

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

July 30, 2003
1:30 PM

Hearing Room B
Tape 106 – 107

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Kate Brown, Co-chair, Presiding**
 Sen. Roger Beyer, Co-chair
 Sen. Jason Atkinson, Vice-chair
 Sen. Ginny Burdick, Vice-chair
 Sen. Bev Clarno
 Sen. Tony Corcoran

STAFF PRESENT: **Jim Stembridge, Committee Administrator**
 Jeana Harrington, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: **SB 934 – Public Hearing and Work Session**
 HB 2537 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 932 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 933 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 106, A		
003	Co-chair Brown	Calls meeting to order at 1:38 PM. Opens public hearing on SB 934.
<u>SB 934 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Jan McComb	Committee Administrator. Summarizes SB 934, which allows qualifying architects licensed outside Oregon to provide architectural services in affiliation with Oregon architect having responsible control of work.
018	Cindy Roberts	American Institute of Architects. Testifies in support of SB 934. Provides background of the bill which contains SB 209 (2003), SB 210 (2003) and amendments to SB 210. Notes no opposition.
030	Bill Cider	Architect, Eugene; Board of Architect Examiners. Testifies in support of SB 934. Overviews the bill and explains how the bill changes statute.
054	Co-chair Brown	Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 934.
<u>SB 934 – WORK SESSION</u>		
057	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves SB 934 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
060		VOTE: 4-0-2
		EXCUSED: 2 - Burdick, Clarno
	Co-chair Brown	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. ATKINSON will lead discussion on the floor.
063	Co-chair Brown	Closes work session on SB 934. Opens public hearing on HB 2537.
<u>HB 2537 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
065	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2537, which modifies requirements for benefit levels of basic health benefit

		plans for small employers. Notes -23 amendments (EXHIBIT A).
069	Holly Robinson	Legislative Counsel (LC). Overviews the -23 amendments including summation of the proposals and the inclusion of the Insurance Pool Governing Board. Notes the amendments contain a four-year sunset provision. Explains allowances for employers by the bill.
119	Howard “Rocky” King	Insurance Pool Governing Board. Testifies in support of HB 2537 (EXHIBIT B).
146	Co-chair Brown	Asks if all license providers would be covered.
151	King	Answers it in no way alters the current process.
165	J.L. Wilson	National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB). Testifies in support of HB 2537. Explains the intentions behind the amendments to the bill. Speaks on current health care. Accepts the -23 amendments in order to advance discussion.
221	Lisa Trussell	Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). Testifies in support of HB 2537 (EXHIBIT C). Provides testimony and handouts from AOI insurance agents. Points out the private sector health care shares the troubles of the Oregon Health Plan. Informs the committee of the coverage employers are providing. Points out the cost impacts by providing statistics. States a one percent premium increase is equivalent to \$44 Million. Supports the -23 amendments in order to continue discussion.
297	Nan Heim	Oregon State Ambulance Association (OSAA). Testifies on HB 2537 (EXHIBIT D). Voices concerns with the bill because it does not provide ambulance service as part of basic coverage. Explains how uncompensated costs have increased greatly. Mentions the -5 amendments also do not cover emergency services. States the OSAA accepts the -23 amendments.
359	Martin Taylor	Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). Testifies in opposition to HB 2537 (EXHIBIT E). Speaks on the increasing amount of uninsured individuals and mandates. Consents to the bill with the -23 amendments.
410	Lynn-Marie Crider	American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Notes Mr. Taylor addressed similar concerns of AFL-CIO. Voices additional concerns with the measure. States opposition to the original bill. Recognizes the -23 amendments are an improvement.
TAPE 107, A		
028	Maura Roche	Planned Parenthood. Testifies on HB 2537. Echoes concerns of Mr. Taylor and Ms. Crider. Supports the mandate’s existence in statute. States pregnancy coverage cannot be eliminated. Questions savings by incurred by reducing the number of mandates. Informs that in 1999, a pregnancy mandate was passed at the state level. Believes protections should remain in statute. Questions the framework of the bill. Prefers the -23 amendments to the original bill.
098	Marcia Kelley	Women’s Rights Coalition. Testifies on HB 2537. Voices concern with removing mandates from insurance policy due to the out-of-pocket cost for women. States that women earn 70-75 percent of what men earn.
100	Co-chair Brown	Closes public hearing and opens work session on HB 2537.
HB 2537 – WORK SESSION		
105	Sen. Burdick	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2537-23 amendments

dated 7/30/03.

