

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

January 31, 2005
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 8 -9

Corrected 10/25/2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice-Chair
Sen. Peter Courtney
Sen. Gary George
Sen. Bill Morrisette

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator
Brittany Kenison, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD & WITNESSES:

SCR 1 – Public Hearing and Work Session

Sen. Winters

Sen. Brown

Barbara Roberts, former Oregon governor

SB 225 – Public Hearing and Work Session

Informational Meeting

“Treatment Issues with Mental Health and Addiction Disorders”

Dr. David Pollack, Department of Human Services

“Problem Gambling Services”

Dr. Jeffrey Marotta, Department of Human Services

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
TAPE 8, A		
003	Chair Monnes Anderson	Opens meeting at 1:02 PM. Opens public hearing on SCR 1.
<u>SCR 1 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
005	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Explains the resolution.
015	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments on resolution
020	Sen. Winters	Introduces herself and testifies in support of SCR 1.
047	Sen. Kate Brown	Submits and presents testimony in support of SCR 1 (EXHIBIT A).
065	Barbara Roberts	Former Oregon governor. Introduces herself and provides written testimony in support of SCR 1 (EXHIBIT B). Gives background on women's heart disease.
100	Roberts	Discusses campaign for “Go Red for Women.”
120	Roberts	Discusses preventive solutions for heart disease.
135	Roberts	Summarizes and concludes.
140	Sen. Kruse	Expresses support of SCR 1.
155	Sen. Brown	Comments on importance of the defibrillator equipment.
160	Sen. Morrisette	Recognizes importance of requiring minimum time children spend in a physical education (PE) class.
180	Roberts	Comments on history of exercise and importance of creating good exercising and eating habits.
200	Sen. Winters	Notes difference of PE class between generations. Notes current issues of obesity and patterns of bad health and exercise habits.
240	Sen. Morrisette	Notes support of requiring minimum time children spend in PE.

250	Sen. Kruse	Mentions increase of diabetes in children. Notes importance of working relationship with the American Heart Association (AHA).
260	Sen. Brown	Notes importance of having defibrillators and knowing where they are located.
265	Chair Monnes Anderson	Speaks about blood pressure and seeking a physician.
280	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes public hearing on SCR 1. Opens work session on SCR 1.
<u>SCR1 – WORK SESSION</u>		
283	Sen. Kruse	MOTION: Moves SCR 1 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
285		VOTE: 3-0-2
	Chair Monnes Anderson	EXCUSED: 2 – Sen. Courtney, Sen. George
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. BROWN AND SEN. WINTERS will lead discussion on the floor.
305	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes work session on SCR 1. Opens public hearing on SB 225.
<u>SB 225 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
308	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes public hearing on SB 225. Opens work session on SB 225.
<u>SB 225 – WORK SESSION</u>		
312	Sen. Kruse	MOTION: Moves SB 225 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
320		VOTE: 3-0-2
	Chair Monnes Anderson	EXCUSED: 2 – Sen. Courtney, Sen. George
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. KRUSE will lead discussion on the floor.
320	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes work session on SB 225. Opens informational meeting.
<u>TREATMENT ISSUES WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION DISORDERS</u>		
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
350	David Pollack	Medical Director, Oregon Mental Health and Addiction Services. Submits and presents written testimony (EXHIBIT A).
405	Pollack	Begins reviewing slide presentation on Biological Aspects of Mental and Addiction Disorders:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Causes • Some Disorders have biological causes
450	Pollack	Continues discussing Biological aspects:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Consequences
TAPE 9, A		
020	Pollack	Continues discussing biological aspects.
040	Pollack	Explains how many disorders interact with other illnesses.
070	Pollack	Explains the impact of disorders is more important than the causes.
085	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Asks to give examples of some of the disorders that more important than others.
090	Pollack	Explains how they condensed a list of psychiatric illnesses and provided of example illnesses that are on the list.
100	Sen. Kruse	Asks how many are covered under the federal mandate.
105	Pollack	Asks if he means Medicaid.

106	Sen. Kruse Pollack	Affirms. Explains that the federal mandate is not specifically related to diagnoses and is for disabled and poverty level families.
110	Sen. Kruse	Clarifies question. Refers to the list of diagnoses that Pollack explained and asks how many of the illnesses were covered by the federal mandate.
115	Pollack	Answers that federal mandate does not require mental health so none are covered.
120	Pollack	Discusses parity for mental illness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins discussion of how mental illness is prevalent and cause significant suffering • Explains how mental illness is costly • Psychiatric Knowledge Base • Treatment Works...But Barriers are Significant • Impact of lack of parity in Oregon • How Parity May Help
195	Pollack	Continues discussing parity for mental illness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parity cost less than feared • Arguments against parity are based on misunderstanding • Most states have parity laws
235	Pollack	Summarizes and concludes.
245	Jeffrey Marotta	Department of Human Services. Submits and presents written testimony (EXHIBIT C).
250	Marotta	Begins discussion on Problem Gambling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gambling in Oregon is Growing • Gives overview of statistics • Popularity at all time high
300	Marotta	Continues discussion on problem gambling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Gamblers, more problem gamblers • Oregon's Legislative Responses to Problem Gambling • A public health concern
390	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks to compare statistics of public health concerns with problem gambling to effects of alcoholism. Also asks to compare the number of problem gamblers to alcoholics population
400	Pollock	Believes that it is five to seven percent of the population.
405	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments relation of alcohol and gambling issues.
415	Marotta	Reports on the last study performed on the percentage of problem gambling.
TAPE 8, B		
010	Marotta	Continues discussing problem gambling services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public health concern • System components
030	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks if gambling treatment is covered by insurance
035	Marotta	Remarks that it is generally not included.
040	Chair	Asks how problem gambling fits into mental health parity and

