

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

May 04, 2005
5:00 P.M.

Hearing Room B
Tapes 55 - 62

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Kate Brown, Chair**
 Sen. Jason Atkinson
 Sen. Charlie Ringo
 Sen. Frank Shields

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Vice-Chair**

VISITING MEMBERS: **Sen. Alan Bates**
 Sen. Avel Gordly
 Sen. Frank Morse
 Sen. Ben Westlund

STAFF PRESENT: **Tiffany Harris, Committee Administrator**
 Patricia Nielsen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:
 SB 1000 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 55, A		
005	Chair Brown	Calls the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Opens work session for approval of requests for drafting and introduction.
<u>APPROVAL OF DRAFTING REQUESTS AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEASURES – WORK SESSION</u>		
010	Chair Brown	MOTION: Moves drafting requests 1 through 4 be approved for drafting by Legislative Counsel and introduction as committee bills (EXHIBIT A).
045		VOTE: 4-0-1 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
	Chair Brown	EXCUSED: 1 – Ferrioli The motion CARRIES.
060	Chair Brown	Closes work session for drafting and introductions. Opens public hearing on SB 1000.
<u>SB 1000 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
115	Chair Brown	Makes opening remarks.
140	Mary Oberst	First Lady of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B).
160	David Heynderickx	Legislative Counsel. Presents overview of SB 1000. Discusses specific sections and how statutes are amended. Explains how protections are afforded in areas of employment, fair housing, and public accommodations. Discusses efforts to alleviate discrimination.
185	Heynderickx	Continues and discusses aspects of civil unions.
245	Heynderickx	Continues and explains how SB 1000 is affected by federal law.

250	Chair Brown	Asks if rabbis or clergy must perform civil unions against their will.
255	Heynderickx	Explains it is voluntary, the same as with marriage.
275	Sen. Shields	Comments as a clergyman he was never forced to perform a marriage ceremony.
280	Heynderickx	Confirms no minister must perform ceremonies against his or her will. Discusses discretion of clergy.
285	Chair Brown	Clarifies the constitution would protect clergy's right to decline.
290	Heynderickx	Confirms.
295	Chair Brown	Asks about procedure for dissolution of a civil union.
300	Heynderickx	Explains it is governed by same statutes as dissolution of marriage. Adds dissolutions of domestic partnerships are treated the same.
315	Sen. Shields	Refers to page 14, section 23, subsection 3. Asks how bill addresses religion in terms of non-discrimination.
320	Heynderickx	Responds religion has always been one of the protected categories and the bill does not change those protections.
330	Sen. Shields	Refers to line 32 restricting a governing body from holding a meeting in a place where discrimination on the basis of religion is practiced.
340	Heynderickx	Explains it was one place religion was left out of the public meetings law. Confirms some amendments are possible to clarify statutory sections.
360	Randall Edwards	State Treasurer. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Discusses need to extend basic rights to all citizens.
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025	Sam Adams	Portland City Council. Testifies in support of SB 1000.
055	Sen. Frank Morse	District 8. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Discusses diversity of convictions of Oregonians. Suggests there is a place for love in Oregon's public policy.
145	Sen. Charles Starr	District 13. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Suggests sexual orientation is a behavior and homosexuality is a mental disorder. Argues civil unions should not be added to statute and made equal to marriage. Argues homosexuality should not be a protected status. Urges the legislature to listen to the vote of the people.
255	Sen. C. Starr	Continues and questions the need for employment non-discrimination protection. Discusses religious exemption clause.
300	Rep. Dennis Richardson	District 4. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Distinguishes between discrimination against what a person is and what a person does. Suggests the bill perpetuates discrimination but carves out special rights for some. Refers to Ballot Measure 36. Suggests civil benefits can be provided without this measure. Suggests HB 3476 is the better answer.
390	Sen. Ringo	Refers to experience with sisters evicted because of suspected lesbian status.
405	Rep. Richardson	Acknowledges hard cases but suggests it is bad policy to address specific examples.
410	Sen. Ringo	Suggests there is discrimination that is never reported. Suggests all people need protection.
420	Rep. Richardson	Agrees it is difficult but asserts the will of the people must be honored.

