

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

March 25, 2003  
1:00 pm

Hearing Room B  
Tapes 41-42

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

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

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**     **SB 785 – Public Hearing**  
                                  **SB 789 – Public Hearing**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>Tape 41, A</b>		
008	Chair Morrisette	Convenes meeting at 1:11 p.m. and opens a public hearing on SB 785.
<b><u>SB 785 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
012	Marjorie Taylor	Explains bill. Submits for the record a letter from Leonard Hagen, Regence Blue Cross in opposition ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
	Sen. Vicki Walker	Testifies in support of SB 785 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Advises that she is a co-chair on the Women's Health and Wellness Alliance and the bill comes through this group. Reviews her written testimony and the two proposed amendments SB 785-1, and -2. States that the main point is in the -1 amendment, and explains information on the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) adopted in 1999 in Oregon.
167	Sen. Walker	Explains the minor difference in amendments is in having the patient and doctor decide on the method of treatment instead of an insurance person.
	Rep. Diane Rosenbaum	District 42. Submits written testimony as to membership of the Oregon Women's Health and Wellness Alliance and further reviews written testimony from Amy Hanlon, breast cancer survivor ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Testifies in favor of the bill.
288	Chair Morrisette Sen. Walker	Asks if the provisions are similar to the California law. States it was patterned after WHCRA but tightened up to be more fitting for Oregon.
300	Marcia Kelley	Women's Rights Coalition. Submits written testimony in support of SB 785 ( <b>Exhibit C</b> ).
	Sen. Fisher	Asks question on wording in the amendment having to do with 'completely' symmetrical.
388	Kelley Sen. Walker	Gives reply on her understanding of the phrase. Advises that she had previously agreed to take out the word 'completely' because it is subjective. Advises there are 36 states that have laws concerning breast cancer reconstruction.

404 Sen. Minnis Asks questions on the intent of this bill, since we already have a Federal law.  
 Sen. Walker Reviews the intent on the amendments.  
 Peggy Anet Health Insurance Association of America. Expresses concern between the State and the Federal laws and how it could be confusing to the enrollee.

**Tape 42, A**

030 Barney Speight Kaiser Permanente. Testifies in support of SB 785, and recommends inserting some additional wording into the -1 amendment.  
 066 Sen. Minnis Speight Asks if Speight supports the bill, specifically SB 785-1.  
 Sen. Minnis States he would prefer the -1 amendment.  
 089 Sen. Walker Asks several questions on the requirement for tattooing in breast reconstruction.  
 Chair Morrisette Offers to check into answers for Sen. Minnis.  
 Closes public hearing on SB 785, and opens a public hearing on SB 789.

**SB 789 – PUBLIC HEARING**

150 Marjorie Taylor Administrator. Explains SB 789.  
 345 Sen. Shields Submits written support on the intent of this bill (**EXHIBIT E**). Advises that this bill is more a charitable choice bill and explains the original concept of what a faith-based bill would do. Advises that a new bill is in process and will be the final one to be heard.

**Tape 41, B**

008 Ramona Rodamaker Executive Policy Advisor, Department of Human Services. Submits written testimony to assist in implementing this pilot program (**EXHIBIT F**).  
 074 Chair Morrisette Asks if there was any fiscal impact known as yet.  
 Sen. Starr Asks if she knows about an initiative in Washington County called Visions West, which has to do with an initiative on faith-based and community organization efforts. Suggests it would be appropriate to have Don Boone, the Executive Director, come down to testify when the bill is ready for hearing and action.  
 120 Sen. Shields States yes, Don Boone will be invited to testify.  
 Sen. Minnis Explains the success that occurs when different groups become acquainted with opposing groups, i.e. government, churches, leaders, etc.  
 Rodamaker Concurs on the benefits of trying to work together with half-way houses, and outreach programs.  
 160 Marcia Kelley Women’s Rights Coalition. States concerns on the bill, and feels the training aspect could contain a fiscal impact. Feels the interaction in faith-based education would be beneficial. Suggests a pilot program be tried in a moderate-sized community and not a large one, or a very small community.  
 204 Andrea Meyer Legislative Director – ACLU.  
 Sen. Minnis Asks if Andrea could put together some information on cases, legal opinions and state laws on Article 1.  
 210 Meyer Will see what law is written on a Federal level and work with Sen. Minnis to get documents he is requesting.  
 Sen. Shields States a letter had been sent out last session to get research from Oregon Law Commission.  
 388 Sen. Fisher Asks if there was any money involved on this bill and wouldn’t suggest the government be involved in any money handling.

	Sen. Shields	Responds that the bill says the state handles the money, and the faith-based organizations handle the intangible items.
440	Sen. Starr	States that there are already programs in place that involve money, and they are not part of this proposed bill.
	Chair Morrisette	Closes public hearing on SB 789 and adjourns meeting at 2:33 p.m.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – SB 785, written testimony, -1 proposed amendments, Sen. Vicki Walker, 11 pp.**

**B – SB 785, written testimony, Rep. Diane Rosenbaum, 3 pp.**

**C – SB 785, written testimony, Marcia Kelley, 2 pp.**

**D – SB 785, written testimony submitted Leonard Hagen, 1 p.**

**E – SB 789, written testimony, Sen. Frank Shields, 8 pp.**

**F – SB 789, written testimony, Ramona Rodamaker, 2 p.**