121 Sen. Corcoran Voices concern for cost shift instead of cost savings. Voices hope the bill will emerge out of conference committee in the form it leaves the Rules Committee in.

127 Co-chair Brown Shares Sen. Corcoran's concerns. Concludes that it is better for uninsured individuals to have some level of coverage.

133 Sen. Corcoran Argues the cost shift from employers who do not cover employees. Recognizes small businesses may not be able to afford coverage. Notes there are a slew of employers who do not provide health care for their workers.

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Co-chair Brown
VOTE: 5-1
EXCUSED: 1 - Atkinson
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

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Sen. Beyer
MOTION: Moves HB 2537 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.

140 Sen. Burdick States she will be a courtesy vote.

141 Sen. Corcoran States he is uncertain of his vote on the Senate floor.

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Co-chair Brown
VOTE: 4-2
AYE: 4 - Atkinson, Beyer, Brown, Clarno
NAY: 2 - Burdick, Corcoran
The motion CARRIES.
CO-CHAIR BROWN will lead discussion on the floor.

163 Sen. Beyer Speaks on mandates.

175 Co-chair Brown Closes work session on HB 2537. States the committee will reconvene at 2:45 PM. Recesses meeting at 2:19 PM.

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180 Co-chair Brown Reopens meeting at 2:50 PM. Opens public hearing on SB 932.
SB 932 – PUBLIC HEARING

184 Jim Stembridge Committee Administrator. Summarizes SB 932, which modifies exceptions to requirement that worker must notify employer of workers' compensation claim within 90 days after accident.

191 John Shilts Workers' Compensation Division. Testifies in support of SB 932. Overviews the current law.

223 Bob Shiprack Oregon Building Trades Council. Testifies in support of SB 932. Notes the HB 2881 (2003) passed the House. Provides personal account of workers' compensation claim. Speaks on the Management-Labor Advisory Committee (M-LAC) process and informs of M-LAC support for the measure.

270 Lisa Trussell AOI. Testifies in support of SB 932.

281 Sen. Beyer Asks Mr. Shilts what the exception he spoke of in his testimony was for.

298 Shilts Responds he is unsure.

300 Sen. Beyer Recalls a previous conversation.

305 Shilts Explains the number of claims is very small.

318 Co-chair Brown Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 932.
SB 932 – WORK SESSION

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Sen. Beyer
MOTION: Moves SB 932 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

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Co-chair Brown
VOTE: 5-0-1
EXCUSED: 1 - Burdick
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
Co-chair Brown
Closes work session on SB 932. Opens public hearing on SB

933.

SB 933 – PUBLIC HEARING

338 Judith Callens

Committee Administrator. Summarizes SB 933, which specifies that State Department of Fish and Wildlife or agents may hunt game mammals or game birds from aircraft for wildlife management or in emergency situations. Explain the error found in the engrossed bill and how the bill requires two more words.

354 Co-chair Brown

Submits letter from Ron Anglin of Department of Fish and Wildlife (**EXHIBIT F**). Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 933.

SB 933 – WORK SESSION

361 Sen. Beyer

MOTION: Moves SB 933 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

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VOTE: 5-0-1

Co-chair Burdick

EXCUSED: 1 - Burdick

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

SEN. ATKINSON will lead discussion on the floor.

369 Co-chair Brown

Closes work session on SB 933. Adjourns meeting at 3:01 PM.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2537, -23 amendments (7/30/03), Staff, 8 pp.

B – HB 2537, written testimony, Howard “Rocky” King, 2 pp.

C – HB 2537, written testimony, Lisa Trussell, 5 pp.

D – HB 2537, written testimony, Nan Heim, 1 p

E – HB 2537, written testimony, Martin Taylor, 1 p

F – SB 933, written testimony, Ron Anglin, 2 pp.