

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

February 25, 2005
1:30 P.M.

Location: Gresham, Bruning Center
Tapes 24 - 26

Corrected 9/29/2005

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Gary George**

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

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 450 – Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 460 – Public Hearing and Work Session
Update and Overview of Healthcare Workforce Initiatives – Informational Meeting
Overview of Oregon Nursing Leadership Council – Informational Meeting
Update on the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education – Informational Meeting
Improving the Practice Environment – Informational Meeting
The public will be invited to testify on issues of the healthcare workforce – Public Hearing

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 24, A		
003	Chair Monnes Anderson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 450.
<u>SB 450 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
015	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Explains the bill and introduces the -5 amendments (EXHIBIT A).
035	Sen. Rick Metsger	Senate District 25. Testifies in support of SB 450 with -5 amendments.
090	Scott Gallant	Oregon Medical Association. Testifies in opposition to SB 450 with the -5 amendments.
130	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments on the intent of the bill and how a circulating nurse will not need to be present during minor surgeries.
135	Gallant	Further explains concerns in the bill and definitions needed.
150	Martin Taylor	Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). Clarifies Gallant's concerns.
180	Sen. Kruse	Clarifies that a Spinal Tap procedure would not be covered under conscious sedation.
185	Taylor	Defers to healthcare professionals to confirm.
195	Sen. Kruse	Comments that he supports the intent of the bill and would like to speak to healthcare professionals for more clarity.
203	Taylor	Notes that no one has testified who work in operating rooms that do not already use a Circulating Nurse. Comments on the

220	Sen. Kruse	exception with Oregon. Comments on Type A and Type B hospitals and that they are already struggling with a staffing shortage. Comments on need to have appropriate language and definitions.
230	Taylor	Discusses ONA's thoughts on the exceptions of the bill to please everyone involved.
240	Gallant	Reads New Mexico's law relating to Circulating Nurses.
250	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments on New Mexico's law and the intent of SB 450.
258	Jo Bell	Director, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. Testifies in support of the SB 450 and the -5 amendments, but adds the need for further clarification for smaller facilities. Comments on whether or not quality of care needs to be addressed with legislative measures.
275	Sen. Morrisette	Comments on Gallants remarks regarding New Mexico's statute for Circulating Nurses.
282	Bell	Clarifies Sen. Morrisette's comments.
285	Sen. Morrisette	Comments on what happened in New Mexico.
286	Bell	States that she does not know any more about New Mexico's statute.

SB 450 – WORK SESSION

293 Sen. Kruse **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 450A-5 amendments dated 2/23/05.**

294 **VOTE: 4-0-1**
EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. George
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

Chair Monnes
Anderson
295 Sen. Kruse
Comments on Gallant's concerns and would like them to be further addressed in the House of Representatives.

295 Sen. Kruse **MOTION: Moves SB 450A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**

325 **VOTE: 4-0-1**
EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. George
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. MONNES ANDERSON will lead discussion on the floor.

325 Chair Monnes
Anderson
Closes work session on SB 450 and opens a public hearing on SB 460.

SB 460 – PUBLIC HEARING

340 Rick Berkobien Explains the bill. Introduces -3 amendments (**EXHIBIT B**) and the -1 amendments to SB 460 (**EXHIBIT C**).

350 Martin Taylor Oregon Nurses Association. Testifies in support of SB 460 with -3 amendments.

355 Sen. Kruse Asks if the -3 amendments restore the original language of the bill

360 Taylor Responds, yes. Explains the impact of the -3 amendments.

TAPE 25, A

005 Chair Monnes
Anderson Comments on deletion of page 2 from the -3 amendments.

015 Taylor Verifies that it was a mistake.

020 Chair Monnes
Anderson Comments that the -1 amendment is the same as the -3 amendment other than the mistake in the -3 amendments.

030 Taylor Comments that he never saw the -1 amendments.

040 Chair Monnes Stands at ease for witness to look over the -1 amendments.

041	Anderson Chair Monnes	Resumes meeting.
045	Anderson Tom Holt	Oregon Pharmacy Association. Clarifies that the -1 amendments restores all the original language of bill, but notes that on page three (3), line seven (7), the word “certified” needs to be inserted before “clinical.”
050	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 460.
<u>SB 460 – WORK SESSION</u>		
065	Sen. Kruse	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 460A-1 amendments dated 2/24/05 and that the measure be FURTHER AMENDED by inserting "Certified" before "Clinical" on page three, line seven.
073	Sen. Courtney	Comments on mistake by Legislative Counsel Office.
078	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments on typo omission.
082		VOTE: 4-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. George Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
086	Chair Monnes Anderson Sen. Kruse	MOTION: Moves SB 460A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
089		VOTE: 4-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. George Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. KRUSE will lead discussion on the floor.
100	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes work session on SB 460 and opens an informational meeting on the update and overview for healthcare workforce initiatives.

**HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INITIATIVES, UPDATE AND OVERVIEW FOR -
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

130	Jo Bell	Director, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. Submits and presents slide presentation on the Oregon Healthcare Workforce (EXHIBIT D).
170	Bell	Continues to discuss slide presentation on Oregon’s Healthcare Workforce, page three (3) of EXHIBIT C.
215	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks if the Community College Healthcare Action Plan commission meet on a regular basis.
217	Bell	Explains how the commission is set up and how often they meet.
220	Bell	Continues discussing the slide presentation on Oregon’s Healthcare Workforce.
230	Molly Moore	Coordinator, Governor’s Healthcare Workforce Initiative. Continues discussing slide presentation, page four (4) of EXHIBIT C.
300	Moore	Discusses key elements of the Governor’s Healthcare Workforce.
313	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks if the simulation labs will be able to have a wireless connection or broadband is the only option.
320	Moore	Clarifies that the Broadband connection is the only option for now.
325	Moore	Continues discussing key elements of the Governor’s Healthcare

350 Moore Workforce Initiative.
 375 Sen. Kruse Discusses Simulation Alliance.
 380 Moore Asks how much one simulation lab costs.
 400 Moore Answers that it varies from \$24,000 to \$50,000.
 Comments on Oregon being a national model for the simulation lab program.

TAPE 24, B

003 Sen. Morrisette Asks the witnesses if they have data for how many students are on the waiting list for nursing programs in the state of Oregon.
 005 Moore States that she does not have that data.
 007 Chair Monnes Interjects that she has the data and provides it for the committee.
 Anderson
 010 Sen. Morrisette States that the data is only for two colleges and wants to know data for the entire state of Oregon and how many people are being turned away.
 015 Bell Comments on problems with collecting that kind of data.
 020 Sen. Morrisette Comments on the problem of the healthcare shortage and the need of that kind of data.
 030 Sen. Kruse Comments on a ratio that he heard regarding the healthcare shortage.
 033 Sen. Morrisette States that he would like total number. Expresses need to solve problem.
 035 Sen. Kruse Comments on having to address the issue of coordinating the information before the data can be collected.
 040 Chair Monnes Closes informational meeting on the update and overview of healthcare workforce initiatives and opens an informational meeting on overview of Oregon Nursing Leadership Council.
 Anderson

OREGON NURSING LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, OVERVIEW OF – INFORMATIONAL MEETING

045 Kristine Campbell Executive Director, Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN). Submits and presents slide presentation on Nursing leadership in Oregon (**EXHIBIT E**) and a fact sheet on the OCN (**EXHIBIT F**).
 100 Campbell Continues discussing nursing leadership in Oregon.
 150 Campbell Continues discussing nursing leadership in Oregon.
 170 Sen. Morrisette Comments on information on slide presentation.
 180 Campbell Clarifies that the graph shows students who have graduated.
 190 Campbell Discusses promoting a facility career.
 200 Campbell Discusses successes for the Oregon Center for Nursing.
 260 Sen. Morrisette Asks to clarify whether the statistic is referring to only Oregon or Nationally that there will be a 15,000 nurse shortage by 2025.
 265 Campbell Responds, Oregon.
 268 Sen. Morrisette Asks if she know the current shortage.
 273 Campbell Offers to return information to the committee.
 280 Campbell Discusses the different shortages. Continues discussing nursing shortage.
 295 Sen. Morrisette Asks Campbell if nurses with Associate of Arts (AA) degree are included in the graph.
 300 Campbell Answers that they are included because they are considered registered nurses.
 305 Sen. Morrisette Asks how many just have an AA degree and asks to confirm that a higher education is needed to be a nurse practitioner.
 320 Campbell Confirms that a Bachelors degree is needed to be a nurse practitioner.
 322 Sen. Morrisette Speculates that to fill the workforce shortage for nurse practitioners, an AA degree would suffice most of the time.

323	Campbell	Affirms statement. States that 60 percent of nurses have an AA degree and 40 percent have a Bachelors degree.
325	Sen. Morrisette	Confirms that the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) only offer the nurses program as a Bachelors degree.
327	Campbell	Affirms and adds that they offer a graduate program as well.
328	Sen. Morrisette	Notes then that most of the community colleges and the hospitals offer the AA degree.
329	Campbell	Confirms. States that there are four (4) Bachelors degree programs in Oregon and list who offers the program.
330	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments that Paula Gubrud, Dean of Allied Health, Mt. Hood Community College, was discussing how the two year program will blend into the four year program.
335	Campbell	Discusses solutions to retain nurses trained in Oregon.
390	Campbell	Summarizes and concludes.

