SENATE SPECIAL SESSION COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

June 15, 2002 Hearing Room A 10:30 a.m. Tapes 7 - 9

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Chair Sen. Joan Dukes Sen. John Minnis Sen. Cliff Trow
MEMBER EXCUSED:	Sen. Bill Fisher
VISITING MEMBERS:	Sen. Verne Duncan
STAFF PRESENT:	Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer Dick Yates, Legislative Revenue Cindy Hunt, Legislative Counsel Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator
MEASURE/ISSUES HEA	RD: HB 4058 Public Hearing HB 4051 Public Hearing HJR 80 Public Hearing

HB 4054 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 7, A		
009	Chair Ferrioli	Calls meeting to order at10:55 a.m. Reviews schedule for the
		day. Asks Paul Warner to review bills assigned to the committee.
030	Paul Warner	Legislative Revenue Office. Says HJR 80 converts the
		Education Endowment Fund into an education stability fund.
		Details differences between HJR 80 and Ballot Measure 13:
		transfer amount is \$180 million (versus \$220 million); effective
		date is 30 days after voters approve it; establishes a higher rate of
		transfer into the fund; and creates a school capital matching fund.
060	Chair Ferrioli	Asks for questions from the committee.
062	Sen. Minnis	Asks about graphics or spreadsheets available to the committee.
066	Warner	Provides copies of charts and graphs (EXHIBIT A).
070	Sen. Trow	Asks about removing lottery funds and whether that creates future budgeting problems.
082	Warner	Provides the committee a chart that describes the impact
		(EXHIBIT B).
088	Sen. Trow	Asks if the chart describes specifically the effect of HJR 80.
088	Warner	Says the middle column illustrated in EXHIXIT B answers his question. Says the \$180 million is transferred in the first
		biennium, which will reduce future earnings. Comments on the
		3 percent differential.
107	Sen. Trow	Asks if the funds used are discretionary.
108	Warner	Responds that the discretionary lottery funds will be reduced
100	, unior	anyway because lottery revenues are expected to be down in the

		next biennium.
112	Sen. Trow	Asks for a better figure for the impact of HJR 80.
117	Warner	Responds the figures in EXHIBIT B are in millions. Says the
		funds are available for distribution under current law. Says \$20
10(million per biennium would no longer be discretionary.
126	Chair Ferrioli	Says the "lock in" provision is new.
128	Sen. Trow	Comments that the funds are not available for General Fund
122	W 7	needs.
132	Warner	Responds there would be \$20 million less in discretionary dollars
120	Warman	than under normal circumstances.
139	Warner	Describes HB 4052, the implementation bill for HJR 80. Says
		the bill makes conforming statutory changes and allows the State
160	Chair Ferrioli	Treasurer discretion when managing the account. Clarifies the measure is implementation language.
163	Warner	Describes HB 4056, which provides for issuance of revenue
105	wannen	bonds to be paid from the Master Tobacco Settlement if HJR 80
		should fail.
178	Chair Ferrioli	Clarifies that HB 4056 is the "plan B" if HJR 80 fails.
178	Warner	Answers that is correct.
180	Chair Ferrioli	Further clarifies that it would account for the \$180 million
100	Chair I errion	disappropriation.
180	Warner	Responds yes. Says it is modeled after SB 832 (2001 Session)
100	vv unior	which set up a process to issue revenue bonds.
186	Sen. Minnis	Asks for explanation of the disappropriation.
190	Warner	Responds that is correct. Says in order to use the \$180 million
170		for the gap the disappropriation must be made. Clarifies the
		\$200 million disappropriation from the second special session is
		being filled with SB 1022 funds.
198	Warner	Explains HB 4059 establishes the September 17 special election
		for HJR 80 and HB 4051. Says a September special election will
		allow schools to plan budgets and to clarify implementation of
		the cigarette tax.
210	Warner	Details HB 4050 (extension of the sunset on the 9-1-1 tax) and
		HB 4051 (referral of 75 cent increase in cigarette tax).
		Comments that the net increase from HB 4051 would be \$107
		million for the current biennium.
233	Sen. Trow	Asks if the time deadlines in HB 4051 can be met to ensure \$107
		million in revenue.
236	Warner	Responds that the issue of the timing is due to the estimate of a
		July 1 implementation. Says Department of Revenue needs about
		two weeks for implementation of the increased tax. Says retailers
		need some notice so they may make pricing decisions.
