

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

March 03, 2005
3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room D
Tapes 28 - 29

Corrected 10/25/05

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Bill Morrisette, Chair**
 Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Rick Metsger
 Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson
 Sen. Charles Starr

STAFF PRESENT: **Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator**
 Dawn Tusso, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

Pharmaceutical Industry Assistance Programs - Informational Meeting
SB 329 – Public Hearing
SB 553 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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 28, A		
003	Chair Morrisette	Calls the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Opens informational meeting on Pharmaceutical Industry Assistance Programs.
<u>PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
015	Jim Gardner	Oregon Council, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). Submits a summary report on patient access fairs (EXHIBIT A). Talks about free pharmaceutical drug programs. Discusses how the changes of the Oregon Health Plan affected the growth of the free pharmaceutical drug program. Talks about the rate of growth of participation in the program. Mentions legislation that will engage the state in a new way of networking agencies in getting individuals connected with the free pharmaceutical drug program. Says the program is serving approximately 100,000 Oregonians right now.
097	Chair Morrisette	Refers to report (EXHIBIT A). Agrees that there was a lot of participation by legislators around the state.
105	Don Stecher	Associate Director, Government Affairs, Novartis Pharmaceuticals and Chair, PhRMA Taskforce. Mentions website: www.healthyoregon.org . Talks about efforts to improve access to affordable pharmaceutical drugs. Mentions the number of requests for information on the program. Talks about a call center component which will offer bilingual help.
180	Anne Tweedt	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Submits written testimony and brochure (EXHIBIT B). Talks about the Together Rx Access program.
225	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks question regarding the Together Rx Access program.
230	Tweedt	Replies that some manufacturers are not represented in the program.
237	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks follow-up question.
243	Tweedt	Replies that once you have the card, it is purely a transaction at the retail level.
256	Chair Morrisette	Closes informational meeting and opens public hearing on SB 329.
<u>SB 329 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
259	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SB 329.
273	Rep. Mitch Greenlick	Represents House District 33. Testifies in support of SB 329. Talks

383 Sen. Kruse about SB 875 from the 2003 legislative session. Talks about concerns. Asks if the workgroup should be re-formed to look at options before moving SB 329.

410 Rep. Greenlick Says that, if the legislature met in even number years, then 2006 might be a better legislative session to deal with SB 329 but feels that 2007 is too far away to wait. Says he would be happy to participate in a workgroup.

TAPE 29, A

009 Sen. Kruse Prefers that, if we move in a direction, we do so in a collaborative way, not an adversarial way.

012 Erinn Kelley-Siel Health and Human Services Policy Advisor, Governor Kulongoski's Office. Testifies in support of SB 329.

046 Chair Morrisette Appreciates the continued support of Governor Kulongoski.

052 Bruce Goldberg Administrator, Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research. Testifies in support of SB 329.

131 Sen. Monnes Anderson Asks what kind of application process the patient would go through.

135 Goldberg Replies that the application is a one page form.

144 Sen. Monnes Anderson Asks how the income level is checked.

146 Goldberg Replies that they do not verify the information on all of the applications but that they will be auditing the forms.

150 Rick Bennett AARP-OR. Testifies in support of SB 329. Submits a brochure and written testimony on behalf of Jerry Cohen (**EXHIBIT C**).

232 Tim Nesbitt President, Oregon AFL-CIO. Testifies in support of SB 329.

325 Lynn Lundquist President, Oregon Business Association. Testifies in support of SB 329. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT D**).

400 Channah Pastorious Beaverton resident. Testifies in support of SB 329. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT E**).

TAPE 28, B

020 Chair Morrisette Asks about the lottery.

022 Pastorious Explains.

027 Chair Morrisette Asks how long it lasts.

028 Pastorious Replies that she does not know how long it lasts.

030 Joy Wilman Oregonians for Health Security. Testifies in support of SB 329.

055 Joe Mahoney Citizen. Testifies in support of SB 329. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT F**).

150 Phillip Kennedy Wong Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 329.

192 Maribeth Healey Executive Director, Oregonians for Health Security. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT G**). Submits written testimony on behalf of Kathy Karppinen (**EXHIBIT H**). Testifies in support of SB 329. Asks for consideration to amend SB 329.

305 Chair Morrisette Announces that the committee will hear SB 553 today but does not plan to move SB 329 today. Says there is a collaborative effort going on regarding SB 329. Reports on the status of SB 623, SB 418, and SB 419.

355 Jim Gardner Oregon Council, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). Testifies in opposition to SB 329. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT I**).

TAPE 29, B

005 Gardner Continues testimony on SB 329. Mentions SB 598.

052 Chair Morrisette Asks question regarding testimony.

054 Gardner Responds.

The following prepared testimony is submitted for the record without public testimony:

Tom Holt Submits written testimony on SB 329 (**EXHIBIT J**).

060 Chair Morrisette Closes public hearing on SB 329 and opens a public hearing on SB 553.

SB 553 – PUBLIC HEARING

069 Chair Morrisette Closes public hearing on SB 553 and opens work session on SB 553.

SB 553 – WORK SESSION

070	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SB 553. Mentions the -1 amendments (EXHIBIT K).
080	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 553-1 amendments dated 03/01/05.
083		VOTE: 5-0-0
	Chair Morrisette	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
085	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 553 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-1-0
		AYE: 4 - Sen. Metsger, Sen. Monnes Anderson, Sen. C. Starr, Sen. Morrisette
		NAY: 1 - Sen. Kruse
	Chair Morrisette	The motion Carries.
		SEN. MORSE will lead discussion on the floor.
090	Chair Morrisette	Closes work session on SB 553 and adjourns meeting at 4:42 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs, informational handout, Jim Gardner, 35 pp
- B. Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs, brochure and written testimony, Anne Tweedt, 21 pp
- C. SB 329, brochure and written testimony, Rick Bennett, 6 pp
- D. SB 329, written testimony, Lynn Lundquist, 1 p
- E. SB 329, written testimony, Channah Pastorious, 1 p
- F. SB 329, written testimony, Joe Mahoney, 1 p
- G. SB 329, written testimony, Maribeth Healey, 2 pp
- H. SB 329, written testimony, Maribeth Healey, 1 p
- I. SB 329, written testimony, Jim Gardner, 2 pp
- J. SB 329, written testimony, Tom Holt, 1 p
- K. SB 553, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p