TAPE 25, B

The following was submitted for the record without public testimony:

	Denise Honzel	Director, Oregon Center for Health Professions, Oregon Institute of Technology. Submits written testimony on Allied Health Education. (EXHIBIT G) .
004	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes informational meeting on overview of Oregon Nursing Leadership Council and opens an informational meeting on an update on the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education.

OREGON CONSORTIUM FOR NURSING EDUCATION, UPDATE ON THE – INFORMATIONAL MEETING

005	Louise Shores	Project Director, Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). Introduces herself.
010	Chris Tanner	Professor, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). Discusses previous testimony of Kristine Campbell, Executive Director, Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) and resources being used to address the shortage of nurses.
040	Paula Gubrud	Dean, Allied Health, Mount Hood Community College. Discusses current locations of consortium for Nursing. Also discusses future goals for the simulation labs.
050	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks how many community colleges have a simulation lab.
053	Gubrud	Answers nine (9) of the fourteen (14). Discusses methods of creating partnerships.
075	Tanner	Adds to discussion of creating partnerships.
095	Gubrud	Comments on the funds created to build the Bruning Center.
100	Tanner	Discusses accomplishments to date.
120	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks when the new curriculum will be in place among all of the schools.
125	Tanner	Answers that the 2006 new students will start the curriculum and will graduate in 2008. Continues discussing accomplishments.
140	Tanner	Discusses what OCNE needs from the state.
145	Gubrud	Adds to discussion of OCNE needs.
150	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments on the programs. Closes the informational meeting on the update on the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education and opens an informational meeting on improving the practice environment.

IMPROVING THE PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT – INFORMATIONAL MEETING

170	Sue Davidson	Assistant Executive Director, Oregon Nurses Association
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		(ONA). Submits and presents slide presentation on improving the practice environment (EXHIBIT H).
200	Davidson	Discusses nurse staffing.
260	Davidson	Discusses ONA approach to solve nurse staffing issues.
300	Davidson	Reports on instances of unsafe staffing, no rest breaks and mandatory overtime.
315	Davidson	Discusses ONA's focus and approach to nurse staffing.
375	Davidson	Continues discussion on the ONA's focus and approach to nurse staffing.
395	Davidson	Summarizes and concludes.
410	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes informational meeting on improving the practice environment and opens a public hearing for the public to testify on issues on the healthcare workforce.

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INITIATIVES, UPDATE AND OVERVIEW OF – PUBLIC HEARING

425	Andrew Carter	Bi-Mart Corporation. Submits and presents statistics on the Oregon Board of Pharmacy (EXHIBIT I). Comments on shortage of pharmacies within Bi-Mart.
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TAPE 26, A

030	Carter	Discusses shortage of pharmacies in rural areas.
045	Carter	Urges support for the University schooling of pharmacy.
060	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Discusses article about increase in Asian population in America and asks if that is still a current trend.
063	Carter	States that it was in the past. Comments that current students attending pharmacy schooling are second career Oregonians. Explains the decrease in international students.
080	Scott Forrester	Citizen, Gresham, OR. Discusses concern over unionized healthcare workforce.
120	Forrester	Urges committee to hold discussion on healthcare workforce until the new master plan is released for the mental health. Addresses concerns relating to quality of care related to the workforce.
145	Forrester	Refers to Governor's Mental Health Task Force plan and states his concerns.
150	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments on the high cost of the state hospital and efforts to try to establish more community housing centers.
155	Forrester	States that Service Employees International Union (SEIU) is concerned about the possibility of jeopardizing union jobs.
165	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes public hearing and adjourns meeting at 3:52 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SB 450, proposed -1 amendment, staff, 1 p**
- B. SB 460, proposed -3 amendment, staff, 3 pp**
- C. SB 460, proposed -1 amendment, staff, 3 pp**
- D. Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Update and Overview of, PowerPoint presentation, Jo Bell, 10 pp**
- E. Oregon Nursing Leadership Council, Overview of, PowerPoint presentation, Kristine Campbell, 5 pp**
- F. Oregon Nursing Leadership Council, Overview of, fact sheet, Kristine Campbell, 1 p**
- G. Oregon Nursing Leadership Council, Overview of, written testimony, Denise Honzel, 2 pp**
- H. Improving the Practice Environment, PowerPoint presentation, Sue Davidson, 7 pp**

I. Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Update and Overview of, statistics, Andrew Carter, 1 p