255	Sen. Trow	Comments that members had been told that if the measure was
0.57		not passed by Friday, they would miss the deadline.
257	Warner	Responds they are within the two week interval now. Says that
2(1	e T	the Department of Revenue is available for comment.
261	Sen. Trow	Clarifies the revenue will be \$107 million.
263	Warner	Responds that is correct. Reviews HB 4054 (modifies Measure
		88, increase in deduction on state taxes of federal income taxes).
		States the measure would increase General Funds by \$108 million. Comments that a 3/5 wate would be required
287	Sen. Dukes	million. Comments that a 3/5 vote would be required. Clarifies \$108 is for this biennium.
287	Warner	Responds it is for this biennium. Says because of the phase in,
200		the bill also increases General Funds by \$119 million for next
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		biennium.
290	Sen. Trow	Asks if phase in helps next biennium.
295	Warner	Responds it does.
297	Sen. Duncan	Asks for the maximum benefit for an individual.
301	Warner	Responds it is \$180 for joint or single files.
305	Sen. Duncan	Clarifies the maximum possible benefit is when the federal income tax deduction is \$5000.
310	Warner	Responds yes. Says if the deduction was \$3500, the maximum gain is \$45.
314	Sen. Duncan	Clarifies that the maximum gain would be \$45. Asks if it would be costing someone \$45.
322	Warner	Clarifies answer.
323	Warner	Describes HB 4058 and the distributions to the Common School Fund. Says HB 4058 would increase distribution to schools by \$22 million, which would just about offset the declines in local revenue since the close of session projections. States the transfer would sunset in three years.
357	Sen. Dukes	Asks about authority to direct the actions of the State Land Board.
362	Warner	Defers question to Legislative Counsel.
365	Cindy Hunt	Legislative Counsel. Clarifies question being asked.
369	Sen. Dukes	Asks if the State Land Board is being directed to take action.
371	Hunt	Clarifies that the Division of State Lands is being required to distribute funds, not the Land Board. Says the measure triggers off current statute that directs the Division of State Lands to take earnings from the Common School Fund and put them in the distributable income account that is referenced in HB 4058. Says this is consistent with the constitutional requirement that earnings be used for schools.
386	Sen. Dukes	Clarifies that there is already statute that requires this to happen.
388	Hunt	Says the statute requires the Division of State Lands to deposit earnings from a variety of sources, some are interest earnings, some are dividend earnings, and some are equity income. Comments that there is some discretion to Division of State Lands with regard to the proportion of earnings distributed to the accounts. Clarifies the effect of HB 4058 is to limit the discretion for a period of three years.
402	Sen. Trow	Asks what happens if the earnings do not equal \$37 million.
404	Hunt	Defers question to Paul Warner.
407	Warner	Says the question is how much discretion the State Land Board has under current law. Says the past practice has been to measure earnings as a change in value of the fund. Comments that current State Land Board policy is to distribute a minimum of two percent. Reiterates there is some uncertainty about the issue of distribution of earnings. Comments on bills heard during carlier aposical accounts on the issue
TAPE 8, A		during earlier special sessions on the issue.
004	Sen. Trow	Says the measure does not say anything about "earnings".
007	Hunt	Responds that the wording in HB 4058 matches the current State Land Board policy.
011	Sen. Trow	Questions how the minimum five percent would be distributed if there were no earnings.
013	Hunt	Responds that they may sell equity investments, but that would not really go into the principle.

017	Warner	Comments that it would force them to liquidate assets to make the distribution. Discusses expectations for potential earnings on the fund.
025	Chair Ferrioli	Discusses committee process for the day. Opens public hearing on HB 4058.
HB 4058 – PUB	LIC HEARING	
041	Jeannette Holman	Division of State Lands. Expresses concern about meeting deadlines in the measure. Says the division is struggling now to make a two percent distribution in June. Expresses concern about having to distribute five percent. Says their Attorney General as advised the division that this is not allowed. Comments that the State Land Board has discussed evening out the distributions.
061	Chair Ferrioli	Questions whether the legislature could direct the State Land Board to produce more income. Asks about the constitutional problem.
074	Holman	Responds that their Attorney General said they may not use the corpus of the Common School Fund to make a distribution. Says once earnings have been put back in and reinvested in the corpus, they become part of the corpus and are not available for distribution.
081	Chair Ferrioli	Discusses whether this is a violation of the public trust and the State Land Board's fiduciary responsibility.
