

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

May 1, 2003  
1:00 p.m.

Hearing Room B  
Tapes 69 - 70

**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 542 Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 785– Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 886– Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 146 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 819 – Informational -  
Implementation

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b><u>Tape 69, A</u></b>		
008	Chair Morrisette	Convenes meeting at 1:34 p.m. and opens a public hearing on SB 542.
<b><u>SB 542 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
012	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Explains the bill.
023	Leonard Hagan	Regence Blue Cross. Testifies in opposition to SB 542, and submits an article from the American Cancer Society ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
059	Peggy Anet	Health Insurance Association of America. Testifies in opposition to SB 542 and states that placing schedules for health care in statutes is not appropriate due to the ever changing opinions on health care.
	Chair Morrisette	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 542.
<b><u>SB 542 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
<b>088</b>	<b>Sen. C. Starr</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 542 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
<b>091</b>	<b>Sen. C. Starr</b>	<b>VOTE: 4-2</b> <b>AYE: 4 - Shields, Starr C., Walker, Morrisette</b> <b>NAY: 2 - Fisher, Minnis</b>
098	Chair Morrisette	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>SEN. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
	Chair Morrisette	Closes work session on SB 542 and opens a public hearing on SB 785.
<b><u>SB 785 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
110	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Explains the bill.

	Sen. Vicki Walker	Gives explanation on the hand engrossed changes noted on the bill and explains the -7 and -8 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). States she would prefer the -8 amendments.
165	Barney Speight	Kaiser Permanente. Testifies that Kaiser Permanente, Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Health Insurance Association of America would support the changes as noted.
169	Kappy Eaton Chair Morrisette	League of Women Voters. Testifies in support of SB 785. Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 785.
<b><u>SB 785 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
174	Sen. Walker	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 785-8 amendments dated 04/24/03.</b>
178		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.</b>
	Chair Morrisette	
183	Sen. Walker	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 785 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
185		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.</b>
187	Chair Morrisette	<b>SEN. WALKER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
	Chair Morrisette	Closes the work session on SB 785 and opens a public hearing on SB 146.
<b><u>SB 146 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
196	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Explains the bill, and notes the referral to Ways and Means ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ). Submits written testimony from the Governor’s office ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
205	Gina Firman	Association of Community Mental Health Programs. Concurs on the
	Bob Nikkel	-2 amendment to SB 146. Acting Administrator, Office of Mental Health Services. Concurs on earlier comments and agrees with the -2 amendment. Notes they had worked with the Governor’s staff office as well.
219	Sen. Minnis Kappy Eaton	Thanks groups for working together. League of Women Voters. Testifies in support of the SB 146, -2 amendment. Speaks concerning the number of members from advocacy organizations, and the new wording that lessens this number.
235	Sen. Minnis	Doesn’t see any problem with the semantics.
243	Gina Firman Sen. Minnis	Advises no problem with the question on semantics. Suggests moving bill to Ways and Means and Chair writing a letter to alter the advocacy group question.
310	Jim Davis	United Seniors. Testifies in support of the bill and the amendments. Reviews issue on members of the board.
390	Sen. Minnis Phyllis Rand	States his opinion on adding more members to the council. Legislative Coordinator, Governor’s Commission on Senior Services. Expresses her concern that the Governor’s Commission on Senior Services has been removed from the list.
	Chair Morrisette	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 146.
<b><u>SB 146 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
423	Sen. Minnis	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 146-2 amendments dated 04/28/03.</b>
426		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>

428	<b>Chair Morrisette</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
430	<b>Sen. Minnis</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 146 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.</b>
434		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b>
	<b>Chair Morrisette</b>	<b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>
		<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
<b>Tape 70, A</b>		
012	Chair Morrisette	Closes work session on SB 146 and opens a public hearing on SB 886.
<b><u>SB 886 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
022	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Explains the bill, and the -2 amendment <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> , and notes submitted testimony from Dennis Keenan of the Catholic Charities group <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> .
032	Phillip Kennedy-Wong	Ecumenical Ministries. Testifies in support of the bill, and offers his organization's assistance in this effort. Reviews his organization's volunteer/mentoring program.
104	Kennedy-Wong Sen. Shields	Requests a change on organization's relationship with DHS. Reviews some of the wording on page 3, line 20.
132	Sen. Minnis Michael Buckley	Gives his explanation on the constitutional question. Department of Human Services. Advises his organization would focus on the goals.
169	Sen. Starr	Explains that the outcome for the client is the main goal. Would like to move forward on the bill.
175	Buckley	Advises that some of the wording has to do with the re-issue of the fiscal and there is now noted a \$40,000 fiscal impact, which is the cost of bringing in a specialist
	Sen. Minnis	Advises there is probably available experienced consultant and experts. Advises he could direct DHS to curriculum and staff to meet these requirements. States there would probably be minimal if any costs.
	Sen. Shields	Advises that all the changes are in place in the -2 amendment.
196	Chair Morrisette	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 886.
<b><u>SB 886 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
198	<b>Sen. Shields</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 886-2 amendments dated 04/28/03.</b>
201		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b>
	<b>Chair Morrisette</b>	<b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>
		<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
210	Sen. Shields	Thanks Dennis Keenan and Philip Kennedy-Wong for their contribution on this bill.
215	<b>Sen. Minnis</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 886 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on Ways and Means BE RESCINDED.</b>
219	<b>Chair Morrisette</b>	<b>VOTE: 6-0</b>
	<b>Chair Morrisette</b>	<b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>
	<b>Chair Morrisette</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
	Chair Morrisette	Closes the work session on SB 886.
<b><u>SB 819 - INFORMATIONAL</u></b>		
228	Sen. John Minnis	Reads into the record for Health Policy and Human Resource

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Sen. Fisher  
Chair Morrisette

committees the issue of prior authorization on SB 819, from the 2001 session, and the Department of Human Resources moving forward with OAR 410-121-0030. Submits the response received from Legislative Counsel Committee (**EXHIBIT G**). States the department is without legal merit and wanted to read for the record.

States his concurrence with Senator Minnis on this issue.  
Adjourns meeting at 2:36 p.m.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – SB 542, submitted American Cancer Society article, Leonard Hagen, 2 p.**

**B – SB 785, hand-engrossed bill and -7, and -8 amendments, Sen. Vicki Walker, 3 pp.**

**C – SB 146, proposed -2 amendment, staff, 10 pp.**

**D – SB 146, submitted written testimony, Governor’s staff – Erin Kelley-Siel, 1 p.**

**E – SB 886, proposed -2 amendment, staff, 4 pp.**

**F – SB 886, submitted written testimony, Dennis Keenan, 2 pp.**

**G – SB 819, submitted document, Senator John Minnis, 2 pp.**