TAPE 55, B

005	Sen. Alan Bates	District 3. Comments about the psychiatric community changing determination of homosexuality away from a mental disorder.
020	Tootie Smith	Oregon Family Council. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT E) .
065	Kelly Clark	Attorney, Portland; represented Defense of Marriage Coalition in <u>Li v. Oregon</u> . Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Offers to answer questions.
090	Herbert Grey	Attorney. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT F) . Discusses issues debated in the case of <u>Li v. Oregon</u> . Argues against civil rights and civil unions proposed by the bill.
160	Chair Brown	Refers to restrictions on employer-provided pension benefits under federal law and asks whether a civil union is still the same as a marriage.
165	Grey	Responds SB 1000 does not affect federal law so the restrictions would stay in place.
170	Chair Brown	Asks whether he argued Measure 36 did not preclude civil unions.
175	Clark	Confirms.
180	Sen. Ringo	Recalls proponents of Measure 36 did not say civil unions were inappropriate.
185	Clark	Responds that though the Defense of Marriage Coalition and the Oregon Family Council did not take a position, personally he said he could support civil unions under certain circumstances.
190	Sen. Ringo	Asks if he supports the civil union portion of the bill.
195	Clark	Responds he neither supports nor opposes. Suggests considering benefits individually.
200	Sen. Shields	Refers to performing weddings as two-part service, including filing papers with a county (similar to a civil union) and then conducting a wedding ceremony in the church.
210	Clark	Questions when government and faith institutions join hands in marriage ceremonies. Defers to discuss.
225	Sen. Shields	Comments he could have just signed the document and returned it to the county, which would be like a civil union, and need not have performed a wedding at all.
235	Clark	Warns against the danger of having the government deciding for society what constitutes an acceptable union.
255	Sen. Ben Westlund	District 27. Reads letter of Jack Roberts into the record (EXHIBIT G) . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation is right because abuses are rare and the local ordinances are working • Gender discrimination may create more problems than it solves, and is already illegal under Oregon’s disability act
350	Sen. Westlund	Continues discussing civil unions. Cites <u>Tanner v. OHSU</u> (Oregon Health and Sciences University), an Oregon case about providing benefits to same-sex domestic partners. Explains same-sex domestic partners already enjoy benefits, but there is no standard to determine what constitutes a domestic partner and SB 1000 would define this by creating civil unions. Points out that a law creating civil unions would take away uncertainties which are now decided by the courts.
420	Mike Hollern	CEO and Chairman of the Board, Brooks Resources

Corporation, Bend. Discusses development of Bend since he moved there, and discusses how the Bend city council was asked to consider a similar ordinance. Argues passage is vital to the economic status of Oregon:

- Family wage jobs will bring best and brightest to Oregon
- Talent, technology and tolerance are key

TAPE 56, B

005	Hollern	Concludes and asks for support for the measure.
035	Thomas Little	Vermont, former chair of Vermont Judiciary Committee. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony and summary of frequently asked questions (EXHIBITS H, I). Discusses comparison of experiences in Vermont and Oregon.
080	Chair Brown	Asks if Vermont has non-discrimination laws based on sexual orientation.
085	Little	Affirms.
088	Chair Brown	Inquires about the negative effect on the state's business climate.
090	Little	Explains after a breaking-in and training period, there was no effect.
093	Chair Brown	Asks about frivolous lawsuits.
095	Little	Responds there have been none.
098	Chair Brown	Asks why so few people chose the reciprocal beneficiary option.
100	Little	Suggests two reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Too much focus on gay and lesbian couples and not enough on Vermonters who were not covered by civil union law because they were related, so a reciprocal beneficiary provision was added to the legislation• An attempt to substitute reciprocal beneficiary status for a civil union status was defeated on the floor of the House Suggests a family-type reciprocal beneficiary relationship is fundamentally different from a committed same-sex relationship and we must not try to fit both into the same legal structure.
125	Chair Brown	Refers to testimony establishing civil unions with a step-by-step approach.
130	Little	Responds there is no persuasive reason to do that. Explains Vermont did catalog mentions of marriage in statute, and could have made that analysis step-by-step, but parallel legal status was seen as a better alternative.
160	Chair Brown	Clarifies the gay and lesbian community saw it as a compromise.
165	Sen. Ringo	Asks about number of lawsuits under the anti-discrimination statute.
170	Little	Offers to return information to the Committee. Explains in his practice in Vermont, the bulk of case work involved housing discrimination against single women with children.
185	Sen. Ringo	Asks whether civil unions have weakened foundations of traditional marriage.
190	Little	Responds the statistical analysis of rate of marriage or divorce has not changed.
195	Sen. Bates	Comments over five years the social effect of the bill has been none. Asks how many civil unions have been entered into.
205	Little	Explains the number of licenses issued is six or seven thousand, and of those about one-third obtained a license in another state.
210	Chair Brown	Asks the population of Vermont.

