

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC ADVOCACY

May 15, 2001
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 120 - 121

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Jeff Kruse, Chair**
 Rep. Bill Morrisette, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Bill Garrard, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Phil Barnhart
Rep. Jerry Krummel
 Rep. Jan Lee
 Rep. Laurie Monnes-Anderson
Rep. Carolyn Tomei
 Rep. Cheryl Walker

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: **Diane Lewis, Committee Administrator**
 Rachel Brown, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2426 – 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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 120, A		
004	Vice-Chair Morrisette	Calls the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Opens a public hearing on HB 2426.
HB 2426 – PUBLIC HEARING		
006	Diane Lewis	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2426.
027	Rep. Shetterly	House District 34. Testifies in favor of HB 2426. Explains that colon cancer is highly detectable and treatable. States that prostate cancer is the leading cancer killer among men. Discusses the fact that both types of cancer are not detected without screening tests.
090	Rep. Lee	Declares her support for HB 2426.
095	Rep. Garrard	Offers personal anecdote of his personal battle with prostate cancer.
103	Rep. Monnes-Anderson	Asks about cost savings resulting from the passage of HB 2426.
111	Rep. Shetterly	Responds that following witnesses will have that information.
114	Sen. Peter Courtney	Senate District 17. Testifies in favor of HB 2426. Speaks to the number of men with prostate cancer and those that are struggling with colorectal cancer.
207	Sen. Courtney	Continues discussing, in great detail, colon cancer detection procedures.
250	Sen. Courtney	Continues discussing medical procedures.
310	Rep. Krummel	Asks if a person should go through the exams in all of their

		forms and stages.
328	Sen. Courtney	Responds that the testing can be gradual.
358	Rep. Krummel	Asks about fecal bleeding.
374	Sen. Courtney	Responds that blood in the feces may be a good indication of a polyp.
TAPE 121, A		
015	Rep. Garrard	Thanks Sen. Courtney for “telling a story that needed to be told”.
021	Charles Norris	Former State Representative from Hermiston, OR. Submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 2426 (EHIXBIT A). Offers personal information in order to stress the importance of regular examinations and early detection.
114	Norris	Continues testimony by discussing both prostate and colorectal cancer.
151	Rep. Lee	States that she is pleased with the testimony and the directness of the witnesses.
155	Rep. Krummel	Asks why the insurance companies do not insist on these preventative strategies in order to save money in the future.
169	Norris	Responds that prevention is the key and that the treatments are more expensive than preventative tests.
194	Dr. Robert Ponec	Specialist in gastroenterology; practicing in Salem. Submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 2426 (EHXIBIT B).
285	Dr. Ponec	Continues testimony by discussing the symptoms of colorectal cancer, and explains some of the reasons why people fail to have colorectal screening tests done.
340	Diane Lewis	Committee Administrator. Asks about the meaning of “family history” and why 75% of colon cancer patients do not have “family history”.
347	Dr. Ponec	Responds that “family history” refers to the last two generations of a patient’s family.
357	Lewis	Asks about the “American” diet and its effect on colon cancer.
373	Dr. Ponec	Responds that two risk factors for colon cancer are family history and length of life but that colon cancer can simply “hit out of the blue”.
TAPE 120, B		
005	Gail Estes	Resident of Clackamas County. Submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 2426 (EHIXBIT C). Offers personal anecdotes and discusses her job with the Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA).
072	Estes	Continues discussing her family’s history with colon cancer.
084	Rep. Krummel	Asks if insurance companies are mandated to cover mammograms.
090	John Valley	Represents the American Cancer Society. Responds that in Oregon mammograms are covered.
094	Valley	Testifies in support of HB 2426.
134	Diane Lemmon	Registered nurse at the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU). Submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 2426. (EHXIBIT D).
201	Lemmon	Continues discussion of benefits of prostate cancer screening tests and early prevention techniques.
225	Rep. Krummel	Asks what the estimated increase cost that the insurance companies will face with this type of mandate.
237	Valley	Responds that it is difficult to give definitive figures but that the long-term cost savings for early detection are phenomenal.

270	Rep. Krummel	Asks if the Oregon Health Plan will cover these tests.
273	Valley	Responds negatively
282	James Snow	Prostrate Cancer survivor. Submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 2426 (EXHIBIT E).
371	Chair Kruse	Closes the public hearing on HB 2426 and adjourns the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2426, written material, Charles Norris, 6pp.**
- B – HB 2426, written material, Dr. Robert Ponec, 2pp.**
- C – HB 2426, written material, Gail Estes, 2pp.**
- D – HB 2426, written material, Diane Lemmon, 2pp.**
- E – HB 2426, written material, James Snow, 2pp.**
- F – HB 2426, written material, staff, 2pp.**
- G – HB 2426, written material, staff, 1p.**
- H – HB 2426, written material, staff, 2pp.**