

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

February 12, 2003
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 12 - 13

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**
 Review of Small Rural Hospital Architectural Assessment
 SB 326 – Public Hearing

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 12, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Opens informational meeting at 1:08 pm.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
<u>Review of Small Rural Hospital Architectural Assessment</u>		
013	Ed Patterson	Oregon Rural Health Association. Reviews purpose of the rural health association, and concerns on maintaining rural health clinics. States problems with fund shortages.
080	Don Nyberg	Health Facilities Consultant. Gives a review of his written assessment on the poor condition of present hospitals, most due to financial shortages, and their failing condition for meeting conformance standards (Exhibit A) .
237	Sen. Morrisette Nyberg	Asks if this problem is nationwide and not just in Oregon. Responds that most likely it is. Further replies to related questions from Sen. Morrisette.
	Patterson	States that problem is a lack of long term assessing of building conditions to keep hospitals up to standards.
360	Sen. Brown	Asks if the use of economic development dollars is possible.
	Patterson	States, it probably is, but had not had the resources to look for other monies.
	Chair Fisher Nyberg	Asks if there are any standards to be met if just doing a remodel. Says none he knew of on a remodel.
	Patterson	Submits a news article on the problems with building quality in rural health care facilities (EXHIBIT B) .
	Sen. Morrisette	Expresses concern on this issue facing the rural community.
Tape 13, A		
<u>SB 326 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
022	Chair Fisher	Opens public hearing on SB 326.
035	Ed Patterson	Oregon Rural Health Association. Submits written testimony in

		favor of SB 326 (EXHIBIT C). Gives explanation on definition of a certified rural health clinic.
080	Paul McGinnis	Director of Field Services, Rural Services. Gives written testimony in support of SB 326 (EXHIBIT D).
212	Karen Whitaker	Director, OHSU Center for Rural Health. Testifies in support of SB 326.
278	Rep. Greg Smith	District 57. Testifies in favor of SB 326.
325	Jeanne Burch	Judge, Wheeler County. Testifies in support of SB 326 for base funding to maintain and continue rural care clinics.
	Sen. Clarno	Expresses appreciation for people who travel so far to give testimony.
432	Ruby Haughton	Legislative and Public Affairs Director, CareOregon. Testifies in support of SB 326, but emphasizes concern that this bill is only a portion of the health needs and concerns in Oregon.
Tape 12, B		
025	Bruce Bishop	Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS). Presents written testimony on behalf of David Bigelow, CEO of Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital against SB 326 (EXHIBIT E).
	Sen. Ted Ferrioli	District 30. Speaks on negative impact on rural facilities due to continuing decrease in funding. Feels monies from SB 326 could help the rural medical problems.
055	Sen. Morrisette	Speaks very strongly on importance of passing SB 326.
	Chair Fisher	States he will continue working with other committees to get bill moving.
	Chair Fisher	Adjourns meeting at 2:31 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Rural Hospital Architectural Assessment, Don Nyberg, 5 pp.

B – RX for rural health care, news article, Ed Patterson, 6 pp.

C – SB 326, written testimony, Ed Patterson, 4 pp.

D – SB 326, written testimony, Paul McGinnis, 5 pp.

E – SB 326, written testimony, David Bigelow, 2 pp.