212	Little	Responds 615,000.
215	Sen. Shields	Asks about having a basic civil union law and marriage above that.
220	Little	Explains it was raised in Vermont in two ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have one status, which was not popular • Get clergy out of the business of performing civil side of marriage or civil union; instead have couples obtain the civil side of paperwork at a local town hall, and then have a separate religious ceremony
255	Liz Cahill	Explains there was not enough time to explore. Teacher; veteran. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT J).
290	Diane Groff	Teacher, Milton-Freewater. Testifies in support of SB 1000.
365	Sen. Ringo	Explains how Ms. Cahill was not allowed to complete active military service and retire after 20 years.
390	Cahill	Explains it was something she missed.
400	Roey Thorpe	Basic Rights Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT K). Provides list of supporting businesses (EXHIBIT L). Discusses contradictory public statements regarding civil unions by Oregon Family Council and Defense of Marriage Coalition (EXHIBIT M). Refers to report of Vermont Civil Union Review Commission (EXHIBIT N). Submits petitions of supporters (EXHIBIT O). Provides written testimony of others in support of SB 1000 (EXHIBIT P).
TAPE 57, A		
045	Benjamin Clapa	Real estate broker. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Suggests there is no discrimination in the housing market. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT Q).
120	Ray Young	Pastor, East Hill Church administrator; former lawyer. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT R). Discusses problems with too much protection to certain segment of society. Suggests solving specific problems instead.
200	Donna Tabor	Portland realtor and landlord. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT S). Expresses concern that landlords would be faced with problem tenants, and could not evict some tenants based on sexual orientation.
265	Steve Scheidler	SurePower Industries. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT T). Suggests the bill will hurt Oregon businesses. Agrees discrimination is not proper, but new provisions might force employers to screen applicants more closely. Suggests public accommodations would be too onerous for employers. Argues health benefit plan would be difficult to provide.
385	Chair Brown	Asks if his health benefit plan is governed by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).
387	Scheidler	Answers he does not know.
390	Sen. Westlund	Explains most are, so he would not be required to provide health benefits to partners.
395	Chair Brown	Asks whether the city of Portland has an ordinance prohibiting housing discrimination.
400	Tabor	Confirms.
405	Sen. Shields	Asks if most people of faith oppose the bill.

410	Young	Responds majority of Christians consider homosexuality a sin. Expresses concern that the bill would not allow churches to exclude or dismiss people of homosexual identity.
420	Chair Brown	Asks whether his church is allowed to decline to hire someone who is not of the religious persuasion.
TAPE 58, A		
005	Young	Responds that is not the issue, and the church hires employees who are not members. Clarifies it is the homosexual behavior which is considered a sin.
010	Chair Brown	Asks about an employee cohabiting with a member of the opposite sex.
015	Young	Responds that would be moral failure and the employee would be disciplined or dismissed.
017	Sen. Shields	Asks about demographic of what people of faith think.
020	Young	Explains he thinks a majority of churches consider homosexual behavior a sin.
035	Dan Bryant	Pastor; Board President, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits press release (EXHIBIT U) . Explains support of Ecumenical Ministries Board.
105	David Hedelman	Minister, United Church of Christ. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT V) .
125	Ed Reeves	Management-labor employment attorney, Stoel Reeves. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT W) . Discusses employment issues addressed by the measure.
190	David Fidanque	American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT X) .
264	Chair Brown	Asks whether the Portland city ordinance applies to Portland landlords now.
266	Reeves	Confirms.
267	Chair Brown	Asks whether SB 1000 adds any significant legal obligations.
268	Reeves	Replies it does not.
269	Chair Brown	Asks why <u>Tanner v. OHSU</u> is inadequate to provide protection.
274	Reeves	Explains that holding is limited to the facts of that case and has not been expanded.
287	Chair Brown	Clarifies that he does not have any concerns regarding legal or fiscal impact of SB 1000 on employers.
289	Reeves	Confirms.
293	Fidanque	Comments that the potential of litigation against churches has not materialized into a single complaint.
302	Chair Brown	Comments that there are other cities with similar ordinances.
307	Sen. Shields	Comments that Reverend Young asserted churches or religious organizations cannot act in accordance with strongly-held beliefs.
324	Reeves	Replies no, because there is a statutory prohibition as to sincerely-held religious beliefs, and also the Constitution supports freedom of religion.
330	Fidanque	Agrees.
334	Sen. Shields	Asks about support among different people of faith.
340	Bryant	Responds that there is almost no opposition among the Board of Directors of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Continues a majority of Oregonians support civil unions and the Christian community is vastly changing in its outlook on homosexuality.

