

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

April 30, 2001
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 97 - 98

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair
Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dan Doyle, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dan Gardner
Rep. Bill Garrard
Rep. Steve March
Rep. Bruce Starr
Rep. Joanne Verger
Rep. Cheryl Walker

STAFF PRESENT: Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator
Jennifer Goodman, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 16A – PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION
SB 825 – PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION
SB 777 – PUBLIC HEARING
SB 427 – PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 97, A		
004	Chair Wilson	Opens the meeting at 1:31 p.m. Opens a public hearing on SB 16A
<u>SB 16A – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
008	Senator Kate Brown	Senate District 7. Testifies in support of SB 16A. Recounts her visit to China. Describes China's imports.
035	Rep. Verger	Asks if sister cities are different than sister states.
042	Sen. Brown	Responds that we do have sister cities.
047	Sen. Yih	Senate District 19. Responds that it is state to proveance in China.
054	Rep. Verger	Asks for clarification in relation to business in sister cities.
061	Chair Wilson	Asks where the money comes from for travel.
063	Sen. Yih	Responds that trips are self-funded.
064	Sen. Brown	Gives examples.
070	Chair Wilson	Asks about staffing in the –5 amendments.
073	Sen. Yih	States that it limits committee meetings to two, which limits the fiscal impact.
084	Sen. Yih	Introduces a member of her delegation. Submits (EXHIBIT A) and testifies in support of this bill and the –5 amendments.
145	Steve Greenwood	Department of Environmental Quality. States that he has worked on the task force. States that we have a lot in common with China.

194 Chair Wilson States that we have 4 sister cities. Asks if \$1,500 is the price of one meeting.

205 Sen. Yih States that a legislator has to request the formation of a committee.

219 Rep. Devlin Asks if the travel costs are borne by the participants.

223 Sen. Yih Responds yes and there is a travel fund of \$1,400 that they can use.

232 Rep. Devlin Asks if the cost is only administrative.

233 Sen. Yih Responds yes.

237 Chair Wilson Asks about the possibility of being called to the meetings up to four times a biennium and the costs involved.

245 Sen. Yih Responds that it is a possibility, but it is unlikely they will all be called.

248 Rep. Verger States that Sen. Messerle was impressed by Sen. Yih and the visit to China.

259 Chair Wilson Closes the public hearing on SB 16A. Opens a work session on SB 16A.

SB 16 A - WORK SESSION

262 Rep. Devlin **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 16A-5 amendments dated 04/03/01.**

264 **VOTE: 8-0**
EXCUSED: 1 - Doyle
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

267 Chair Wilson **MOTION: Moves SB 16A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and RESCIND subsequent referral to Committee on Ways and Means.**
Rep. Devlin

269 **VOTE: 8-0**
AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
EXCUSED: 1 - Doyle
The motion CARRIES.
REP. VERGER will lead discussion on the floor.

286 Chair Wilson Closes the work session on SB 16A. Opens a public hearing on SB 825.

SB 825 – PUBLIC HEARING

290 Senator Yih Senate District 19. Submits (**EXHIBIT B**) and explains the bill and testifies in support.

352 Hasso Hering Editor, Democrat Herald. Explains that a benefit to this bill is that people will realize how many bills we process. Explains that California rescinded this law, but Oregon will not have the same problems.

409 Rep. Devlin Asks Senator Yih if she anticipated how quickly we have gone to number 99.

416 Sen. Yih Responds she did not anticipate reaching that number so soon.

421 Rep. March Asks if we reach 999 should we roll it over. Adds that we should add up all the initiatives we done over the past and start there.

435 Hering Responds that this would be confusing. Adds that when we get to 999 they might change this in 52 years.

456 Rep. Garrard Comments that this is badly needed.

466 Chair Wilson Closes the public hearing on SB 825. Opens a work session on SB 825.

SB 825 – WORK SESSION

470 Rep. Devlin **MOTION: Moves SB 825 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

478 **VOTE: 8-0**
AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
EXCUSED: 1 - Starr
The motion CARRIES.
REP. DEVLIN will lead discussion on the floor.

493 Chair Wilson Closes the work session on HB 825. Opens a public hearing on SB 777.

SB 777 –PUBLIC HEARING
TAPE 98, A

048 Richard P. Burke Legislative Assistant for Senator Gary George. Submits **(EXHIBIT C)** and testifies in support of this bill.

100 Rep. Garrard Asks what was the original intent of the 1% law.

103 Burke Responds that you have to show some backing for your party.

114 Rep. Garrard Asks if both were required.

117 Burke Responds that there was a combination.

134 Rep. Gardner Asks if he would have run for Governor if this requirement had not been there.

137 Burke Responds in the negative. States reason.

151 Rep. March Asks what the purpose is of a small political party.

157 Burke Responds that they want to run only for offices they choose to.

172 Rep. Doyle Refers to districts in his testimony.

179 Burke Replies that you can have ballot recognition in districts but not statewide.

202 Chair Wilson Asks if the committee has any problem with this bill.

207 Rep. March States that he likes the 1% threshold.

208 Rep. Devlin Likes the idea of not throwing a candidate into a statewide election unless they are serious about it.

212 Chair Wilson States that they will not do a work session today. Remarks that he wants the committee to consider it a while longer. Closes the public hearing on SB 777. Opens a public hearing on SB 427.

SB 427 – PUBLIC HEARING

228 Sharon McKeehan Manager, Oregon State Payroll System. Submits **(EXHIBIT D)** and testifies in favor of SB 427.

275 Chair Wilson Closes the public hearing on SB 427. Opens a work session on SB 427.

SB 427 - WORK SESSION

279 Rep. Devlin **MOTION: Moves SB 427 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

285 Chair Wilson **VOTE: 9-0**
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

286 Rep. Devlin **MOTION: Moves SB 427 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.**

289 **VOTE: 9-0**

291 Chair Wilson **Declares the motion CARRIED.**

292 Chair Wilson Notes that the committee will be receiving some controversial bills and urges communication between members.

311 Rep. Devlin Notes that they will be moving to the one-hour rule, and asks that the Chair give the committee more than 24-hour notice.

318 Chair Wilson States that he will do the best he can.

330 Chair Wilson Adjourns the committee at 2:18 PM.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 16, written testimony, Sen. Mae Yih, 3pp.

B – SB 825, written testimony, Sen. Mae Yih, 2pp.

C – SB 777, written testimony, Richard Burke, 1p.

D – SB 427, written testimony, Sharon McKeehan, 4pp.