

**SENATE REVENUE COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2003 1:00 PM STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Senator Ryan Deckert, Chair  
Senator Tony Corcoran  
Senator Lenn Hannon  
Senator Charlie Ringo  
Senator Bruce Starr

Members Excused: Senator Ted Ferrioli, Vice-Chair

Witness Present: John Phillips, Department of Revenue  
Garth Putnam, Springfield  
Gil Riddell, Association of Oregon Counties

Staff Present: Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Office  
Mazen Malik, Legislative Revenue Office  
Tara Lantz, Committee Assistant

**TAPE 21, SIDE A**

003 Chair Deckert Calls meeting to order at 1:05 pm.  
OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 227

009 Mazen Malik Explains SB 227 which deletes the requirement on the tax statement to include last year information. Exhibit 1. States that there is no fiscal impact and no revenue impact. Exhibits 2-3.

021 John Phillips Testifies in support of SB 227 because it removes duplicate requirements. Exhibit 4.  
Questions and answers follow.

054 Garth Putnam Testifies in support of home schooling movement and urges the legislature to set standards in education and have volunteers tutor children.  
CLOSSES PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 227  
OPENS WORK SESSION ON SB 227

092 Sen. Starr MOTION: MOVES SB 227 TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

096 Sen. Deckert ORDER: HEARING NO OBJECTION, MOTION PASSES: 5-0-1. SENATORS ANSWERING AYE: CORCORAN, HANNON, DECKERT, RINGO, STARR. SENATOR EXCUSED: FERRIOLI.  
Sen. Starr will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.  
Hearing no objection, places bill on consent calendar.  
CLOSSES WORK SESSION ON SB 227  
OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 232

- 098 Malik Explains SB 232 which precludes County governing bodies from canceling deferred property taxes owed to the state under the senior and disabled deferment program. Exhibit 5. States that there is no fiscal impact. Exhibit 6. States that there could be a small positive impact on the General Fund and a possible small impact on Counties. Exhibit 7.
- 133 Phillips Testifies in support of SB 232 because it ensures the deferred revenues from the State of Oregon's lien for senior property tax deferral be returned to the program, enabling it to be self-supporting. Exhibit 8.
- 164 Sen. Hannon Asks whom SB 232 is intended to help.
- 176 Phillips Explains the situation that led to the drafting of SB 232.
- 188 Sen. Hannon Asks if it is the concern of the Department of Revenue that Counties forgive the liens because of possible insufficient funds for the program.
- 195 Phillips Responds that the Department of Revenue believes the intention of the bill when it was written was that the deferred revenues be returned in order to make the program self-supporting and that it was up to the legislature to decide how they wanted to act on it.
- 204 Sen. Hannon Asks how the Department of Revenue can know what the intent of the bill was in 1963 and how they can "shut the doors" based on one occasion.  
Discussion follows.
- 220 Sen. Hannon Asks if anyone from the Counties is here.
- 219 Gil Riddell Testifies that the Counties have not been informed of the issue and that he has no position on SB 232.
- 237 Sen. Hannon Suggests the Counties and the Department of Revenue work out a solution together rather than push a bill through quickly based on one situation.
- 251 Riddell Says he would be happy to work with the Department of Revenue.
- 276 Sen. Deckert Asks Sen. Hannon if he would be willing to work with them on the issue.
- 279 Sen. Hannon Responds that he would be happy to and suggests that an LRO staff member also be involved.

CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 232

- 288 Sen. Deckert Adjourns meeting at 1:25 pm.

Tape Log Submitted by,

Tara Lantz, Committee Assistant Reviewed by Kim Taylor James

Exhibit Summary:

1. SB 227, Mazen Malik, Staff Measure Summary, 1p.

2. SB 227, Mazen Malik, Revenue Impact Statement, 1 p.
3. SB 227, Mazen Malik, Fiscal Impact Statement, 1p.
4. SB 227, John Phillips, Written Testimony, 1p.
5. SB 232, Mazen Malik, Staff Measure Summary, 1p.
6. SB 232, Mazen Malik, Revenue Impact Statement, 1p.
7. SB 232, Mazen Malik, Fiscal Impact Statement, 1p.
8. SB 232, John Phillips, Written Testimony, 2pp.
9. Craig Fisher, State of Oregon 2003-05 Tax Expenditure Report Presentation from 2/4/03, 6pp.