

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

April 26, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 61 - 62

Due to technical difficulties the beginning of the meeting could not be recorded

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Jerry Krummel, Chair**
 Rep. Chris Beck, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Patti Smith, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Alan Brown
 Rep. Bill Garrard
 Rep. Jim Hill
 Rep. Deborah Kafoury
 Rep. Jeff Kruse
 Rep. Steve March
 Rep. Carolyn Tomei

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Rep. Kelley Wirth**

STAFF PRESENT: **Matt Wingard, Committee Administrator**
 Pamela Johansen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **HJR 56 Work Session**
 HB 2660 Work Session
 HR 6 Public Hearing
 HB 3877 Public Hearing
 HB 3659 Public Hearing
 HB 3613 Public Hearing

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.

<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 61, A		
001	Chair Krummel	Calls meeting to order at 8:35 and opens a work session on HJR 56.
<u>HJR 56 WORK SESSION</u>		
004	Matt Wingard	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of bill. Comments there are new amendments and a fiscal impact in process.
006	Chair Krummel	Comments the bill would be brought back at a later meeting. Closes the work session on HJR 56 and opens a public hearing on HB 3613.
<u>HB 3613 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
009	Chair Krummel	Closes public hearing on HB 3613 and opens public hearing on HB 3659.
<u>HB 3659 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
012	Chair Krummel	Closes public hearing on HB 3659 and opens public hearing on HB 3877.
<u>HB 3877 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
015	Chair Krummel	Closes the public hearing on HB 3877 and opens a public hearing on HR 6.
<u>HR 6 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
019	Bruce Starr	House – District 3. Testifies in support of HR 6. Discusses the

		lack of security in the Capital Mall area. Gives statistics of threatening calls received per month. States we should be proactive toward safety. Sites examples of recent security breaches at the Oregon Capitol.
062	Rep. Kruse	Asks when were cameras installed in the basement of the Senate wing.
066	Rep. Starr	States he is unsure of the date. Comments additional cameras are to be added in the near future.
068	Rep. Kruse	Comments the lack of funding has been the biggest issue for this undertaking.
075	Rep. Starr	Comments the priority is safety. Mentions a keycard security.
087	Chair Krummel	Asks what committee would possibly look into this issue.
091	Rep. Starr	Comments Government Efficiency should be the one.
096	Rep. Garrard	States this is an important issue to bring to light.
101	Rep. Hill	Suggests the Legislative Administration Committee, this would be the appropriate body to look into this issue.
105	Chair Krummel	Comments on the timeliness of this issue in light of the recent bomb threat at the Capitol Mall area.
110	Rep. Kruse	Asks when were cameras installed in the basement of the Senate wing.
115	Dave Henderson	Legislative Administrator. Comments he is unable to answer all questions regarding security issues but can get the information to the committee.
120	Rep. Kruse	Comments security has been an ongoing issue especially in the basement when legislators are coming and going at early morning or late evening hours.
130	Rep. March	Asks Mr. Henderson if he is part of the Legislative Administration Committee.
133	Henderson	Responds he is part of that committee.
139	Rep. March	Comments that he doesn't want an elaborate security system that would limit constituents access to members. States we are public servants and it is necessary for legislators to interact with that public and be accessible.
148	Rep. Kruse	Recollects discussion on some type of alarm button security system. Asks has that already been installed.
149	Henderson	Responds there is a system to alert State Police if the need arises. Comments there has been an alarm system here for some time. States there are alarm buttons in specific offices.
165	Rep. Kruse	Asks if the alarms are placed at random.
173	Henderson	States he would like to get back to the committee on this issue. Comments he would welcome any effort to review the security needs in the Capitol Building and upgrade those as appropriate.
182	Chair Krummel	Closes the public hearing on HR 6 and opens a work session on HB 2660.

HB 2660 WORK SESSION

190 Matt Wingard
198 Rep. Hill

Gives overview of -2 amendments (**EXHIBIT A**).
MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2660-2 amendments dated 4/23/01.

VOTE: 8-0-2-1

EXCUSED: 2 - Tomei, Wirth

ABSENT: 1 - Beck

Chair Krummel

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

212 **Rep. Hill** **MOTION: Moves HB 2660 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**
VOTE: 8-0-2-1
EXCUSED: 2 - Tomei, Wirth
ABSENT: 1 - Beck
 Chair Krummel **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. BROWN will lead discussion on the floor.**

223 Chair Krummel Closes the work session on HB 2660 and reopens a public hearing on HB 3877.

HB 3877 REOPENS PUBLIC HEARING

231 Wingard Gives overview of HB 3877.

243 Jason Williams Executive Director Taxpayers Association of Oregon. Testifies in support of HB 3877. Submits and refers to written testimony **(EXHIBIT B) (EXHIBIT C).**

331 Rep. Garrard Asks for clarification of the formula for the salary base.

337 Williams Responds he would prefer to see the position eliminated if they fail to attain a desired goal.

343 Rep. Garrard Asks if that is fair. Comments it may be the person that is not successful instead of the position.

349 Williams Concurs with the point.

353 Rep. March Comments on performance audits and the savings they produce. Asks if they have considered this option.

370 Williams Responds that this as a way of providing positive solutions and proactive ideas.

396 Rep. March Asks if the goal is to reduce government.

406 Williams Comments yes, he would like to see a reduction in government.

412 Chair Krummel Compares an auditor to the Ombudsmen for clarification.

449 Williams Agrees with the comparison.

434 Rep. March Asks if the legislative branch will implement these functions.

454 Chair Krummel Comments the executive branch will still be implementing the measures but the Ombudsmen would help the agencies make their case before the legislature for changes in statute and give them the authority for implementation to improve the audits.

470 Rep. March Gives personal anecdote to performance auditing.

045 Rep. Kruse Expresses concern in regards to the name "Ombudsmen".

053 Williams Responds they are open to titles if there is a conflict.

072 Rep. Kruse Expresses concern that state employees may have to defend a budget they don't believe in. Asks if there is a way for agencies to express their opinions in a truthful manor without fear of repercussions.

086 Williams Responds the Ombudsmen would be a representative who could champion for all agencies in regard to those types of issues.

105 Rep. Kruse Comments there is a general fear of speaking the truth.

113 Chair Krummel Recommends reading the book "Reinventing Government".

149 Rich Peppers Representing Oregon Public Employees Union (OPEU). States he would not support the bill if it includes cutting employee pay as a way to increase savings.

166 Chair Krummel Comments the idea is not to reduce the quality of service or the overall services being offered but how to deliver services in a more efficient manor.

171 Chair Krummel Closes public hearing on HB 3877 and adjourns meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Matt Wingard,
Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2660, -2 proposed amendments, Staff, 1p.

B – HB 3877, written testimony, Jason Williams, 1p.

C – HB 3877, written testimony, Jason Williams, 4pp.