352	Hedelman	Comments that the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to stand against legislation that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation.
365	Sen. Shields	Believes that it is important information to have on the record.
385	Milo Thornberry	Pastor, United Methodist Church, Bend, Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT Y) .
TAPE 57, B		
020	Jennifer Burleton	Beaverton. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT Z) . Explains need for public accommodation.
085	Brian Rohter	New Seasons Market. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT AA) .
135	Gloria Holland Smith	Retired teacher; Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) mom. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT BB) .
210	Nicholas Graham	Oregon Family Council. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT CC) . Argues there is no statistical evidence of widespread discrimination.
345	Michael Howden	Stronger Families for Oregon. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT DD) .
425	Jean Nelson	Corvallis, Oregon. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT EE) . Discusses importance of protecting monogamy in society.
TAPE 58, B		
005	Jean Nelson	Summarizes and concludes.
050	Charles Nelson	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT FF) .
085	Chair Brown	Asks if he agrees that Measure 36 does not preclude civil unions.
095	Graham	Responds civil unions in this structure did not exist when the case was argued. Disagrees.
100	Chair Brown	Clarifies whether his organization told voters that a yes vote on Measure 36 would not preclude the legislature from addressing civil unions.
105	Graham	Answers the organization spoke from a theoretical basis.
115	Nathan Sykes	Employment attorney, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT GG) . Discusses local ordinances already in place barring discrimination. Explains there are proportionally few lawsuits alleging discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Suggests employers are aware of the requirements and adapting the restriction to a new area will be uneventful.
172	Karl Vercouteren	Pastor, United Church of Christ, The Dalles, Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Discusses how enlightened religious communities treat all Oregonians equally under the law.
220	Daniel Beck	Lincoln County. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT HH) .
280	Bruce Morris	Bend, Oregon. Basic Rights Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Discusses examples of discrimination in his area. Submits written testimony of Bill and Carolyn Weir (EXHIBIT II) . Submits written testimony of Becky Groves (EXHIBIT JJ) .
320	Sen. Ringo	Comments on tendency for people to not do proper estate planning.
350	Rivka Gevurtz	Portland. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written

		testimony (EXHIBIT KK). Introduces her daughter, Hanna.
TAPE 59, A		
005	Sen. Westlund	Asks Hanna about her question after Measure 36 passed.
015	Lou Beres	Christian Coalition of Oregon. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000 because it goes against Measure 36. Submits written material (EXHIBITS LL, MM).
070	Cherrill Clifford	Springfield. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT NN). Discusses need to maintain sanctity of marriage.
105	Lucy Brackett	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Argues it is unnecessary and ambiguous, and is against the will of Oregonians under Measure 36. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT OO).
120	Truong N. Van	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Discusses problems in his workplace. Argues there will be increased litigation if the bill passes.
150	Pamela Varndell	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT PP).
190	Rebecca Lucas	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT QQ).
240	Jennifer McLaughlin	Fairview, Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Describes burn injury she sustained this year, and that her partner had not even been notified. Asks for same rights as any other couple, including medical decisions. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT RR).
285	Clif Kenagy	Benton County. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT SS). Describes his daughter's relationship.
335	Laura Calvo	Portland, Oregon. Formerly Logan Calvo. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT TT).
395	Jeanette Kim	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT UU).
TAPE 60, A		
020	Joanna Humberd	Public school teacher. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT VV).
055	Lea Williams	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT WW).
090	Sen. Westlund	Thanks them all for staying. Points out language of constitution.
095	Williams	Suggests this leads to instability.
120	John Belgarde	Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT XX). Discusses diseases.
150	Sen. Bates	Suggests diseases are not a result of homosexual behavior but of non-monogomous relationships.
160	Belgarde	Disagrees.
185	Sen. Bates	Asserts that promiscuous behavior causes the problems, not the type of sex.
195	Jim Donnelly	Parkdale. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Describes his daughter as a good citizen who happens to be a lesbian.
220	Melissa Montigny	Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT YY).
275	Jeffrie Kingsley	Student, LaGrande; Co-chair, Oregon Students Equal Rights Alliance (OSERA). Testfies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT ZZ). Describes importance of protection to students in rural areas.
335	Suzanne Gallagher	Tigard, Oregon. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits

