

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
BUSINESS, LABOR AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

February 17, 2003 Hearing Room E
8:30 A.M. Tapes 32 - 33

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Betsy Close, Chair
 Rep. Bill Garrard

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Informational Meeting – Unemployment Compensation
 HB 2161 – Public Hearing
 HB 2162 – Public Hearing
 HB 2163 – Public Hearing
 SB 160 – 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 32, A		
003	Vice-Chair Kitts	Calls meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Opens informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING – UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION</u>		
009	Greg Hickman	Deputy Director, Oregon Employment Department (OED). Submits and summarizes prepared testimony and information providing overview of OED (EXHIBIT A).
146	Rep. Schaufler	Asks about gains outlined in prepared testimony.
148	Hickman	Explains gains.
153	Graham Slater	Administrator, Economic & Workforce Research Division, OED. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony explaining OED and unemployment (EXHIBIT B).
327	Rep. Rosenbaum	Expresses support for OED. Asks about number of workers who have exhausted benefits and extensions.
340	Slater	Responds that he will obtain information.
345	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks about magnitude of unemployment in Oregon.
350	Slater	Clarifies magnitude of unemployment and benefits in Oregon.
363	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks about workers who do not qualify for unemployment.
368	Slater	Explains unemployed and length of unemployment benefits.
379	Hickman	Offers further explanation.
384	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks why number of unemployed who do not receive benefits is so high.
392	Slater	Explains why number is so high.
TAPE 33, A		

007	Rep. Schaufler	Asks about of Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund gap.
013	Hickman	Explains that it is economy dependent.
021	Vice-Chair Kitts	Closes informational meeting. Opens public hearing on HB 2161.
<u>HB 2161 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
024	Megan Palau	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2161.
028	Renee Bryant	Unemployment Insurance Tax Manager, OED. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2161 (EXHIBIT C) .
048	Vice-Chair Kitts	Closes public hearing on HB 2161. Opens public hearing on HB 2162.
<u>HB 2162 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
050	Bryant	Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2162 (EXHIBIT D) .
092	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks about emergency clause and retroactivity.
096	Bryant	Answers that there is no effort toward retroactivity.
103	Vice-Chair Kitts	Closes public hearing on HB 2162. Opens public hearing on HB 2163.
<u>HB 2163 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
106	Megan Palau	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2163.
110	Tom Ewing	Chief Hearing Officer, Hearing Officer Panel. Testifies in support of HB 2163.
134	Vice-Chair Kitts	Closes public hearing on HB 2163. Opens public hearing on SB 160.
<u>SB 160 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
145	Tom Byerley	Assistant Director for Unemployment Insurance, OED. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SB 160 (EXHIBIT E) .
185	Vice-Chair Kitts	Closes public hearing on SB 160. Adjourns meeting at 9:18 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Informational Meeting, written testimony and information, Greg Hickman, 53 pp**
- B – Informational Meeting, written testimony and information, Graham Slater, 8 pp**
- C – HB 2161, written testimony, Renee Bryant, 1 p**
- D – HB 2162, written testimony, Renee Bryant, 2 pp**
- E – SB 160, written testimony, Tom Byerley, 2 pp**