086	Holman	Responds that under trust law, the corpus must be protected for the future.
090	Sen. Trow	Asks about the two categories considered the principle in the fund. Comments that one of them dates back to the establishment of the State Land Board and the other due to actions of the legislature. Questions whether there are differences
099	Holman	between the two categories in the fund. Responds there are differences. Comments there are three components of the Common School Fund: the constitutional corpus, statutory corpus (\$17 million), and unclaimed property deposit liability (\$120 million). Says they can borrow money from the unclaimed property deposit liability, but would have to pay it back or change statute. Says they have more flexibility with the statutory money.
120	Sen. Trow	Asked if Ms. Holman testified on the bill in the House.
121	Holman	Responds she did not testify.
122	Sen. Trow	Comments this is the first time this information has come forward.
123	Holman	Responds as far as she knows.
124	Chair Ferrioli	Questions the \$120 million for unclaimed property and whether it can be borrowed.
127	Holman	Responds that it is her understanding it would have to be repaid, but there is some question about whether interest would be owed.
129	Chair Ferrioli	Asks if the agency has developed any approach to addressing the constitutional problems about increasing distributions.
132	Holman	Replies that the agency started discussions with the State Land Board after the first special session. Says the Land Board has asked the agency to develop a legislative proposal.
148	Chair Ferrioli	Asks if the agency plans to submit legislation for the 2003 regular session.
150	Holman	Responds yes.

151 154	Chair Ferrioli Holman	Asks if the agency will submit an amendment to HB 4058. Says she would have to ask the Land Board and the director of
155	Chair Ferrioli	State Lands. Confirms there would be potential for an amendment. Asks
161	Warner	about fiscal impact on HB 4058. Responds the five percent distribution would be about \$37 million for the next school year. Clarifies that the House has heard this issue. Discusses the current funding gap is \$859 million. States that the House added \$20 million to the gap, so they could increase the "buy back" to the schools and reduce the \$112 million reduction embedded in the \$859 gap.
189	Chair Ferrioli	Says there was some support for the bill in the House.
195	Sen. Trow	Says they have been disappointed by the total amount of funding coming from the Land Board. Says the purpose of the fund is to help education.
204	Holman	Responds they have been looking at the issue. Comments that the current structure of the fund is that they help schools when they don't need it, and hurt them when they need help. Says the agency is looking at more aggressive management of the assets in the Common School Fund.
213 215	Sen. Trow Holman	Asks if administrative expenses come out of the earnings. Replies the expenses of the Division of State Lands, approximately \$11.6 million, come out of the revenue from the land investments.
224	Chair Ferrioli	Says they could refer the issue elsewhere. Asks Ms. Holman to look further into the issue.
233	Chair Ferrioli	Closes public hearing HB 4058. Asks staff to explain HB 4051. Opens public hearing on HB 4051.
HB 4051-	PUBLIC HEARING	
255	Dick Yates	Legislative Revenue Office. Says HB 4051 increases cigarette taxes 75 cents per pack and dedicates revenue as follows: 1.6 percent to cities, counties, and senior and disabled transit and 98.4 percent to the Oregon Health Plan Fund. States the tax is imposed retroactively to July 1, 2002, which will create a liability for the wholesalers. Comments that the bill is referred to the people at the September 2002 election.
298	Chair Ferrioli	Asks if there are any legal issues with the bill.
303	Yates	Responds that it is not uncommon. Describes past legislation and tax changes that had retroactive provisions.
322	Sen. Dukes	Asks if it is a different situation if the cigarette tax was implemented by the voters, not the legislature.
330	Chair Ferrioli	Asks what happens if voters reject the measure.
340	Yates	Responds that the liability disappears. Speculates the wholesalers will increase the price and put money in some kind of fund to meet their liability in January.
354	Chair Ferrioli	Comments on out-of-state buyers. Asks about the rate of taxation.
362	Yates	Describes the rate of taxation is the 75 cent increase, making it \$1.43 per pack. States that Washington is \$1.425 per pack.
368	Chair Ferrioli	Asks if Oregon will have the highest tax rate.
369	Yates	Responds that Oregon does not have a sales tax, so the price in Washington will still be higher.
374	Chair Ferrioli	Asks about the revenue impact.
377	Yates	Says for current biennium, \$113 million will be for the Oregon

		Health Plan. Says there will be a transfer of \$5 million from the
		Oregon Health Plan fund for tobacco reduction programs. Says the General Fund will be reduced \$6.3 million due to reduction
		in smoking.
