

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON**  
**AUDIT & HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET REFORM**

May 08, 2003 Hearing Room 50  
3:15 PM Tapes 109 - 110

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**       Rep. Ben Westlund, Chair  
                                  Rep. Steve March, Vice-Chair  
                                  Rep. Jeff Kruse  
                                  Rep. Jeff Merkley  
                                  Rep. Alan Bates

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**     Rep. Randy Miller  
                                  Rep. Susan Morgan, Vice-Chair

**GUEST MEMBERS:**       Rep. Laurie Monnes Anderson

**STAFF PRESENT:**       Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator  
                                  Kelly Fuller, Committee Assistant

**ISSUES HEARD:**         Informational Meeting  
                                  Discussion on possible changes to HB 3624  
                                  Holly Robinson, Legislative Council

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 109, A</b>		
003	Chair Westlund	Calls the meeting to order and opens the informational meeting.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
016	Chair Westlund	Recesses the committee meeting to get the -3 Amendments for the committee to work off of.
018	Chair Westlund	Welcomes Holly Robinson from Legislative Council to walk us through the -3 Amendments.
033	Holly Robinson	Legislative Council, presents testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT A &amp; B</b> ) and begins presentation walking through the -3 Amendments.
100	Chair Westlund	Would like to point out the importance in adding those in our focus on the physical health side, we are leaving some benefits out that would have not been added in the categorical population i.e. dentistry and also if we are able to expand populations for additional the Mental Health services.
106	Robinson	Continues Presentation.
138	Chair Westlund	Points out that the exemption process is a major change.
144	Rep. Monnes Anderson	What was the reason for eliminating a woman in her third trimester of pregnancy.
150	Robinson	Comments that we are not eliminating them, they will still continue to get services through fee for service and elaborates.
153	Rep. Bates	Makes additional comments about the process involved in the third trimester.
160	Chair Westlund	Makes additional comments as well.
165	Rep. Kruse	Comments that by making it permissible, it would allow the plan to pick up that person so that the infant is getting immediate care

after birth.

168 Rep. Merkley Asks is there then a mechanism after the child is born and then do we try to transition them into a Managed Care program.

170 Rep. Kruse Comments that in many cases, after delivery the mother may not be eligible, but the child will be instantaneously.

177 Rep. March Comments that we show a person under nineteen who is medically fragile with special health care needs, how about someone over nineteen.

180 Robinson Relates how why the bill was written the way that it was.

197 Rep. Bates Comments that he thinks Medicare becomes involved after age nineteen, these people are well taken care of, but not the people that would be necessarily under a capitated system.

210 Robinson Continues presentation.

230 Rep. Merkley Asks how is that determination made, is it given to a particular group or at the call of the organization itself.

237 Robinson Comments that it is part of the contract process with the Department.

241 Chair Westlund Comments at this time, we are trying to revise this number and elaborates.

255 Rep. Kruse Comments that he feels that there is a piece missing.

270 Robinson Continues presentation.

332 Rep. Kruse Concerned with in the designated, comments in section 5 does that tie the FCHIP to a designated area.

341 Robinson Comments that it does not so long as there is an FCHIP that can not expand.

343 Rep. Kruse Does that preclude and FCHIP from coming into any area.

350 Robinson No, they are two different thoughts, if you have an FCHIP or one or more that can't grow they can contract with any PCO, it is not the same entity, I don't think is would preclude what you are saying and continues presentation.

384 Chair Westlund Makes comments about the policy that they are trying to achieve here and explains in more detail.

**TAPE 110, A**

012 Robinson Continues presentation.

024 Rep. Kruse Asks if page six, line six, was in the -2 Amendments.

035 Robinson Comments that yes, they were added in the -2 Amendments. Continues presentation.

053 Rep. Kruse Page six line nine through sixteen he noticed a glaring omission of the public.

063 Rep. Bates Comments that the commission does that and in line 17 – 19 they are directed to take public testimony.

067 Chair Westlund But his point is shouldn't a member of the commission.

069 Rep. Kruse Comments no, it says in sub one the commission shall solicit testimony and information from advocates submitting information.

077 Robinson States she will be happy to work with Rep. Kruse on that section and continues presentation.

088 Chair Westlund Asks if we finished going over section eight.

093 Robinson Replies yes, and continues.

105 Chair Westlund Comments that the concept here is to allow OMAP to do what they are doing, but we also want the health services commission to employ an actuary to help determine costs. Discusses the appropriation.

118 Rep. Kruse Comments that we are trying to set a process that is as

132	Robinson	transparent as possible so that it is understandable and they can look at it and realize what is there.
147	Rep. Bates	Continues with section ten. In awarding the contracts to administer these services, one of the concepts we dealt with was that it had to show savings, does the capacity and competence take care of that.
157	Robinson	Probably not as much as you would want it to. Continues on section eleven and twelve.
169	Rep. Merkley	Asks is not capitated the same as fee for service.
174	Robinson	States yes and continues with section thirteen.
226	Rep. Bates	Comment that this is the cleanest we have ever seen it and that we are almost there.
238	Rep. Kruse	Makes comments about all of the people involved in this process.
245	Chair Westlund	Closes the information meeting and adjourns 4:23 pm.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - -3 Amendments to HB 3624 pp. 13**

**B – Summary of the current Amendments – Staff, pp.2**