

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

March 20, 2003
1:00 p.m.

Hearing Room C
Tapes 39 - 40

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Bill Morrisette, Chair**
 Sen. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Frank Shields
 Sen. Charles Starr
 Sen. Vicki Walker

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. John Minnis**

STAFF PRESENT: **Marjorie Taylor, Administrator**
 Saranelle Allen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 74 –Work Session**
 SB 435 – Not Heard
 SB 542 – Public Hearing
 SB 785 – Not Heard

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| TAPE/# | Speaker | Comments |
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| Tape 39, A | | |
| 005 | Chair Morrisette | Convenes meeting at 1:12 p.m. and states that SB 435 and SB 785 will not be heard today. Opens a work session on SB 74. |
| SB 74 – WORK SESSION | | |
| 009 | Marjorie Taylor | Administrator. Explains SB 74. Advises there are -1, -2 and -3 amendments to the previously heard bill (EXHIBIT A). |
| 015 | Sen. C. Starr | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 74-2 amendment dated 03/18/03. |
| 018 | | VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Minnis |
| 021 | Chair Morrisette Sen. C. Starr | The motion CARRIES. MOTION: Moves SB 74 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation. |
| | Sen. Fisher | Asks for confirmation that this amendment removes the sunset clause and if so does support the amendment, but does not support any new mandates. |
| 026 | | VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Minnis |
| | Chair Morrisette | The motion CARRIES. |
| | Chair Morrisette | SEN. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor. Closes work session on SB 74, and opens a public hearing on SB 542. |
| SB 542 – PUBLIC HEARING | | |
| 033 | Marjorie Taylor | Administrator. Explains the bill. |
| 070 | Rep. Bill Garrard | District 56. Testifies in support of SB 542, and relates his |

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| | | personal bout with prostate problems. |
| | June Miller | Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support group, Pilot Rock, OR. Testifies in support of SB 542 concerning prostate cancer and the health of her husband (EXHIBIT B). |
| 150 | Jim Miller | Pilot Rock, OR. Gives specifics on his health situation and testifies in support of SB 542. |
| | Paul Zummach | Pendleton, OR. Testifies to his own health situation, and in support of SB 542 for routine PSA tests for prostate cancer. |
| | Luther Fitch | Hermiston, OR. Submits written testimony in support of SB 542. States he has survived an advanced prostate cancer condition and has lived 4 years longer than the original prognosis (EXHIBIT C). Submits written testimony from three mayors in Eastern Oregon, Mayor Bob Ramig, Mayor Don Bensel, and Mayor Bill Hansell, all who have survived prostate cancer (EXHIBIT D). |
| | Sen. C. Starr | Adds to testimony on prostate cancer concerning his father and his brother. Feels the bill and legislation is a true positive. |
| 339 | John Powell | Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield. Gives testimony concerning costs for escalating insurance coverage. |
| 400 | Leonard Hagen | Manager Government Affairs, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield. Testifies in opposition of SB 542 as a mandate on insurance coverage costs. Gives example of small businesses who are unable to afford health care for their employees due to escalating costs and reviews written testimony (EXHIBIT E). |
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| 041 | Sen. Starr | Asks several questions on coverage on prostate cancer and related costs. |
| 074 | Hagen | Advises that a medical dialog is ongoing in the medical field. |
| 089 | Cornelia Taylor | Physician and Medical Director – Oregon Health Sciences University. Gives an overview on medical screening with written statement (EXHIBIT F). Elaborates on content of the article as to value of the screening in saving lives. |
| 160 | Sen. Starr | Asks several questions on alternate year testing, and cancer mortality. |
| | Sen. Fisher | Asks if this bill applies only to private insurers. |
| | Powell | Gives concluding remarks |
| | Hagen | Gives finalizing comments. |
| 311 | Andrew Clark | Testifies in support of SB 542 concerning his experience with prostate cancer and subsequent insurance coverage (EXHIBIT G). |
| 419 | Sen. Fisher Clark | Asks if he had state insurance, at the time of his diagnosis. Advises it was through his wife’s school insurance, and was Blue Cross. |
| | Courtnei Dresser | Oregon Advocacy Manager, American Cancer Society. Speaks in favor of SB 542 (EXHIBIT H). Gives statistical information on colon and prostate cancer deaths by year in Oregon. |
| Tape 39, B | | |
| 047 | Dresser | Reviews benefits of early detection of prostate cancer and spiraling costs if not caught in the early stages. States that colon cancer is the 2 nd highest cancer killer in the state. Gives cost information on the two available colon exams. |
| 077 | Sen. Fisher | States concerns on the statistics, and would like more information. |

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| | Dresser | Gives additional information on behalf of the American Cancer Society in regard to the bill's intent. Replies to several of Sen. Fisher's questions on costs and statistical accuracy. |
| | Chair Morrisette | Advises he would like to look into the information further and get more specifics in reply to Sen. Fisher's inquiries. |
| 310 | Barney Speight | Kaiser Permanente. Gives testimony on SB 542, which doesn't necessarily relate to the mandate. Would like to work with the committee to change the wording of the statutes on the testing aspect. |
| 382 | Peggy Anet | Submits written testimony concerning the mandates on SB 542 (EXHIBIT I) and reviews the enrollment document and costs of coverage. |
| | Chair Morrisette | Closes public hearing on SB 542 and advises this bill will be returned for future action. |
| | Sen. Starr | Acknowledges Mr. Fitch being in the audience. |
| | Chair Morrisette | Adjourns meeting at 2:37 p.m. |

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 74 , proposed amendments to SB 74, -1, -2, -3, staff, 9 pp.

B – SB 542, written testimony, June and Jim Miller, 2 pp.

C – SB 542, written testimony, Luther Fitch, 2 pp.

D – SB 542, written testimony received from Mayors Ramig, Bense, Hansell, 4 pp.

E – SB 542, written testimony, Leonard Hagen, 1 p.

F – SB 542, written testimony, Cornelia Taylor, 19 pp.

G – SB 542, written testimony, Andrew Clark, 1 p.

H – SB 542, written testimony, Courtni Dresser, 2 pp.

I – SB 542, written testimony, Peggy Anet, 18 pp.