395	Chair Ferrioli	Clarifies the revenue impact on General Funds and increases in Oregon Health Plan.
407	Yates	Discusses the one-time transfer of funds.
412	Sen. Dukes	Asks about the date on page 3, line 19. Questions whether the date should be 2001 or 2002.
431	Yates	Responds that the date applies to the beginning of the biennium.
436	Sen. Dukes	Comments that it is already 2002 and that the funds did not exist in 2001.
441 TAPE 7, B	Yates	Reiterates that the transfer occurs during the current biennium.
017	Yates	Discusses section 8 of the bill, which increases the compensation
		to distributors for affixing stamps to the cigarette packs. Says current law has a graduated discount, but HB 4051 makes it uniform 4/10ths.
033	Maura Roche	Tobacco Free Coalition of Oregon. Introduces Nancy Bennett
		from the American Cancer Society. Submits (EXHIBIT C) for the record.
050	Roche	Says increasing the cigarette tax will discourage children to
		smoke. Asks that committee allocate the tax consistent with
		Measure 44 (1996 voter approved tobacco tax increase).
		Discusses tobacco prevention programs and cost savings through reduced medical costs.
085	Roche	Discusses reduction in tobacco consumption due to tobacco tax
		increases. Comments on smuggling and internet sales. States
		that increasing the tax will increase revenues.
113	Sen. Trow	Asks about the national trend with regard to cigarette tax increases.
117	Nancy Bennett	American Cancer Society. Says the nationwide trend is to increase cigarette taxes.
130	Kevin Earls	Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. Provides
		(EXHIBIT D) for the record. Supports HB 4051 and the
1.1.5		tobacco tax referral.
146	Chair Ferrioli	Recesses committee for lunch at 12:00 p.m.
156	Chair Ferrioli	Calls committee to order at 2:35 p.m. Continues public hearing on HB 4051.
	LIC HEARING	
159	Staff	Submits (EXHIBIT E) to committee members for their information.
164	Scott Gallant	Oregon Medical Association (OMA). Discusses the OMA's past
		support for tobacco tax increases for the purpose of public health
		reasons. Discusses support for possible amendment to allow long
		term resources for cessation programs. Supports targeting funds
		to the Oregon Health Plan and cessation programs. Comments
200	Sen. Minnis	on public support for various levels of tobacco taxation.
200	SCII. IVIIIIIIS	Questions where Mr. Gallant is suggesting tobacco tax funds
205	Gallant	should go. Responds the funds should go to the Oregon Health Plan.
205	Sen. Minnis	Asks for what reason
200	Gallant	Responds for the purpose of providing health care services to
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207	Sen. Minnis	Asks if there was no Oregon Health Plan, should the funds go to a Medicaid plan.
211	Gallant	Says the legislature can modify programs and shift funding in the future. Opines that the Oregon Health Plan will not likely go
230	Richard Kosesan	away. Oregon Neighborhood Store Association, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company, and Lorillard Tobacco Company.
		Comments that current tobacco taxes are \$6.80 per carton and
		the proposed tax increase will bring the total to \$14.30 per
		carton. Says federal taxes and other factors means the tax is $22 - 23$ per carton. Discusses effect on sales if increased tax is
		implemented. Says the tax is punitive to small retailers.
		Outlines potential results based on an econometric model.
		Discusses cross-border sales. Says Oregon's tax is among the
200	17	highest nationwide.
280	Kosesan	Discusses lost revenue relating to Oregon's high tax. Reads
		from a 2001 Department of Revenue memo regarding revenue
		impact estimate. Stresses the proposal will be detrimental to
220	Maula NJalaan	small independent retailers.
320	Mark Nelson	RJ Reynolds Tobacco and 7-11. Submits (EXHIBIT F) for the
		record. Comments on recent reductions in tobacco consumption since implementation of Ballot Measure 44. States that tobacco
		consumption is the same as it was in 1966. Says sales elsewhere
		(Indian reservations, internet, cross-border sales) have reduced
		in-state consumption.
349	Nelson	Discusses the July 1 date in HB 4051. Expresses difficulty
		understanding the policy of allowing a wholesaler to accrue a
		liability when the people will not vote on the proposal until
		September 2002. Questions what happens if the tax is not
		collected. Opines that the wholesaler will keep the collected
		funds.
