

# SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN

5/14/03 Hearing Room C  
3:00 P.M. Tapes 1-2

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
Sen. Kate Brown  
Sen. Margaret Carter  
Sen. Bill Fisher  
Sen. Lenn Hannon  
Sen. John Minnis  
Sen. Bill Morrisette  
  
Rep. Alan Bates  
Rep. Jeff Kruse

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Sen. Jackie Winters, Co-Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marjorie Taylor, Committee Administrator  
Heather Gravelle, Committee Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** Organizational Meeting  
Adoption of Committee Rules  
Informational Meeting  
Committee Charge  
Overview of the Structure of the Oregon Health Plan

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
<b>Tape 1, A</b>		
005	Sen. Hannon	Calls the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Opens the organizational meeting.
<b><u>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
010	Co-Chair Courtney	Refers members to the memo he distributed regarding the committee agenda ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
030	Co-Chair Courtney	Provides information as to future meetings, and states what today's meeting will consist of.
060	Co-Chair Hannon	States the first order of business is to adopt committee rules. Refers committee members to the proposed committee rules ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
065	Sen. Minnis	Raises issue with item 9. Asks to consider waiving that item.
080	Co-Chair Hannon	Explains why the specific language was inserted. Explains the Co-Chairs may waive the requirement.
090	Sen. Carter	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 05/14/03.</b> <b>VOTE: 7-0</b> <b>EXCUSED – 1 - Sen. Winters</b>



140	Sen. Minnis	Expresses there is a significant problem of accessibility to the Oregon Health Plan. States according to the Secretary of States audit that was conducted, persons were accessing the program that had no right or privilege by law.
145	Goldberg	Agrees there have been problems with eligibility issues. Adds they need to be certain the benefit goes to the people they were intended to.
160	Sen. Morrisette	States people come to Oregon for the delivery of their children. Asks if this is done legally, and if the issue is being addressed.
165	Britton	Responds, no adjustment made for that particular situation. States HB 2634 had verbiage regarding eligibility.
170	Sen. Morrisette	Seeks clarification.
180	Rep. Alan Bates	District 5. Mentions there is a companion bill related to the issue which will respond directly to the issue of eligibility. Adds they have not completed pricing the groups.
185	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if Oregon is required by law to treat those who come from out of state. Wonders if there is there a conflict between State requirements and Federal requirements.
200	Rep. Bates	States there is two issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Properly trained personnel employees.</li> <li>➤ Time to address eligibility dilemma.</li> </ul>
210	Sen. Minnis	Requests copies of the audit conducted by the Secretary of the State. Stresses again how important it is to tighten up eligibility requirements.
230	Sen. Brown	Asks Britton, according to the Co-Chairs proposal, rather than FHIAP being 1/3 group market and 2/3 individual, it is now all under group market. Wonders what the rational is.
235	Britton	Responds it is clear serving under the group market you will save money and are able to serve more individuals.
240	Sen. Carter	Asks how much money will be saved.
245	Britton	States that is a good question for the Department of Human Services.
285	Britton	Continues explaining the projected costs of the program. Adds the sooner a decision is made, and a waiver of change is applied for, the more money will be saved. States it will cost 20-25 million dollars of general funds each month we delay.
360	Sen. Hannon	Asks if it is predicated on insurance fees being instituted. Wonders if it will raise the necessary difference.
365	Britton	Answers he isn't sure if it will raise the necessary difference.
370	Sen. Minnis	Comments there is a good possibility it may, but there could be legal issues to address.
385	Sen. Minnis	Asks if 6 months is a reasonable assumption versus the three month assumption.
395	Britton	Responds yes. States 3 months is cutting it too tight.

**TAPE 1, B**

010	Sen. Minnis	Asks if they will create two budgets.
015	Britton	Answers hopefully, one budget based on the best assumption they can make.
025	Sen. Hannon	Closes the informational meeting. Adjourns the committee meeting at 4:35 p.m.

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – Organizational Meeting, Outline of Committee Agenda, Sen. Peter Courtney, 9 pp**

**B – Informational Meeting, Senate Proposed Committee Rules, Staff, 2 pp**