

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

April 02, 2001 Hearing Room C
3:00 PM Tapes 66 – 68

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Roger Beyer, Chair**
 Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Jason Atkinson
 Sen. Tony Corcoran
 Sen. Ryan Deckert
 Sen. Steve Harper
 Sen. Charles Starr

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 447 - Work Session**
 SB 618 – Public Hearing
 SB 134 – Work Session
 SB 355 – Work Session
 SB 356 – Work Session
 SB 357 – Work Session
 SB 359 – Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 65, A		
001	Chair Beyer	Calls meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and opens public hearing on SB 618.
<u>SB 618 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Keith Putman	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 618.
025	Ludwig Hitz	Retired Juvenile Corrections Employee. Testifies in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT A).
223	Sen. Gordly	Discusses the need for more information and data in order to change public policy as to SB 618.
305	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on SB 618 and opens work session on SB 447.
<u>SB 447 – WORK SESSION</u>		
340	Putman	Explains SB 447.
388	Marshall Coba	Consulting Engineers Council of Oregon. Submits –1 amendments to SB 447 (EXHIBIT B). Opposes the original intent of SB 447.
438	Gunnar Schlieder	Certified Engineering Geologist. Testifies against the –1 amendment to SB 447.
472	David Driscoll	Professional Engineer. Adds that the –1 amendment will bring satisfaction to both geologists and engineers.
510	James Douglas	Registered Professional Geologist. Opposes the -1 amendments to SB 447 as unworkable.
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030	Douglas	Stresses the importance of mediation or solution of problem.
080	Sen. Starr	MOTION: Moves SB 447 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-3
		AYE: 4 - Atkinson, Harper, Starr, Beyer R
		NAY: 3 - Corcoran, Deckert, Gordly
	Chair Beyer	The motion CARRIES.
		SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.
114	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 447 and opens work session on SB 355.
<u>SB 355 – WORK SESSION</u>		
141	Putman	Explains SB 355 and proposed –1 amendment.
140	Sen. Gordly	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 355-1 amendments.
		VOTE: 6-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Atkinson
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
146	Steve Delaney	Manager of Public Relation, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Explains the –1 amendments as technical changes to tighten the language not policy changes.
	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 355 and opens work session on SB 356.
<u>SB 356 – WORK SESSION</u>		
162	Putman	Explains SB 356 and –1 amendment.
178	Delaney	Notes that the –1 amendment makes no policy change, only technical.
189	Sen. Gordly	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 356-1 amendments.
		VOTE: 6-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Atkinson
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
210	Sen. Corcoran	Objects to bills being rolled into SB 134.
212	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 356 and opens SB 357.
<u>SB 357 – WORK SESSION</u>		
215	Putman	Explains SB 357 and –1 amendments.
238	Sen. Gordly	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 357-1 amendments.
		VOTE: 6-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Atkinson
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
241	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 357 and opens work session on SB 359.
<u>SB 359 – WORK SESSION</u>		
257	Putman	Explains SB 359 and there is no amendment.
280	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 359 and opens work session on SB 360.
<u>SB 360 – WORK SESSION</u>		
281	Putman	Explains SB 360
283	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 360 and opens work session on SB 134.
<u>SB 134 – WORK SESSION</u>		
318	Putman	Explains the –1 amendment to SB 134.
350	Jim Voytko	Director, Public Employees Retirement System, (PERS). Describes the proposed language to –1 amendment (Exhibit C).
420	Robert Muir	Department of Justice. Gives explanation of contribution rates.

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030	Muir	Continues with employees' rates of contribution. Speaks to the preservation of tax status to members and the conflicting demands.
189	Dave Hendricks	Senior Deputy, Legislative Council. Describes the tax qualifications with IRS.
260	Muir	Discusses the various lawsuits pending against PERS and sides are on opposite poles.
307	Putman	Describes the -5, -6, -7, and -8 amendments as allowing an employer to withdraw from a pool and overall pooling policy.
300	Voytko	Elaborates on pooling and what it should or could benefit and that it is voluntary and that a member can't quit but can be removed.
450	Mark Johnson	Actuary. Expresses the purpose of pooling is to prevent volatility and voluntary participation would weaken the pool. States that mandatory pooling is best.

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120	Voytko	Describes the two existing pools.
197	Putman	Explains the -9 and -10 and -16 amendments as relating the emergency or reserve funds and contingency reserve. Identifies who presented the various amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• -1 Local government and counties.• -5,-6,-7,-8,-9,-10 Special Districts• -11,-12,-13 Cities and Counties• -14 Senator Derfler• -15 Senator Harper• -16 City of Eugene
265	Voytko	Using trust funds as contingency reserve has to be kept separate, as the gain/loss reserve.
350	Voytko	Explains the contingency reserve fund as never being funded.
404	Jerry Lidz	City of Eugene. States that the contingency reserve fund was discontinued in 1978. Speaks to the gain/loss funds.

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030	Muir	Explains the differences in unforeseen contingencies and foreseen contingencies. Notes that -16 amendments are not an IRS issue.
280	Lidz	Expresses that the PERS trust fund is one fund, all that exist to serve the employees, and they want a sustainable fund.
330	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 134 and adjourns meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 618, written material, Ludwig Hitz, 1 p.

B – SB 447, written material, Marshall Coba, 1 p.

C – SB 134, written material, Steve Delaney, 2 pp.