

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

April 11, 2001 Hearing Room C
3:00 PM Tapes 75 - 76

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Roger Beyer, Chair**
 Sen. Tony Corcoran
 Sen. Ryan Deckert
 Sen. Steve Harper
 Sen. Charles Starr

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair**
 Sen. Jason Atkinson

STAFF PRESENT: **Keith Putman, Committee Administrator**
 Pam Brunell, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 846 – Work Session**
 SB 874 – Public Hearing
 HB 2127A – Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 942 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2105 – 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 75, A		
001	Chair Beyer	Calls meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and opens work session on HB 2105.
<u>HB 2105 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
002	Keith Putman	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2105.
010	Senator Yih	Senate District 19. Testifies in opposition to HB 2105 (EXHIBIT A) . Proposes amendments.
075	Staff	Submits written testimony from Department of Human Services (EXHIBIT B) .
146	Rep. Laurie Monnes-Anderson	House District 22. Testifies to the advantages for the deaf to have access to a telephone. Favors the utilities taking some responsibility for providing equipment to the deaf.
215	Damora Paris	Program Manager, Residential Service Protection Fund, Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC). Expresses the position of the commission (EXHIBIT C) and the desirability of extending the sunset date for telecommunication assistance programs for disabled and low-income Oregonians.
215	Staff	Submit written material, PUC Residential Service Protection Fund (EXHIBIT D and EXHIBIT E) .
TAPE 76, A		
040	Betty Sue Bischoff	Non-Signing Hard of Hearing People. Discusses how important HB 2105 is to the deaf.
091	Robert Scheffel	Oregon Association of the Deaf. Testifies in favor of HB 2105 and in opposition to –1 amendment (EXHIBIT F) .
137	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on HB 2105 and opens public hearing on

SB 942 – PUBLIC HEARING

150 Putman
146 Libby Henry

190 Chair Beyer

SB 942 – WORK SESSION

192 **Sen. Corcoran**

Chair Beyer

205 Chair Beyer

SB 874 – PUBLIC HEARING

207 Putman
246 Virlena Crosley

TAPE 75, B

030 Crosley

93 Heidi Neel

199 John Courtney

374 Betsy Earls

404 Ed Gronke

444 John Egge

490 Rich Peppers

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073 Tim Nesbitt

160 Chair Beyer

SB 846 – WORK SESSION

179 Putman

192 **Sen. Corcoran**

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SB 942.

Explains SB 942.

Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB). Testifies in favor of SB 942 (**EXHIBIT G**). Clarifies that the bill has nothing to do with deregulation.

Closes public hearing on SB 942 and opens work session on SB 942.

MOTION: Moves SB 942 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 5-0

EXCUSED: 2 - Atkinson, Gordly

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

SEN. CORCORAN will lead discussion on the floor.

Closes work session on SB 942 and opens public hearing SB 874.

Explains SB 874.

Director, Employment Division. Testifies to SB 874 (**EXHIBIT H**). Notes that 75% of people going into JOBS Plus are not collecting unemployment benefits. Explains how SB 874 would modify current law. Notes that the department has statistics for the past four years.

Continues with testimony and explains the eligibility for UI and JOBS-Plus.

JELD-WEN. Supports the JOBS-Plus program. Testifies that it benefits both employees and employers (**EXHIBIT I**).

JELD-WEN. Gives statistics about continuing employment of UI recipients. Speaks to the provisions of SB 874.

Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). Supports the diversion offered by SB 874.

Participant in JOBS-Plus. Supports SB 874 and a continuing partnership.

Participant in JOBS-Plus. Testifies in favor of SB 874.

Service Employees International Union. Opposes SB 874. Has concerns with substance of bill and suitability of participants.

AFL-CIO. Opposes SB 874. Views this program as not an advantageous use of Employment Funds.

Closes public hearing on SB 874 and opens work session on SB 846.

Explains SB 846 and –3 amendments.

MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 846-3 amendments.

VOTE: 4-0

EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Deckert, Gordly

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

MOTION: Moves SB 846 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.

VOTE: 4-0

EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Deckert, Gordly

	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
206	Chair Beyer	SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor. Closes the work session on SB 846 and opens public hearing on HB 2127A.
<u>HB 2127A – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
210	Putman	Explains HB 2127A
225	Bill Cross	Oregon Landscape Contractors Association. Introduces HB 2127A.
255	Robbin Pearce	Oregon Landscapers Board. Reiterates the benefits to becoming semi-independent.
273	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on HB 2127A and opens work session on HB 2127A.
<u>HB 2127 A – WORK SESSION</u>		
279	Sen. Harper	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2127A-3 amendments.
		VOTE: 4-0
	Chair Beyer	EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Deckert, Gordly
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
287	Sen. Harper	MOTION: Moves HB 2127A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
		VOTE: 4-0
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
303	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on HB 2127A and adjourns meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Committee Assistant

Keith Putman,
Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2105, written testimony, Senator Yih, 2 pp.**
- B – HB 2105, written testimony, Robert Mink, 1 p.**
- C – HB 2105, written testimony, Damora Paris, 4 pp.**
- D – HB 2105, written material, Damora Paris, 44 pp.**
- E – HB 2105, written material, Damora Paris, 2 pp.**
- F – HB 2105, written testimony, Robert Scheffel, 1 p.**
- G – SB 942, written material, Libby Henry, 9 pp.**
- H – SB 874, written material, Virlena Crosley, 3 pp.**

I – SB 874, written material, Heidi Neel, 1 p.

J – HB 2127A, written material, Bill Cross, 4 pp.