

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

February 24, 2003
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 16 - 17

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: **SB 401 – Public Hearing**
 SB 164 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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 16, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Opens meeting at 1:08 p.m. with a public hearing on SB 401.
<u>SB 401 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
028	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Explains SB 401.
	James K. Lace, MD	Oregon Medical Association and the Oregon Pediatric Society. Gives written testimony in favor of SB 401 (EXHIBIT A). States he was involved in passage of HB 3246 in 1999.
047		Explains that the original bill allows for the screening of approximately 90% of the newborns in Oregon. Explains the reason for less than 100% is because the law allows hospitals with less than 200 to opt out of the program. States we need to have a follow-up tracking system in place, for any births not tested. Explains metabolic hearing screening.
	Sen. Morrisette	Asks what screening covers.
	Lace	States that screening identifies approximately 26 diseases, some could develop into highly serious health defects.
	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if tests are mandatory or discretionary.
075	Lace	States that families may opt out of the program due to religious reasons or personal reasons. Advises that the parent would have to sign for the tests, and declare they do not want the baby tested.
	Chair Fisher	Calls a recess on SB 401 public hearing, and opens a public hearing on SB 164.
<u>SB 164 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
	Marjorie Taylor	Administrator. Gives an update on the two amendments to SB 164 and clarification on the term limits segment.
	Greg Garcia, ND	Thanks Sen. Starr for pointing out the confusion on the term limits, and that this amendment clarifies the bill.
	Sen. Starr	Asks question on new board members coming on all in one year.
159	Garcia	Replies that three appointees would join the board this year, and two next year.
	Taylor	Submits written testimony from: J. Kneeland, M. Nissley-Abshier, D. Carter, Thomas Abshier, R. Finley and V. Osborne sent in by Laurie Marzell in favor of the term limit amendment (EXHIBIT B).
	Art Keil	Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians. Testifies on the question from last hearing on the number of members in the Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians. The answer is 145. Advises association supports the bill and the -3 amendment and further states that the association does not see any reason to have term limits.

206 Sen. Brown Asks if all naturopathic physicians have to be members of this organization.
Keil Advises that membership is voluntary.

215 Sen. Brown Asks how many naturopathic physicians are in Oregon?
Garcia States about 496, with about 70 of those non-licensed at present.
Chair Fisher Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 164.

SB 164 – WORK SESSION

250 **Sen. Morrisette** **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 164-3 amendments dated 2/20/03 (EXHIBIT I).**
Sen. Starr States he will not move SB 164-1 amendment (EXHIBIT J).
Sen. Morrisette States that Sen. Brown raises question on term limits, and feels it is important to have people serve who have experience.

262 **Sen. Morrisette** **MOTION: Moves SB 164 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**

266 **VOTE: 6-0-0**
In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
The motion CARRIES.
SEN. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor.
Chair Fisher Closes work session on SB 164 and reconvenes a public hearing on SB 401.

SB 401 – PUBLIC HEARING

300 Genoa Ingram Oregon Academy of Audiology. Submits written testimony in support of SB 401 (EXHIBIT C).

310 Valerie Schuyler Director of Infant Hearing Resources. Shows a video on test results on pre-school age children.

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060 Melissa Blake Parent. Gives testimony on hearing defects at birth of both of her children.
Sen. Brown Asks Schuyler to explain what a cochlear implant is, and how it works.

Sen. Morrisette Asks what children would not benefit by this type of implant.
130 Jean Josephson Parent. Gives written testimony in favor of SB 401 (EXHIBIT D).

177 Sen. Morrisette Asks for previous bill clarification on the limit of under 200 births, not receiving hearing exams.
Schuyler Gives explanation that bill was written around economics.
Chair Fisher Submits written testimony received from Muriel Goldman and Judy Brown in support of SB 401 (EXHIBIT E).

244 Laureen King Parent. Relates testimony on her 5 year old son, in support of SB 401.

John McCulley Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association. Submits written testimony in support of SB 401 (EXHIBIT F).
300 Jim Welch Oregon State Grange. Submits written testimony from Tammie Phillips in support of early intervention on deaf problems (EXHIBIT G).

330 Astrid Newell, MD Medical Consultant, Health Services. Gives written testimony in favor of SB 401, and suggests wording clarification be implemented in Sections 1.4, 2.2b and 1.5 (EXHIBIT G).

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130 Jo Bell Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. Gives further details on requested changes.

276 Chair Fisher Gavels into a subcommittee meeting, and wants to go on record of having fiscal opportunities available from the federal government.

Sen. Morrisette Asks what the difference is between screening and a diagnostic test, and what children are to be tested.

Newell Explains the reason for testing and how it would apply through the birth certificate system to determine hearing capability.

Chair Fisher Asks to hear about Federal grants that might be available.

Newell Explains that grants are for approximately 2 more years and would be available for the program.

389 Chair Fisher Requests staff to draw up appropriate amendments.
Katy King DHS, Intergovernmental Relations Liaison. Would like to add

		wording that the program will be handled within existing resources.
	Taylor	Reviews suggested areas for language clarification.
	Chair Fisher	Asks that a fiscal impact report be prepared for the measure.
438	Chair Fisher	Closes public hearing on SB 401, and adjourns meeting at 2:35 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 401, written testimony, James Lace, 1 p.**
- B – SB 164, written testimony, Laurie Marzell, 6 pp.**
- C – SB 401, written testimony, Genoa Ingram, 3 pp.**
- D – SB 401, written testimony, Jean Josephson, 1 p.**
- E – SB 401, written testimony, Muriel Goldman/Judy Brown, 3 pp.**
- F – SB 401, written testimony, John McCulley, 1 p.**
- G – SB 401, written testimony, Jim Welch, 1 p.**
- H – SB 401, written testimony, Astrid Newell, 19 pp.**
- I – SB 164, SB 164-3 amendment, staff, 1 p.**
- J – SB 164, SB 164-1 amendment, staff, 1 p.**