

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

April 21, 2005
3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room D
Tapes 66 - 67

Corrected 10/03/2005

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**
 Brittany Kenison, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
 Update on the Governor's Oregon Pioneer Prescription Drug Project -
 Informational Meeting
 SB 1026 – 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.

<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 66, A		
004	Chair Morrisette	Calls the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Opens an informational meeting on the update on the Governor's Oregon Pioneer Prescription Drug Project.
<u>UPDATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S OREGON PIONEER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROJECT – INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
017	Bruce Goldberg	Administrator, Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research. Submits and presents an informational sheet regarding the sale of prescription drugs in Canada (EXHIBIT A).
075	Chair Morrisette	Asks about evidence based findings published from the Oregon Health and Science University and if the United States would follow guidelines.
080	Goldberg	Responds that only the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs would be imported.
087	Erinn Kelley-Siel	Advisor, Governor's Health and Human Services. Submits a letter by Gov. Theodore Kulongoski to Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Health and Human Services (EXHIBIT B) and a chart comparing prescription drug prices between the United States and Canada (EXHIBIT C).
150	Chair Morrisette	Asks Goldberg to clarify that prescription drugs would be transported from the warehouses in Canada to warehouses in Oregon.
154	Goldberg	Responds.
160	Chair Morrisette	States his understanding of importing drugs. Asks if medications would be imported directly from Canada to an Oregon pharmacy.
169	Goldberg	Explains the procedure.
177	Kelley-Siel	Discusses her visit to a pharmacy warehouse in Wilsonville, Oregon.

185	Berkobien	Asks if a mail order process could be implemented.
192	Goldberg	Answers question.
202	Chair Morrisette	Verifies that it would be up to each pharmacy to participate in that program.
208	Goldberg	Affirms.
211	Chair Morrisette	Closes the informational meeting on the update on the Governor's Oregon Pioneer Prescription Drug Project. Opens a public hearing on SB 1026.

SB 1026 – PUBLIC HEARING

215	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Explains the bill.
225	Sen. Charles Starr	Senate District 13. Submits and presents written testimony of Bill Hansell, Umatilla County Commissioner, in support of SB 1026 (EXHIBIT D). Testifies in support of SB 1026.
303	Chair Morrisette	Comments on testimony heard during the 2003 legislative session.
325	Irv Fletcher	Citizen, Woodburn, Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1026.
350	Courtnei Dresser	American Cancer Society. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 1026 (EXHIBIT E).
400	Dresser	Continues to testify in support of SB 1026.
415	Chair Morrisette	Refers to EXHIBIT E, paragraph three (3), sentence three (3). Asks Dresser to clarify the time period used for the data.
420	Dresser	Answers, annual. Elaborates on data.

TAPE 67, A

006	Chair Morrisette	Asks Dresser to verify data between the number of deaths of prostate cancer versus breast cancer.
008	Dresser	Answers question.
015	Chair Morrisette	Verifies data.
016	Dresser	Re-clarifies data.
020	Chair Morrisette	Asks if there is data for those who survive prostate cancer.
024	Dresser	Responds.
025	Chair Morrisette	Comments on data regarding death rates and those diagnosed with prostate and breast cancer.
030	Sen. C. Starr	States appreciation to Dresser for mentioning a former State Senator.
040	John Powell	Regence BlueCross BlueShield - Oregon. Testifies without a stated position to SB 1026.
050	Chair Morrisette	Clarifies that Regence BlueCross BlueShield covers the prostate exam.
053	Powell	Answer, yes. Remarks that most insurance companies should cover the exam as well.
054	Chair Morrisette	Asks if SB 1026 is necessary if the exam is current practice.
058	Powell	Responds.
060	Chair Morrisette	Asks Powell if SB 1026 would have would have an impact on Regence BlueCross BlueShield.
062	Powell	Responds, no.
064	Elise Brown	America's Health Insurance Plans. Testifies without a stated position to SB 1026. States that the exam is part of current procedure with most health plans.
070	Powell	Comments on the prostate-specific antigen test (PSA). Refers to line sixteen (16) of SB 1026. Comments on the intent of the language.
090	Sen. C. Starr	Asks Powell to explain lines thirteen (13), fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) of SB 1026 related to other insurance companies.
100	Powell	Responds.

120	Sen. Kruse	Asks Powell what an antigen test is.
123	Powell	Answers that it is the same as a PSA.
124	Sen. Kruse	Asks if the PSA is a blood test.
125	Powell	Affirms.
126	Sen. Kruse	Comments that the language in SB 1026 may be too specific. Questions the need to broaden the language to allow for changing technology.
136	Powell	Responds to Sen. Kruse's comment.
144	Sen. Kruse	Discusses the evolution of medical technology.
153	Powell	Comments on how insurance mandates and new technology.
180	Sen. Kruse	Comments on diagnostic testing and the intent of the bill. Asks Dresser to comment on evolving technology with insurance mandates.
190	Dresser	Remarks on the use of new technology. Comments that there would be enough time to amend the statute when needed.
210	Sen. Kruse	Comments on the removal of the sunset provision.
216	Dresser	States that the American Cancer Society will monitor the progress.
The following material is submitted for the record without public testimony:		
	Luther Fitch	Citizen, Hermiston, Oregon. Submits written testimony in support of SB 1026 (EXHIBIT F).
222	Chair Morrisette	States that SB 1026 will be carried over to allow for an amendment to delete the sunset provision. Comments on Powell's concerns. Closes the public hearing on SB 1026 and adjourns the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. Governor's Oregon Pioneer Prescription Drug Project, informational sheet, Bruce Goldberg, 2 pp**
- B. Governor's Oregon Pioneer Prescription Drug Project, letter from Governor Theodore Kulongoski, Erinn Kelley-Siel, 5 pp**
- C. Governor's Oregon Pioneer Prescription Drug Project, comparison chart, Erinn Kelley-Siel, 1 p**
- D. SB 1026, written testimony of Bill Hansell, Sen. Charles Starr, 1 p**
- E. SB 1026, written testimony, Courtni Dresser, 2 pp**
- F. SB 1026, written testimony, Luther Fitch, 2 pp**