

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

February 05, 2003
3:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 9-10

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Tony Corcoran, Chair
Sen. John Minnis, Vice-Chair
Sen. Bruce Starr
Sen. Vicki Walker

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ellsworth, Committee Administrator
Heather Gravelle, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Introduction of Committee Bills and Work Session
SB 269 – Public Hearing
SB 268 – Public Hearing
HB 2052 – Public Hearing and Work Session
HB 2001A – Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 9, A		
005	Chair Corcoran	Chair Corcoran calls the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Opens introduction of committee bills and work session.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS WORK SESSION</u>		
020	Mark Ellsworth	Committee Administrator. Explains LC 1926 draft bill to members.
025	Sen. Minnis	MOTION: Moves introduction of LC 1926 as a committee bill. VOTE: 4-0
030	Chair Corcoran	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
035	Chair Corcoran	Closes work session on introduction of committee bills. Opens public hearing on SB 269.
<u>SB 269 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
035	Mark Ellsworth	Committee Administrator. Provides overview of SB 269.
040	Mary Botkin	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Testifies in support of SB 269. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT A) .
075	Ken Murphy	Deputy Director, Oregon Emergency Management. Testifies in support of SB 269.
055	Sen. Minnis	Inquires how the categories are determined and how the employees know they are strike-prohibited.
080	Murphy	Responds.
110	Chair Corcoran	Closes public hearing on SB 269. Opens public hearing on SB 268.
<u>SB 268 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
120	Mark Ellsworth	Committee Administrator. Provides overview of SB 268.
115	Mary Botkin	AFSCME. Testifies in support of SB 268.
125	Botkin	Explains SB 268 is an alternate way to settling a dispute, by providing a third neutral party.

140	Peter Shepherd	Deputy Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice. Testifies against SB 268. Provides written formal opinion from the Oregon State Bar (EXHIBIT B).
185	Shepherd	Explains why he is opposed to SB 268.
230	Sen. Walker	Asks for clarification as to why this issue has been before legislature several times, with no action taken.
240	Botkin	Responds.
300	Sen. Walker	References the formal opinion, and suggests if Department of Justice attorneys do go out on strike they may be found guilty of abandoning their clients.
305	Shepherd	Responds.
335	Botkin	States it is an ethical dilemma.
345	Sen. Minnis	Inquires if attorneys have ever had a strike.
350	Shepherd	Responds it has not happened in Oregon.
385	Shepherd	Explains current process.
425	Botkin	Responds attempting to find a different resolution that doesn't require them to put their ethics on the line.
460	Chair Corcoran	Closes public hearing on SB 268. Opens public hearing on HB 2052.

TAPE 10, A

HB 2052 – PUBLIC HEARING

045	Mark Ellsworth	Committee Administrator. Provides overview of HB 2052.
060	Pete Shepherd	Deputy Attorney General. Testifies in support of HB 2052.
065	Shepherd	States the federal government has allowed and funded entering into agreements with state or local governments, to provide security support services.
100	Sen. Starr	Inquires about the Attorney General's role.
105	Shepherd	Explains.
110	Chair Corcoran	Asks if there is any opposition.
115	Shepherd	States there is no opposition.
110	Chair Corcoran	Closes public hearing on HB 2052. Opens work session on HB 2052.

HB 2052 – WORK SESSION

120	Sen. Minnis	MOTION: Moves HB 2052 to floor with a DO PASS recommendation. VOTE: 4-0
125	Chair Corcoran	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
130	Chair Corcoran	Closes the work session on HB 2052. Opens work session on HB 2001 A.

HB 2001A – WORK SESSION

135	Sen. Starr	MOTION: Moves HB 2001 to floor with a DO PASS recommendation. VOTE: 4-0
140	Chair Corcoran	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
150	Chair Corcoran	Closes work session on HB 2001 A. Adjourns meeting at 4:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 269, written testimony, Mary Botkin, 1 p

B – SB 268, written testimony, Peter Shepherd, 6 pp