

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
BUSINESS, LABOR AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

January 24, 2003 Hearing Room E
9:00 A.M. Tapes 7 - 8

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Betsy Close, Chair
Rep. Derrick Kitts, Vice-Chair
Rep. Diane Rosenbaum, Vice-Chair
Rep. Mary Gallegos
Rep. Bill Garrard
Rep. Jeff Merkley
Rep. Mike Schaufler

STAFF PRESENT: Megan Palau, Committee Administrator
Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Informational Meeting – Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association
and Sheet Metal Contractors Association
HB 2055 – 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 7, A		
003	Chair Close	Calls meeting to order at 9:01 am. Notes that HB 2130 will not be heard. Opens informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
022	Paul Phillips	Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association and Sheet Metal Contractors Association. Outlines goals and objectives for organizations. Expresses desire for enforcement of current laws.
139	Chair Close	Asks for bill number regarding public contracting legislation.
140	Phillips	Responds it is HB 2241. Explains apprenticeship programs.
245	Rep. Kitts	Expresses support for legislation regarding big shopping. Asks what can be done specifically to promote Oregon Hire.
266	Phillips	Responds that enterprise zone statutes should be re-written.
288	Chair Close	Asks for comment about perception that most of developable land is in Portland Metro area and other areas of Oregon are left out.
295	Phillips	Explains developable land regarding urban growth boundary.
324	Chair Close	Asks about decision making process for industrial developable land.
326	Phillips	Responds that it has to do with infrastructure.
371	Chair Close	States that rural areas should be included in the economic development.
381	Phillips	Responds that entire state needs to be included, notes importance of

infrastructure.
 416 Rep. Gallegos Emphasizes that major corporations often begin small and develop.
 433 Phillips Concurs. Explains how companies are attracted to Oregon due to tax policy and other incentives.
 447 Rep. Rosenbaum Asks how people come to be aware of apprenticeship programs and if there should be more promotion of programs in schools.

TAPE 8, A

018 Phillips Responds that there are students that are more apt to be successful in trade and apprenticeship programs than college programs.
 081 Rep. Kitts Asks for explanation of apprenticeship program and asks why union and non-union apprenticeship programs have different graduation rates.
 093 Phillips Explains differences between apprenticeship programs.
 125 Chair Close Asks for further clarification.
 126 Phillips Responds that the best explanation would be from apprenticeship director.
 132 Chair Close Closes informational hearing. Opens public hearing on HB 2055.

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138 Matt Markee Oregon Collectors Association (OCA). Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2055 (**EXHIBIT A**). States that OCA is working on amendment.
 179 Rep. Garrard Asks about differences in collection agencies' rates.
 185 Markee Responds that the competitive bid process should resolve it.
 200 Rep. Garrard States that Klamath Falls works with collection agency who charges 40%.
 204 Markee Responds that the additional fee would be discretionary.
 218 Chair Close Asks about public bidding process.
 220 Markee Answers that other cities engage in public bidding process.
 228 Rep. Gallegos Asks if fiscal impact has been requested on HB 2055.
 233 Markee Explains fiscal impact process.
 257 Chair Close Asks for clarification of exemptions to collection.
 259 Markee Explains exemptions.
 269 Chair Close Asks if child support is exempt in other states.
 272 Markee Explains policy differences in other states.
 286 Rep. Rosenbaum Asks for priority order for collection agencies.
 291 Markee Explains priority order.
 298 Rep. Rosenbaum Asks for clarification regarding commercial debt.
 304 Markee Clarifies commercial debt.
 315 Rep. Merkley Asks about ability to impose fees.
 324 Markee Explains fee collection.
 330 Rep. Garrard Asks about unfunded mandate.
 333 Markee Explains potential costs.
 350 Rep. Kitts Asks if fees for collection agencies are instead of or in addition to

360	Markee	current fees. Explains collection process.
377	Rep. Schaufler	Asks about percentage of collections made.
384	Markee	Explains Oregon's role in using collection agencies.
404	Chair Close	Adjourns meeting at 9:55 am.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2055, prepared testimony, Matt Markee, 1 p