

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

April 10, 2003
1:00 pm

Hearing Room B
Tapes 57 - 58

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 841 – Public Hearing**
 SB 491 – Public Hearing
 SB 236 – Public Hearing
 SB 324 – Public Hearing
 SB 368 – Public Hearing
 SB 440 – Public Hearing
 SB 506 – Public Hearing
 SB 539 – Public Hearing
 SB 540 – Public Hearing
 SB 541 – Public Hearing
 SB 567 – Public Hearing
 SB 636 – Public Hearing
 SB 659 – Public Hearing
 SB 669 – Public Hearing
 SB 684 – Public Hearing
 SB 769 – Public Hearing
 SB 806 – Public Hearing
 SB 814 – Public Hearing
 SB 839 – Public Hearing
 SB 840 – Public Hearing
 SB 875 – Public Hearing
 SB 884 – Public Hearing
 SB 886 – Public Hearing
 SB 600 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
Tape 57, A		
008	Chair Morrisette	Convenes meeting at 1:09 p.m. and opens a public hearing on SB 841.
<u>SB 841 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
012	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Explains bill.
020	Mike Bonetto	Policy Analyst. Explains SB 841, -1 amendment (EXHIBIT)

	Sen. Bev Clarno	A). District 27. Testifies in support of SB 841 and the -1 amendments.
104	Sen. Frank Morse	District 8. Testifies in support of SB 841 and advises the many benefits of the bill to assist employers.
	Sen. Starr	Explains historical information on paying cash for a plan called Simple Care. Thanks members for bringing in the bill.
	Rick Rebel	Insurance Agent, Albany. Testifies in support of SB 841
		(EXHIBIT B). Reviews various benefits of the medical options available.
288	Dean Kortge	Eugene. Reviews benefits of SB 841.
	Sen. Walker	Asks about medical account money, and how it can be spent.
	Kortge	Explains it usually is for qualified medical expenses, and not for cosmetic, or other similar medical areas.
409	Peggy Anet	Health Insurance Association of America. Testifies in support of SB 841.
Tape 58, A		
030	Anet	Explains the benefits for employees, and employers. Closes public hearing on SB 841 and opens a public hearing on SB 491.

SB 491 – PUBLIC HEARING

066	Paul Cosgrove	Cascade AIDS Project. Testifies in support of health coverage for the vaccine and the intent of SB 491.
	Sen. Minnis	Asks about effective date on a vaccine. Expresses concern on a definition of a vaccine.
170	Sen. Kate Brown	District 21. Testifies in support of SB 491 and advises she would work on a definition of ‘vaccine’ as asked by committee.
	Cosgrove	Advises no vaccine near approval just yet.
189	Barney Speight	Kaiser Permanente. Speaks in opposition to SB 491. Reviews some of the concerns on approval of a vaccine, and also how it fits into the Oregon Health Plan.
238	Peggy Anet	Health Insurance Association of America. Testifies in opposition to SB 491, and submits articles on AIDS research
		(EXHIBIT C).
	Sen. Minnis	Asks question on statute in ORS.
	Chair Morrisette	Closes public hearing on SB 491. Advises he will begin a tap-tap hearing on several bills.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

322	Chair Morrisette	Opens public hearing on SB 324, closes public hearing on SB 324.
		Opens public hearing on SB 368, closes public hearing on SB 368.
		Opens public hearing on SB 440, closes public hearing on SB 440.
		Opens public hearing on SB 506, closes public hearing on SB 506.
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Opens public hearing on SB 769, closes public hearing on SB 769.

Opens public hearing on SB 806, closes public hearing on SB 806.

Opens public hearing on SB 814, closes public hearing on SB 814.

Opens public hearing on SB 839, closes public hearing on SB 839.

Opens public hearing on SB 840, closes public hearing on SB 840.

Opens public hearing on SB 875, closes public hearing on SB 875.

Opens public hearing on SB 884, closes public hearing on SB 884.

Opens public hearing on SB 886, closes public hearing on SB 886.

Opens a public hearing on SB 236.

Chair Morrisette

SB 236 – PUBLIC HEARING

M. Taylor

Administrator. Explains the bill. Submits written testimony from Michelle Mattern and Bob Costagna (**EXHIBIT D**).

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Rep. Diane Rosenbaum

District 42. Testifies and submits written testimony in support of SB 236 (**EXHIBIT E**).

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Dan Gardner

Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and Industries. Testifies in support of SB 236 (**EXHIBIT F**).

Joel Ario

Insurance Administrator. Submits written testimony on SB 236 (**EXHIBIT G**). Additionally explains the -1 amendment.

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Sen. Minnis

Asks questions on the insurance coverage, and discrimination issues.

Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong

Board President of Oregon NARAL. Submits written testimony in support of SB 236 (**EXHIBIT H**).

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Ken Henry
Sen. Minnis

Pastor. Testifies in support of SB 236 (**EXHIBIT I**).

Asks about a case noted in the testimony.

Tape 58, B

Barbara Arnold

Planned Parenthood, Patient Services. Testifies in support of SB 236 and reviews examples of various contraceptives (**EXHIBIT**

		J).
	Sen. Walker	Asks how many complaints are received on lack of coverage for contraceptive care.
120	Arnold	Advises they have about 58,000 visitors per year to the five area clinics, and has no available data on any complaints.
	Chair Morrisette	Asks how many insurance companies cover viagra vs. contraceptives.
	Paula Krane	League of Women Voters of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 236 (EXHIBIT K).
	Alyssa Roge	Rejuvenation. Testifies in support of SB 236 (EXHIBIT L).
	Laura Kristin	Testifies on written testimony from Michelle Mattern (See EXHIBIT D) in support of SB 236.
	Ramona Rex	Sierra Club. Testifies in support of SB 236 (EXHIBIT M).
	Marcia Kelley	Lobbyist. Testifies in support of SB 236 (EXHIBIT N).
	Astrid Newell	Medical Consultant – Department of Human Services. Testifies in support of SB 236 (EXHIBIT O).
	Sen. Walker	Expresses concern on insurance coverage for contraceptives and any discrimination between men and women.
	Chair Morrisette	Closes public hearing on SB 236 and adjourns meeting at 2:58 pm.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 841, proposed -1 amendment, Mike Bonetto, 19 pp.**
- B – SB 841, written testimony, Rick Rebel, 5 pp.**
- C – SB 841, written testimony, Petty Anet, 6 pp.**
- D – SB 236, submitted testimony from Robert Castagna and Michelle Mattern, 7 pp.**
- E – SB 236, written testimony, Representative Diane Rosenbaum, 4 pp.**
- F – SB 236, written testimony, Dan Gardner, 2 pp.**
- G – SB 236, written testimony, Joel Ario, 2 pp.**
- H – SB 236, written testimony, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, 2 pp.**
- I – SB 236, written testimony, Ken Henry, 2 pp.**
- J – SB 236, written testimony, Barbara Arnold, 1 p.**
- K – SB 236, written testimony, Paula Krane, 1 p.**
- L – SB 236, written testimony, Alyssa Roge, 2 pp.**
- M – SB 236, written testimony, Ramona Rex, 1 p.**
- N – SB 236, written testimony, Marcia Kelley, 1 p.**
- O – SB 236, written testimony, Astrid Newell, 3 pp.**