Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**  
149 Chair Shields Requests that the Department of Revenue contact him to discuss  
these issues.  
151 Sen. Walker Suggest having discussions with the Attorney General to see  
what are the responsibilities of the various departments to  
provide documents to the Spanish speaking population.  
159 Chair Shields Closes the work session on SB 835 and opens the public hearing  
on SB 889 and SB 929.

**SB 889 AND SB 929 PUBLIC HEARING**

188 Carolyn Reeves Submits and reads prepared testimony in opposition to SB 889  
describing the greyhound adoption process (**EXHIBIT N**).  
266 Jeffery Yen Law Student and employee of the Humane Society. States that a  
ban on greyhound racing is unreasonable. Provides information  
on the welfare of greyhounds in Oregon. Refers to  
correspondence from Dr. Hultine Oregon Racing Commission  
Staff Veterinarian to Lisa Schaffer MGP Track Superintendent  
(**EXHIBIT KK**).  
**Prepared testimony in support submitted for the record without public testimony by  
Kelly Peterson (EXHIBIT LL).**  
323 Dr. Linda Blythe Corvallis. Submits prepared testimony in opposition to SB 889  
(**EXHIBIT O**) and passes around text books. Summarizes that  
her work has been in education and research to promote the  
breed.  
464 Sen. Verger Asks if there is a possibility that a track could be provided and  
recover racing for dogs.  
470 Blythe Responds that there is an interested party and believes it could be  
economical.  
**TAPE 43, A**  
054 Connie Theil Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 889 and a copy of  
correspondence from The American Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Animals (**ASPCA**). Explains that greyhound racing is  
a web, a profit-driven industry and believes that dog racing  
should be banned (**EXHIBIT P**).  
124 Suzette Vedder Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 889 (**EXHIBIT Q**).  
152 Matt Rossell In Defense of Animals. Submits prepared testimony in support  
of SB 889 narrating headlines documenting violations and  
scandals in the greyhound industry (**EXHIBIT R**).  
208 Chair Shields Asks have Oregonians voted with their wallet because of cruelty  
to the dogs or because of the diversity of gambling opportunities.  
Asks for what reasons has greyhound racing been outlawed in  
other states.  
223 Rossell Responds that he believes there is a growing concern in the  
community and an awareness of the abuses.  
225 Theil Concurrs that people are learning about dog racing.  
240 Sen. B. Starr Asks if In Defense of Animals objects to horse racing and dog  
sled racing.

243	Rossell	Answers affirmatively.
244	Sen. B. Starr	Asks what about dogs trained for hunting.
245	Rossell	Responds that officially there is not a campaign against individual hunters nor against dog sled racing. .
275	Connie B. Durkee	Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 889 <b>(EXHIBIT S)</b> .
291	Shelby Knife	North Portland resident. Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 889 narrating the reasons why racing greyhounds are not bred to be pets <b>(EXHIBIT T)</b> .
331	Nancy Sussman Fugit	Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 889 narrating the cruelty of the sport <b>(EXHIBIT U)</b> .
363	Chair Shields	Asks where did the information on Ronald Rhodes killing 3,000 dogs come from.
364	Sussman-Fugit	Answers that it came from Oregon Defenders of Greyhounds (ORDOG) and was also well published.
362	Cheryl K. Lund	Submits and reads written testimony in support of SB 889 narrating the cruelty of breeding dogs for racing <b>(EXHIBIT V)</b> .
418	Brian Lee	Submits prepared testimony in opposition to SB 889 narrating the merits of greyhound racing and how it differs from other forms of gambling <b>(EXHIBIT W)</b> .
<b>TAPE 44, A</b>		
070	Eileen Marr	West Linn resident. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SB 889 narrating pet overpopulation and inhumane treatment <b>(EXHIBIT X)</b> .
115	Chelsea Chilcoat	Portland resident. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 889 narrating the low quality of food that is fed to racing dogs <b>(EXHIBIT Y)</b> .
146	Heather Hines	Indigo Rescue. Submits prepared testimony and news articles narrating information on the Ronald Floyd incident <b>(EXHIBIT Z)</b> .
180	Steve Herrington	Portland resident. Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 889 and emphasizes the mistreatment of greyhounds <b>(EXHIBIT AA)</b> .
200	Diane Kippes	Submits prepared testimony and injury documentation. Urges support to ban greyhound racing <b>(EXHIBIT BB)</b> .
210	Penny Troolin	Lake Oswego resident. Summarizes prepared testimony in support of SB 889 and notes the inclusion of the history of greyhound racing in Oregon <b>(EXHIBIT CC)</b> .
274	Sen. B. Starr	Asks if she feels the same way about horse racing.
256	Troolin	Responds that her knowledge is in dog racing and does not have an opinion on horse racing.
268	Sydney Most	Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 889 <b>(EXHIBIT DD)</b> .
308	Paul Romain	Attorney in Portland representing the Oregon Greyhound Association. States preference to hear the amended version of SB 929.
341	Dave Nelson	Magna Entertainment Corp. Submits and reviews page one of prepared testimony on SB 929 <b>(EXHIBIT EE)</b> .
434	Scott Daruty	Chief Counsel for Magna Entertainment Corp. Provides an overview of Magna Entertainment Corp. and the reasons Magna chose to enter the Oregon market. States that \$21 million has been invested and projections are that losses will continue.
<b>TAPE 43, B</b>		
074	Daruty	Reviews accomplishments and defines “export handles” which