390	Nina Rhéa	written testimony (EXHIBIT AAA). Portland. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT BBB).
TAPE 59, B		
005	Yussefflateef Brown	Lane County, City of Eugene. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000.
050	Bill Michtom	Heterosexual. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT CCC).
070	Martin Gomez	Attorney, Portland. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Asserts that Measure 36 only spoke to marriages, and the legislature has authority to deal with marriage and related matters. Argues tax issues are separate.
095	Camille Hampton	Student, Central High School. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT DDD).
125	Anna Suessbrick	Clinical psychologist, Portland. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT EEE). Discusses methodology of studies of the issue. Comments on data heard in the meeting. Explains that claims that children of married heterosexual parents are better adjusted than children of gay parents are not based on studies comparing gay and straight households. Points out that valid studies indicate parity. Asserts that research demonstrating the well-being of children of gay parents cannot be conducted without civil unions, because it is the best comparable institution to marriage.
180	Ernie Williams	Christian, retired from computer industry. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT FFF).
215	Dan Cox	Formerly gay. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Encourages awareness of forgiveness and mercy.
250	William Brookhart	Clackamas County. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT GGG).
305	Sen. Ringo	Comments chief purpose of marriage is not necessarily procreation. Points out his father married in his 70s because he had a committed relationship, so there are different reasons.
335	Christine Cress	Associate Professor, Portland State University, Graduate School of Education. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT HHH). Discusses how discrimination stops students from learning.
385	Beth Allen	Attorney. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT III).
TAPE 60, B		
005	Steve Balog	With wife Florence. Catholic family; parents of adopted lesbian daughters. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT JJJ).
050	Charles Felton	Teacher at Christian high school. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT KKK).
080	Robert Castagna	Oregon Catholic Conference. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT LLL). Refers to letter on marriage, civil unions and reciprocal beneficiaries (EXHIBIT MMM). Expresses support for HB 3476. Points out the Archdiocese abstained from the Board vote of Ecumenical Ministries. Submits issue of Catholic Sentinel newspaper (EXHIBIT NNN).
120	Chair Brown	Asks about lack of benefits for families under the reciprocal

		beneficiaries bill.
125	Castagna	Expresses Church's concern about children born into civil unions.
135	James Scheller	Clackamas. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Expresses distrust of the legislature to provide equal laws for citizens. Urges maintaining a safe family environment for Oregonians. Argues SB 1000 is against the will of the people.
185	David L. Galloway	Retired. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Argues laws should represent and protect all citizens. Discusses lawsuits against the Boy Scout organization after its rules stood the test of court. Suggests schools deny equal access to rooms for students with religious themes. Points out SB 1000 is against the will of the people.
240	Paul LaRue	Pastor, Salem. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT OOO).
280	Nancy Frantz-Geddes	Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT PPP).
325	Kelly Burke	Portland. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT QQQ). Describes her family unit and need for protection for the children. Asks to approve civil unions.
375	Sen. Bates	Asks if she lost health insurance after the <u>Li</u> decision.
380	Burke	Responds yes because she was no longer considered an eligible family member.
400	Ann Lackey	Lake Oswego. Testifies in opposition to SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT RRR).
TAPE 61, A		
005	Joan Warnock	Salem. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT SSS).
035	Tara Wilkins	Pastor; Community of Welcoming Congregations. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT TTT).
060	Lee Coleman	Beaverton. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Explains marriage has two elements, civil union and holy matrimony; but civil unions are entirely civil. Suggests if SB 1000 gives equal privileges and immunities, that flows from the Oregon constitution. Reminds members they have sworn to uphold that Constitution.
095	Natalie Warrens	Portland. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Points out the measure provides hope to be 100 percent American citizens, unlike now.
115	Kevin Grant	Director of State Affairs, Associated Students of Oregon State University. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Appears in support of his younger brother, who is gay. Believes sexuality is inborn. Points out Measure 36 was only yes or no, and recommends giving more choices.
165	Judith Youngman	Pastor, United Church of Christ. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT UUU). Argues laws should not be made by emotion. Advocates for equal treatment of all citizens.
190	Barbara Carnegie Campbell	Pastor, St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Portland. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT VVV). Points out it is immoral and unjust to discriminate against any group. Recalls Jesus called us to compassion and

