

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

January 27, 2003
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 3 - 4

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: **Informational Meeting**

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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
Tape 3, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Opens meeting at 1:05 pm, and welcomes committee members.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING.</u>		
008	Erinn Kelley-Siel	Erinn Kelley-Siel, Policy Advisor for Health and Human Services for Governor Kulongoski. Explains her previous experience and her current position in the Governor's office, and gives testimony on the Governor's policies and goals in regard to health and human resources.
083	Jean Thorne	Director of the Department of Human Services. Gives explanation of her position, her goals for the department, and what has been done recently in reorganizing the Department on Human Services.
088	Thorne	Gives an overview of three policy units on page 12. (EXHIBIT A)
161	Thorne	Reviews total fund expenditures by area, as shown on page 28. (EXHIBIT A)
171	Sen. Brown	Asks question on dollar accountability from state/county to insure that services go to the areas designated.
181	Thorne	Clarifies contract definition.
209	Chair Fisher	Questions the organization chart.
224	Thorne	Testifies on reorganization and states plans for focus in the future.
304	Thorne	Continues sharing information on the old vs. new organization and where further changes can take place.
425	Thorne	Expresses concern on accountability flow.
460	Sen. Morrisette	Explains how liaison in Department of Human Services works so well, to give help.
Tape 4, A		
070	Thorne	Expresses concern on employee communication channels.
147	Thorne	Testifies on the enormity of the task in handling required budget cuts and guiding field teams to keep pursuing new and more creative ways

		to accomplish duties.
190	Sen. Morrisette	Expresses concern over staff cut-backs.
194	Thorne	Gives information on positions eliminated and current vacancies.
211	Sen. Morrisette	Questions Thorne's evaluation on the elimination of 800 positions.
221	Thorne	Advises she will gather information and get back with the Senator.
	Sen. Clarno	Thanks Thorne for the effort she has contributed in the reorganizing efforts.
233	Thorne	States communication attempt via e-mail is to over 900 addresses.
241	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if there is a system in place to reward people for ideas.
255	Thorne	States that a system is in place.
260	Chair Fisher	Gives testimony about being on an audit committee, and felt some things were accomplished and some not. Expresses concern on inadequacy of documentation.
335	Thorne	Continues discussion on these concerns between Chair Fisher and Thorne.
	Thorne	Suggests she and Chair Fisher meet to review specifics.
Tape 3, B		
48	Chair Fisher	Thanks Jean Thorne for information on the department.
	Chair Fisher	Adjourns meeting at 2:04 pm.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Human Services, Oregon Department of, Jean Thorne, 27 pp