385	Nelson	Comments on who pays the tobacco tax in Oregon and the data
		in (EXHIBIT F). Details the socio-economic status of smokers.
		States that tobacco companies do not pay the tax. Reiterates that
		tobacco consumption has not changed.
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006	Sen. Dukes	Asks for clarification about his client's position on HB 4051.
012	Nelson	Responds their product is a legal product. Says just because you dislike a product or industry that taxes should be increased on the
018	Sen. Dukes	people who use the product. Comments on the use of Oregon Health Plan and Medicaid
018	Sell. Dukes	reimbursed services for tobacco related illness.
027	Chair Ferrioli	Comments on Sen. Dukes' remarks. Discusses tobacco
027		companies and tobacco taxes.
037	Sen. Dukes	Observes that the calls she has received are about half from
007	Son. Dukeb	Washingtonians who do not want Oregon's tax increased.
040	Chair Ferrioli	Comments on the effect of a tax increase on North Portland
		retailers. Discusses efforts during 2001 session to close the gap
		on revenue due to non-legal and alternative sales. Asks about
		interdiction program.
060	Kosesan	Says it is underway.
065	Chair Ferrioli	Asks the Department of Revenue the status of the joint task force
		between the State Police and the Department of Revenue.
065	Deborah Buchanan	Department of Revenue. Says the program has been operational

		a four months. Course Domentus and a function and State Dalias have
		a few months. Says Department of Justice and State Police have identified a few cases.
079	Chair Ferrioli	Discusses Washington State experience and asks whether Ms.
077		Buchanan has information on their increase in tobacco tax.
083	Buchanan	Responds Washington has had ongoing problems with illegal
005	Duchanan	activity, not just following a rate increase.
088	Chair Ferrioli	Says that is something the committee should be aware of.
094	Sen. Minnis	Asks about the funding source for the task force.
096	Buchanan	Says there were General Funds appropriated.
098	Sen. Minnis	Asks why cigarette tax revenues weren't used.
100	Buchanan	Answers she is not qualified to respond to the question.
102	Chair Ferrioli	Responds that funding is the prerogative of the legislature.
108	JL Wilson	National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Opposes
		HB 4051. Comments on retroactive portions of the measure and
		effect on smaller retailers.
126	Chair Ferrioli	Closes public hearing on HB 4051. Opens a public hearing on
		HJR 80.
	BLIC HEARING	
132	Ozzie Rose	Confederation of Oregon School Administrators. Details the
		components of HJR 80 that are improvements on Ballot Measure
		13: uses less of the Education Endowment Fund; establishes a
		school capital matching fund; and there is a back up plan if HJR
		80 does not pass. Comments that school districts need to make
		financial decisions starting July 1. Reiterates that this measure
		is better than Ballot Measure 13.
182	Sen. Dukes	Comments that HJR 80 requires waiting until the vote in
100	D	September.
189	Rose	Responds there is a "back up" bill if HJR 80 does not pass.
190	Sen. Trow	Asks if the existence of the "back up" bill will get in the way of
102	Dese	passage of the measure. Opines that it might hurt passage.
193	Rose	Responds he is not sure what effect the "back up" bill will have.
		Says the legislature will be back in January 2003. Says their biggest problem is that the fiscal year starts on July 1 and there is
		biggest problem is that the fiscal year starts on July 1 and there is a need for certainty. Says he would have rather done a variety of
		things six months ago. Offers that SB 1022 has been amended to
		work better.
227	Sen. Minnis	Asks whether schools are already making budget reductions.
229	Rose	Responds all schools are making reductions based on \$112
	1050	million cut.
233	Sen. Minnis	Asks whether reductions are being made due to the failure of
		Ballot Measure 13.
234	Rose	Says schools have developed plans but hope they do not have to
		implement them.
236	Sen. Minnis	Inquires whether schools will not implement cuts if the
		legislature passes HJR 80.
238	Rose	Says HJR 80, with the "back up" bill provides more certainty
		than past proposals.
241	Sen. Minnis	Asks about bonding.
242	Rose	Responds that the measure and the back up is more certain.
245	Sen. Minnis	Questions how much planning districts are doing.
246	Rose	Answers that all districts are planning for cuts and are waiting
		for the current legislative process to be completed.