		justice.
235	Richard Burdon	Retired pastor; Trustee, University Park United Methodist Church, Portland. Explains his is a reconciling congregation (welcoming congregation). Testifies in support of SB 1000. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT WWW). Discusses social progress and need to extend rights to civil unions.
280	Kento Azegami	Washington County. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Discusses how he left Alaska because of perceived discrimination. Expresses disappointment in Ballot Measure 36. Explains he will probably need to leave Oregon if this does not pass.
325	Erica Silver	Testifies in support of SB 1000. Discusses her son's experience in school.
360	Susan Lindsey	Testifies in support of SB 1000. Explains she is tired of bigotry which describes homosexuality as a lifestyle. Discusses oppression in the form of slavery, segregation and discrimination. Asks for equality.
TAPE 62, A		
005	Brandon Reich	Gay male; Sprague High School and Oregon State University graduate. Discusses instances of discrimination due to his sexual orientation. Asks for equality.
045	Ester Griffin	Teacher, Southridge High School, Beaverton. Testifies in support of SB 1000. Explains she attended high school at Southridge. Describes her growing-up years and the discrimination she experienced. Asserts it is still happening today. Asks for equal treatment and protection for talented and creative citizens of the future.
075	Flynn Olivarez	Testifies in support of SB 1000. Discusses traditional marriage and how ideas have changed over the centuries. Asserts orientation is an identity, not a behavior or an action. Asks for protection.
105	William Stark	Eugene. Testifies in support of SB 1000. States he has not heard any plausible argument against having civil unions.
Written materials submitted without public testimony are listed in the Exhibit Summary under EXHIBITS XXX through ZZZZ .		
125	Chair Brown	Makes closing remarks. Closes public hearing on SB 1000. Adjourns the meeting at 11:26 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. Approval of drafting and introduction requests, memorandum, staff, 1 p
- B. SB 1000, written testimony (in support), Mary Oberst, 3 pp
- C. SB 1000, written testimony (in support), Sen. Frank Morse, 2 pp
- D. SB 1000, written testimony (in opposition), Sen. Charles Starr, 3 pp
- E. SB 1000, written testimony (in opposition), Tootie Smith, 2 pp
- F. SB 1000, written testimony (in opposition), Herbert Grey, 8 pp
- G. SB 1000, written testimony (in support), letter from Jack Roberts, Sen. Ben Westlund, 3 pp
- H. SB 1000, written testimony (in support), Thomas Little, 1 p
- I. SB 1000, Vermont Q&A on H.847, Thomas Little, 8 pp
- J. SB 1000, written testimony (in support), Liz Cahill and Diane Groff, 2 pp

- K. SB 1000, written testimony (in support), Roey Thorpe, 2 pp
- L. SB 1000, list of endorsing businesses (in support), Roey Thorpe, 3 pp
- M. SB 1000, list of quotes, Roey Thorpe, 1 p
- N. SB 1000, report Vermont Civil Union Review Commission, Roey Thorpe, 20 pp
- O. SB 1000, list and petitions of supporters (in support), Roey Thorpe, 105 pp
- P. SB 1000, written testimony of additional supporters (in support), Roey Thorpe, 262 pp
- Q. SB 1000, written testimony (in opposition), Benjamin Clapa, 3 pp
- R. SB 1000, written testimony (in opposition), Raymond P. Young, 3 pp
- S. SB 1000, written testimony (in opposition), Donna Tabor, 2 pp
- T. SB 1000, written testimony (in opposition), Steve Scheidler, 4 pp
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