

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

February 3, 2003  
1:00 PM

Hearing Room C  
Tapes 7-8

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. David Nelson, Chair  
Sen. Vicki Walker, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Roger Beyer  
Sen. Rick Metsger

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dennis Dotson, Committee Administrator  
Romy Dye, Committee Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** SB 237 – Public Hearing  
SB 244 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 250 – Public Hearing  
SB 252 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 7, A</b>		
005	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 237.
<b><u>SB 237 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
006	Dennis Dotson	Committee Administrator. Presents overview on SB 237.
008	Renee Bryant	Unemployment Insurance Tax Manager, Employment Department. Provides introduction of SB 237.
013	Rob Edwards	Manager of Central Operations. Testifies in favor of SB 237 <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .
041	Bryant	Discusses possibility of a net increase to the trust fund with additional funds included.
049	Chair Nelson	Asks whether non-profits are paying more money.
053	Bryant	Provides explanation.
058	Vice-Chair Walker	Asks question about Exhibit A calculation.
	Edwards	Answers with correct calculation of 2%.
066	Vice-Chair Walker	Asks about the reason some organizations pay less and some pay more.
067	Edwards	Explains.
074	Chair Nelson	Closes public hearing on SB 237. Opens public hearing on SB 244.
<b><u>SB 244 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
078	Dotson	Provides overview on SB 244.
083	James Hamrick, Jr.	Assistant Director for Heritage Conservation at Oregon Parks & Recreation Department. Testifies in support of SB 244 <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> .
115	Sen. Beyer	Asks about costs involved.
120	Hamrick	Responds that there is a small cost involved.
125	Sen. Beyer	Asks what is the source of the funds.
127	Hamrick	Answers source of funds is the Partisan Natural Resource Funds.
132	Chair Nelson	Closes public hearing on SB 244. Opens work session on SB

244.

**SB 244 – WORK SESSION**

140	Vice-Chair Walker	Comments on name changes.
145	Chair Nelson	Elaborates about concern.
151	Sen. Beyer	Comments on concern on floor with name change issue.
156	Chair Nelson	Responds by having no consent calendar issue.
159	<b>Chair Nelson</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 244 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
164	<b>Chair Nelson</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. NELSON will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
165	Chair Nelson	Closes work session on SB 244. Opens public hearing on SB 250.

**SB 250 – PUBLIC HEARING**

167	Dotson	Provides overview of SB 250.
169	Graham Slater	Administrator for Workforce and Economic Research Division, Employment Department. Provides testimony in support of SB 250. <b>(EXHIBIT C).</b>
209	Sen. Beyer	Asks whether any billing for Shared Information System is being replaced.
212	Slater	Answers positive. Continues discussion on SB 250.
278	Chair Nelson	Asks how big the budget is.
280	Slater	Answers \$440,000 for entire biennium.
282	Sen. Beyer	Asks whether the Chair is not making any changes to the system.
287	Slater	Explains.
290	Sen. Beyer	Asks whether other agencies will still be billed the next biennium.
292	Slater	Answers positively and elaborates.
304	Sen. Beyer	Asks what happens if SB 250 doesn't pass.
308	Slater	Answers.
328	Terri Johanson	Assistant Commissioner, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Provides testimony in support of SB 250 <b>(EXHIBIT D).</b>

**Tape 8A**

019	Vice-Chair Walker	Asks whether a report was prepared.
020	Johanson	Answers positively.
021	Vice-Chair Walker	Asks whether there was a duplication of effort streamlining programs and saving money by doing the report.
022	Johanson	Answers with more details.
032	Vice-Chair Walker	Asks whether the report shows that the program is working well.
036	Johanson	Answers positively according to data.
040	Vice-Chair Walker	Comments that benefits are great.
047	Johanson	Elaborates.
049	Sen. Beyer	Comments with concern with the issue of general fund dollars.
068	Sen. Metsger	Comments on need to ensure program is written and sustainable and meets objective given to the department.
085	Chair Nelson	Elaborates on what is affordable right now. Closes public hearing on SB 250. Opens public hearing on SB 252.

**SB 252 – PUBLIC HEARING**

096	Dotson	Provides overview of SB 252.
100	Carl Lundberg	Deputy Insurance Administrator, Department of Business and Consumer Services. Provides explanation of SB 252 with amendments. Submits written material <b>(EXHIBIT E).</b>

181	Chair Nelson	Asks about deleted part of bill on proposed amendment.
183	Lundberg	Answers deleting workers' compensation language so all that is left is insurance. .
196	Chair Nelson	Asks about summary requirement.
199	Lundberg	Answers positively and explains.
209	Sen. Metsger	Asks about changes and examples of gathering practices.
217	Louis Littlehales	Insurance Division. Responds.
233	Sen. Metsger	Clarifies explanation.
237	Chair Nelson	Closes public hearing on SB 252. Opens work session on SB 252.
<b><u>SB 252 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
239	Sen. Metsger	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 252-1 amendments.</b>
240		<b>VOTE: 3-0 (EXHIBIT F)</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Beyer</b>
	Chair Nelson	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
241	Chair Nelson	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 252 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
		<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
		<b>SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
243	Chair Nelson	Closes work session on SB 252. Adjourns the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – SB 237, overview & calculations, Renee Bryant, 2 pp**  
**B – SB 244, written testimony, James Hamrick, 1 pp**  
**C – SB 250, overview, Graham Slater, 2 pp**  
**D – SB 250, overview, Terri Johanson, 1 pp**  
**E – SB 252, written testimony, Carl Lundberg, 4 pp**  
**F – SB 252, -1 amendments dated 1/30/03, staff, 1 p**