		has increased by 275%. States that in the last five years, dollars wagered by people in Oregon dropped off 25% to date.
083	Chair Shields	Asks if this is an indication of competition with other forms of gambling in Oregon.
091	Daruty	Responds there is competition from growth in video lottery and Indian casinos.
124	Daruty	Refers to purse agreement discussions with greyhound owners and the acknowledgment that the race track was losing money and that without a subsidy by the racetrack greyhound racing is economically infeasible.
151	Daruty	Continues, stating that year round simulcasting and year round off-track wagering will maintain the horseracing industry.
203	Chair Shields	Announces that SB 556 will be rescheduled.
220	Daruty	Concludes testimony.
242	Gary Martin	President, Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. Testifies in support of SB 929. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony of Ursula V. Gibbons in support of SB 929 <b>(EXHIBIT FF)</b> .
254	Jack Root	Provides a personal background on experience with the horseracing industry.
324	David R. Benson	President, Oregon Horseman's Benevolent & Protective Association. Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 929 <b>(EXHIBIT GG)</b> narrating the benefits of horse racing at Portland Meadows.
405	John McCulley	Oregon Fairs Association. Submits prepared testimony in support of SB 929 and the impact that horseracing has on not-for-profit local race meets in Burns, Tillamook, Prineville, Grants Pass and Union <b>(EXHIBIT HH)</b> .
456	Sen. B. Starr	Confirms there is a reliance on horseracing in Oregon and not that there is a cash incentive.
462	McCulley	Answers there is cut from the handle at the racing site but not at Portland Meadows.
<b>TAPE 44, B</b>		
014	Sen. B. Starr	Clarifies that they need the horses and would not be able to draw those owners for the small races.
030	Steve Walters	Chair, Oregon Racing Commission. States that without simulcasting there would be no racing in Oregon. States that even if the simulcasting was divided between the greyhound meet and the horse meet it will not support two significant commercial race meets in Oregon. Expresses concern that if the horse track goes away and someone wants to start a greyhound racing meet in Oregon with the simulcasting rights, SB 889 would prohibit it.
070	Walters	Comments on earlier testimony regarding SB 889 regarding the tracking of greyhounds in Oregon. States that the Oregon Racing Commission has licensed, inspected, and monitor the conditions of the farms regularly.
091	Chair Shields	Asks if there was suitable financing to regulate the industry.
096	Walters	Answers affirmatively. Adds there is a no-kill rule in Oregon. States that all greyhounds whelped on a greyhound farm that is licensed is placed for adoption and they are tracked. Adds that none of the greyhounds in the Alabama case were from Oregon.
114	Chair Shields	Asks if there are interstate agreements in regard to the welfare of these animals.



127	Walters	Answers no.
130	Chair Shields	Asks if there was a penalty in the Alabama case.
130	Walters	Answers that it is his understanding that Mr. Floyd was criminally prosecuted, had his license revoked and is banned from greyhound racing throughout the United States.
130	Sen. Verger	Ask if Mr. Walter has seen or read the -4 amendments <b>(EXHIBIT NN)</b> .
143	Walters	Answers no he has not read them. Responds that it would be difficult if the casino is built.
145	Sen. Verger	Asks if this bill were to pass is there confidence that Portland Meadows will remain the track that it is today.
149	Walters	Answers not with 100% certainty, noting the competition of other forms of gambling.
163	Sen. Verger	Ask if Mr. McCulley has seen or read the -4 amendments <b>(EXHIBIT NN)</b> .
164	McCulley	Responds he has not read them.
165	Sen. Verger	Asks how many lines are needed to simulcast.
166	McCulley	Answers he does not know.
163	Sen. Verger	Ask if Mr. Benson has seen or read the -4 amendments <b>(EXHIBIT NN)</b> .
167	Benson	Answers he has not.
145	Sen. Verger	Asks if this bill were to pass is there confidence that Portland Meadows will remain the track that it is today.
171	Benson	Responds it is his opinion that the track should have the opportunity.
167	Sen. B. Starr	Asks, assuming there was someone who wanted to bring dog racing to Oregon, why can't the off track betting do both dog and horse racing year round. Asks why should the government restrict an investor who is willing to make the investment.
204	Walters	Respond it is a matter of how much revenue can be generated. Speculates on allowing the racing commission to grant year round simulcasting rights and not specify for what track. Adds an investment on a track would have to be a substantial investment.
236	Walters	Comments on the -1 amendments <b>(EXHIBIT MM)</b> .
257	Chair Shields	Asks Mr. Daruty to respond to the affects of Portland Meadows if a major casino lands in LaCenter.
241	Scott Daruty	Responds if a large scale tribal casino is built in the metro area it will be the end of racing and the state lottery.
313	Ronald Weeden	Oregon Greyhound Breeders' Association and Oregon Greyhound Owners. Submits prepared testimony in opposition to SB 929 including correspondence from Pioneer Resources <b>(EXHIBIT II)</b> .
387	Weeden	Concludes testimony citing the loss of revenue to the state.
390	Kirk Schaffer	Firefighter, City of Portland and President Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association. Submits and reads testimony in opposition to SB 929 <b>(EXHIBIT JJ)</b> .
430	Schaffer	Continues with testimony and discusses simulcast aspects
496	Paul Romaine	Attorney in Portland representing the Oregon Greyhound Association. Refers to the Yiddish word "hoodspah" and gives a legal example.
<b>TAPE 45, A</b>		
038	Romaine	Relates "hoodspah" to SB 929. Explains the essence of the -1 amendments <b>(EXHIBIT MM)</b> . States that what is being asked for is to be given an opportunity and discusses Pioneer