250	John Marshall	Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). Says OSBA did
		not support Measure 13. Says HJR 80 is a better version because:
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271	Matthew Beasley	there is a lower withdrawal from the Education Endowment Fund, only 18 percent of lottery proceeds are used, the addition of a capital matching fund, and it provides stability for the next school year. Urges support for HJR 80. Vice President of the Bridgeport School Parent-Teacher Committee. Offers support for HJR 80 and companion bills. Says his school may not open in the fall. Presents difficulties of closing his school, including future requirements to upgrade for ADA compliance. Opines the measure will pass due to the urgent need for school funding.
290	Sen. Ferrioli	Comments on the effect of the closure of Mr. Beasley's school.
295	Beasley	Responds it would be very difficult to reopen.
298	Chair Ferrioli	Closes the public hearing on HJR 80. Informs committee that Division of State Lands provided him information regarding HB 4058 that he will share with the committee. Opens a public hearing on HB 4054.
HB 4054 – PUB	LIC HEARING	5
325	Joe Schweinhart	Associated Oregon Industries. Says the voters have spoken and that Ballot Measure 88 should be fully implemented. Comments on cuts to income taxes, high unemployment, and the need for economic stimulus. Says Ballot Measure 88 is a middle class tax cut.
366	JL Wilson	NFIB. Urges committee to keep Ballot Measure 88 intact. Provides examples of how businesses would use the savings from income tax deduction. Says businesses are willing to make sacrifices as long as tax collections are a direct result of the health of the economy. Says infusing the money in the economy now will improve employment.
414	Sen. Dukes	Asks for a definition of a "small business".
418	Wilson	Answers the standard definition is a business with less than 500 employees. Says an average NFIB member has four employees and gross sales of \$300,000.
427	Sen. Dukes	Comments that 100 employees in her district is a large business. Says businesses in her district do not care about Ballot Measure 13 because they do not pay \$5000 in federal taxes. Comments on the ineffectiveness of the "trickle down" theory. Asks
465	Schweinhart	whether people will actually spend their savings. Comments that the tax cut in Ballot Measure 88 applies to middle income as well. Says these are consumers that will spend it.
TAPE 9, A		
025	Sen. Dukes	Comments that not everyone will get the tax cuts.
026	Schweinhart	Says everyone will get a portion of it.
027	Sen. Dukes	Verifies which measure is being discussed. Opines that not everyone in the City of Portland pays \$3000 in federal income taxes.
032	Schweinhart	Comments that no matter what your income is, there will be savings.
034	Sen. Dukes	Responds that her definition of "low income" is different.
035	Schweinhart	Reiterates that there will be some savings for everyone.
040	Sen. Trow	Comments on school funding issues and that many people have children in school that will benefit.
051	Patty Whitney-Wise	Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force. Submits (EXHIBIT G) for the record and discusses the issue of hunger in Oregon. Says the

102	Chair Ferrioli	tax proposals are related to proposed budget cuts. Refers to the income gap data shown on EXHIBIT G. Discusses declining business taxes. Illustrates tax burden by income level. Comments that hunger is disproportionately in rural Oregon. Says that economic changes in rural Oregon have contributed to
125	Whitney-Wise	hunger. Responds that proposed budget cuts will also affect jobs in rural
123	w muley- wise	Oregon.
135	Chair Ferrioli	Comments that government should not be the largest employer in a community. Says the private sector must be successful in every community.
147	Ralph Groener	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Comments on the rural natural resources economy. Discusses past changes in taxation that were enacted through the initiative process. States that the current recession has exacerbated the problem. Comments on the revenue stream necessary to fund a high quality education system. Says the problem does not go away when the recession ends.
220	Chair Ferrioli	Describes hunger issues in rural Oregon.
241	Carol Robinson	Coalition for School Funding Now. Submits (EXHIBIT H) and states the main point of the Coalition's message. Says that small communities depend on public school system and are an important economic driver. Comments on her small business.
288	Chair Ferrioli	Closes the public hearing on HB 4054. Says the work session for SB 1021 will not be held. Discusses future meeting plans.
318	Chair Ferrioli	Adjourns meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A Informational materials, Legislative Revenue Office, 1 p
- B Informational materials, Legislative Revenue Office, 1 p
- C HB 4051, written testimony, Maura Roche, 3 pp
- D HB 4051, written testimony, Kevin Earls, 2 pp
- E HB 4051, informational materials, Legislative Revenue Office, 1 p

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- F HB 4051, written testimony, Mark Nelson, 1 p
- G HB 4054, written testimony, Patty Whitney-Wise, 4 pp
- H HB 4054, written testimony, Carol Robinson, 1 p