047	Marotta	asks, if possible, to compare statistics from other states. Answers that gambling addiction until only recently has been acknowledged as a medical addiction. Explains that most states and most insurance companies do not cover this problem. Reports that 17 other states offer help and is funded by their state lottery. Adds that 30 percent of Oregon revenue is generated from state lottery.
065	Chair Monnes	Asks to clarify that 30 percent of Oregon revenue comes from lottery are due to those addicted to gambling.
070	Marotta	Clarifies that the 30 percent is the percentage of lottery revenue that comes from problem gamblers. Also compares percentages of revenue generated internationally.
080	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if the funding is separated from tribal versus state lottery, or if they are mixed
085	Marotta	Gives reports of tribal and state lottery funds.
100	Sen. Morrisette	Asks the witness if lottery is justified.
115	Marotta	Explains there is no bottom line, or easy solution. Notes trying to create a more balanced approach, make games less addictive and provide more education to the public.
135	Marotta	Continues discussing problem gambling services:
150	Berkobien	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System components Asking for number women versus men incarcerated for gambling addiction.
155	Marotta	Answers that he does not have data for Oregon. Nationally, more men have gambling problems and that more males than females are in jail.
165	Marotta	Continues discussing problem gambling services:
185	Chair Monnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed evaluation for Marion County • Reviewed chart for new enrollments. Asks how the number of enrollments compares to alcohol and addiction.
190	Marotta	Defers to Pollack.
195	Pollack	Believes that it is vastly more; up to ten times more.
198	Marotta	Continues discussing problem gambling services:
270	Sen. Morrisette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews enrollment trends • Reviews client demographics • Consequences of gambling • System evaluation results Asks what the maximum amount of money should be spent for online gaming.
285	Marotta	Addresses concerns of online games relating to an increase of problem gamblers and increase revenue.
335	Marotta	Summarizes and concludes.
355	Sen. Kruse	MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow SEN. COURTNEY AND SEN. GEORGE to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on the MOTION: Moves SCR 1 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation and MOTION: Moves SB 225 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
358	Chair Monnes	Closes informational meeting. Opens work session on SB 225

Anderson
SCR 1 – WORK SESSION
360

Chair Anderson

VOTE: 5-0-0

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. BROWN AND SEN. WINTERS will lead discussion on
the floor.**

360 Chair Monnes
Anderson

Closes work session on SCR 1. Opens work session on SB 225

SB 225 – WORK SESSION
375

**Chair Monnes
Anderson**

VOTE: 5-0-0

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. KRUSE will lead discussion on the floor.**

375 Chair Monnes
Anderson

Closes work session on SB 225. Resumes informational
meeting.

PROBLEM GAMBLING SERVICES INFORMATIONAL MEETING

375 Chair Monnes
Anderson

Comments on range of ages of gambling and growing addiction.

385 Sen. George

Asks if there encouragement for problem gamblers to return to
the program again if they encounter gambling addiction again.
Affirms.

393 Marotta

395 Sen. George

Asks to address “addictive rhythm” in games.

400 Marotta

Explains how the “addictive rhythm” feature and other addictive
features are used in games.

430 Pollack

Reports on recent study on problem gamblers and chemical
dependency.

435 Sen. George

Comments on ads about gambling. Asks if people feel good
about “contributing to Oregon.”

465 Pollock

Explains characteristics of addiction, and if they do feel that way,
they are rationalizing and justification of behavior.

TAPE 9, B

040 Sen. George

Asks if people become addicted because of the amount of the pay
out from the game.

050 Marotta

Explains that games are designed to make money and the
ultimate level of payout. Comments on how games on built on
virtual wheel and how it is deceptive.

080 Chair

Summarizes and concludes. Comments that no meeting will be
held on Wednesday. Closes informational meeting. Adjourns
meeting at 2:34 PM.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SCR 1, written testimony, Sen. Kate Brown, 1 p**
- B. SCR 1, written testimony, Barbara Roberts, 2 pp**
- C. Treatment Issues with Mental Health and Addiction Disorders, slide presentation, David Pollack, 9 pp**
- D. Problem Gambling Services, slide presentation, Jeffrey Marotta, 4 pp**
- E. Problem Gambling Services, fact sheet, Jeffrey Marotta, 3 pp**
- F. Problem Gambling Services, written testimony, Jeffrey Marotta, 5 pp**
- G. Problem Gambling Services, report, Jeffrey Marotta, 4 pp**