		Resources.
090	Sen. Verger	Asks Mr. Romaine if he has seen the -4 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT NN</b> ).
091	Romaine	Answers he has not seen the -4 amendments.
092	Sen. Verger	Ask will Portland Meadows remain the track that it is today.
099	Romaine	Answers no, agrees the LaCenter casino will affect of lot of different things. Adds that they would like to do the greyhound track combined with some other type of entertainment knowing that there may be a large gambling complex north of Portland. States this issues is about simulcasting not racing.
100	Chair Shields	Asks what does he say to those who say it will be a second rate track.
110	Romaine	Responds that a second rate track is not acceptable.
114	Chair Shields	States that Mr. Walters did not sound very optimistic about both horseracing and greyhound racing being able to survive.
125	Romaine	Responds that given the chance, economically greyhound racing is viable, and would like the marketplace to determine the outcome.
144	Sen. Verger	Asks where would the greyhounds race.
145	Romaine	Answers it depends on where the track is built. A marriage between NASCAR and greyhounds is already being done in Daytona.
159	Sen. Verger	Asks what would the investment be f or a track.
160	Romaine	Responds he has no idea.
163	Sen. B. Starr	Asks why can't there be one screen for horses and one for dogs.
170	Romaine	Responds that would be potentially practical. Adds their legislation would provide the opportunity for both and let the market decide.
180	Sen. B. Starr	Asks if he would be fine with the horseracing six months of the year and the dog-racing six months a year. Opines that this seems to be a compromise and let the market figure it out.
193	Walters	Responds that the difficulty is who gets the revenue and how is it divided. Revenue is not large enough to support two big race meets and survive without killing each other off.
224	Romaine	States a willingness to work with something along those lines.
261	Nelson	Explains that the -4 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT NN</b> ) put SB 889 into SB 929. The first 28 pages delete references of authorization for greyhound racing in Oregon and the last 35 pages have sections in land use law that permit kennels in a farm use zone and the final amendment makes it effective January 2009.
286	Romaine	States opposition to the amendments.
292	Chair Shields	States this needs further consideration. Expresses concern with the "restraint of trade." Expresses that he would like more discussions on whether both races can survive and what a mega complex LaCenter means to Oregon.
326	Nelson	Speculates that investment in a track would be around \$30 – \$40 million for a first rate track.
351	Romaine	Comments this is all speculation. Reiterates giving free enterprise a chance. States that Portland Meadows has a history of problems regarding viability.

**The following prepared testimony was submitted for the record without public testimony, (EXHIBIT OO, Jackie Phillips.**

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. SB 156, -1 amendments, staff, 12 pp**
- B. SB 156, Legislative Fiscal and Revenue Statements, staff, 2 pp**
- C. SB 706, -1 amendments, Senator Margaret Carter, 7 pp**
- D. SB 706, prepared testimony, Senator Margaret Carter, 4 pp**
- E. SB 706, prepared testimony, Dan Gardner, 2 pp**
- F. SB 706, hand engrossed bill, BOLI staff, 12 pp**
- G. SB 706, prepared testimony, Pegge McGuire, 5 pp**
- H. SB 706, prepared testimony, Jeanne Arana, 1 p**
- I. SB 706, prepared testimony, William White, 2 pp**
- J. SB 835, prepared testimony, Xochitl Esparza, 2 pp**
- K. SB 835, prepared testimony, Maria Barba, 1 p**
- L. SB 835, example of information in Spanish, Susan Browning, 9 pp**
- M. SB 889, written testimony, Representative Jackie Dingfelder, 2 pp**
- N. SB 889, prepared testimony, Carolyn Reeves, 3 pp**
- O. SB 889, prepared testimony, Linda L. Blythe, 2 pp**
- P. SB 889, prepared testimony and correspondence, Connie Theil, 2 pp**
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