

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

January 22, 2003
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 1- 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair
Sen. Bill Morrisette, Vice-Chair
Sen. Kate Brown
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Bev Clarno
Sen. Charles Starr

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Organizational Meeting
Adoption of Committee Rules
Orientation and Introductions
Informational Meeting
Overview of Relationship between DAS and DHS

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Tape 1, A		
<u>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u>		
<u>Adoption of Committee Rules</u>		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 1:10 pm and welcomes committee members.
009	Sen. C. Starr	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules (Exhibit A).
012		VOTE: 5-0-1
		EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Clarno
	Chair Fisher	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
<u>Orientation and Introductions</u>		
031	Chair Fisher	Asks for Committee Members to introduce themselves
033	Sen. Burdick	Introduces herself.
041	Sen. Morrisette	Introduces himself.
061	Sen. Brown	Introduces herself.
077	Sen. C. Starr	Introduces himself.
100	Chair Fisher	Introduces himself, and further elaborates on his previous experiences on this committee, and his hope for the accomplishments for this session.
194	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Introduces herself and Saranelle Allen, Committee Assistant.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Overview of Relationship between DAS and DHS

202	Gary Weeks	Explains his position as Director of the Department of Administrative Services as designated by Governor Kulongoski.
214	Chair Fisher	Interrupts Gary Weeks, on the arrival of Senator Clarno and asks her to introduce herself.
216	Sen. Clarno	Introduces herself.
240	Chair Fisher	Asks Mr. Weeks to explain his role in conjunction with the Governor.
271	Weeks	Explains details on his new position and advises the setting of performance goals and measurement tools.
443	Sen. Morrisette	Asks how success is measured, and if the emphasis is on quality or numbers.
479	Weeks	Testifies as to the review process and using assistance from outside sources as well as inside the department.

Tape 2, A

049	Sen. Morrisette	Asks questions on quality and where money is spent.
080	Weeks	Responds that providing the best quality for the level of funds available is the key.
083	Sen. Burdick	Asks questions on cuts if Measure 28 fails, regarding impact on medical transplants and costs of medications, and other life and death situations. Asks if there is any flexibility on these decisions.
109	Weeks	Reviews information on HB 5100, (2002, 5 th Special Session) as a possible back-up on emergencies.
134	Sen. Burdick	Asks for further clarification on decision-making for emergency situations.
136	Chair Fisher	Advises that Jean Thorne will be in attendance at tomorrow's Health Policy meeting and would be able to answer questions; hopefully some of the Governor's staff will be there also.
147	Weeks	Gives further clarification on decision making.
159	Sen. Burdick	Discusses similarities in problems in Washington state and suggests the possibility of working with them on these matters.
173	Weeks	Advises that Governor Kulongoski has been working with Washington's Governor on similar critical issues.
187	Sen. Morrisette	Refers to Governor's State-of-the-State address in which no mention was made of health and human services.
202	Weeks	Replies that this was not an intended omission by the Governor. Gives further clarification for issues relating to health and human services.
223	Sen. Brown	Asks how the benchmarks with the Progress Board fit into performance-based measurement and budgeting.
230	Weeks	Explains the Governor's intent with the Progress Board, and that he wants to assist in establishing agency goals in line with benchmarks.
244	Weeks	Introduces Cindy Becker, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, and explains her role in his department. Explains role of the other staff members in the department.
274	Weeks	Explains how Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will be used as an example.

301	Weeks	Reviews departments' reorganization and further changes that are needed.
407	Sen. Morrisette	Asks about trying changes in an individual county.
425	Weeks	Comments on the four counties currently using a pilot model.
456	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if the Jackson County site was already in place.
458	Weeks	Advises it was already in place, and is a wonderful site.
Tape 1, B		
050	Sen. Morrisette	Expresses that we should proceed more slowly instead of trying to do all of the changes at once.
052	Weeks	Advises timing and further roll-out is something that Jean Thorne will be paying close attention to, and will review at next week's meeting.
060	Chair Fisher	Gives thanks to Mr. Weeks for coming today.
	Chair Fisher	Adjourns meeting at 2:10 pm

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Rules, Committee, staff, 2 pp