

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

April 09, 2001 Hearing Room C
3:00 PM Tapes 72 - 74

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Charles Starr**

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 134 – Work Session**
 SB 830 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 948 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 3040 A – Work Session

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| TAPE/# | Speaker | Comments |
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| TAPE 72, A | | |
| 001 | Chair Beyer | Calls meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and opens public hearing on SB 948. |
| <u>SB 948 – PUBLIC HEARING</u> | | |
| 010 | Keith Putman | Committee Administrator. Explains SB 948. |
| 023 | Mike Burrill | Economic Development. Introduces SB 948. |
| 055 | Ella Chambers | Certified Distressed Economic Developer, Avista Utilities. States that there is need for “new economy” and jobs in rural areas (EXHIBIT A) . |
| 102 | Rob Pochert | Southern Oregon Economical Development. Explains enterprise zones as pertaining to SB 948. |
| 125 | Staff | Submits written material from Senator Gordly (EXHIBIT B) . |
| 158 | Doris Penwell | Economic and Community Development. Testifies to the overlaps between SB 948 and other programs. |
| 231 | Chair Beyer | Closes public hearing on SB 948 and opens work session on SB 948. |
| <u>SB 948 – WORK SESSION</u> | | |
| 232 | Sen. Gordly | MOTION: Moves SB 948 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Revenue by prior reference. VOTE: 6-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Starr |
| | Chair Beyer | Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. |
| 233 | Chair Beyer | Closes work session on SB 948 and opens public hearing on SB |

830.

SB 830 – PUBLIC HEARING

250 Putman
288 Nancy Hungerford

Explains SB 830.
Lawyer Represents School Districts. Explains SB 830. Restores the parts of SB 750 that would allow local arbitration and return to the original intent.

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025 Hungerford
054 Brian DeLashmutt

Relates that SB 750 is not being used as intended.
Oregon Council of Police Association. Testifies in opposition to SB 830.

078 Will Aitchison

Lawyer, Public Safety Labor Relations. Opposes SB 830.
Explains that just cause as disciplinary action must take in all sides of the each case.

266 John Hoag

Lawyer, Public Safety. Testifies in opposition to SB 830
(EXHIBIT C). Cites examples.

TAPE 72, B

030 Thomas Ewing

Chief Hearing Officer. Testifies about the make up of the hearing officers panel.

110 Staff

Submits written testimonies:

- Oregon State Police Officers' Association **(EXHIBIT D)**.
- American Federation of Teachers-Oregon **(EXHIBIT E)**.
- Oregon School Employees Association **(EXHIBIT F)**.
- Oregon Education Association **(EXHIBIT G)**.
- Employment Department **(EXHIBIT H)**.

117 Chair Beyer

Closes public hearing on SB 830 and opens work session HB 3040A.

HB 3040 – WORK SESSION

133 Putman
139 Sen. Gordly

Explains HB 3040A.

MOTION: Moves HB 3040A to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Health and Human Services.

VOTE: 5-0

EXCUSED: 2 - Starr, Corcoran

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

147 Chair Beyer
Chair Beyer

Closes work session on HB 3040 and opens work session on SB 134.

SB 134 – WORK SESSION

150 Putman
240 Chair Beyer
280 David Bailey

Explains SB 134 and provisions concerning pooling.

Calls for decisions of the committee on pooling.

First Deputy Director, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Explains the separate pools and how it started. States that there will be no retroactive pooling and expresses that some employers are trying to lower their rates and some are insuring against future rate fluctuations by eliminating volatility.

Expresses that school pools have a higher rate because of longer lives and careers.

495 Bob Muir

Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. Testifies to pools and that PERS does not have the legal capacity to merge pools or make new ones.

TAPE 73, B

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| 056 | Bailey | Continues with discussion on pooling. |
| 080 | Chair Beyer | Discusses the voluntary joining and involuntary leaving a pool. |
| 090 | Putman | States that a pooling amendment will be drafted. Discusses bonding and who can and if the entity is too small, bonding through the State Treasury Office. |
| 175 | Staff | Submit written testimony from Eugene Water Electric Board (EWEB) (EXHIBIT I). |
| 200 | Jim Voytko | Director, PERS. Gives an explanation of bonding issue. |
| 275 | Jim Origliosso | Treasurer, EWEB. Explains the tax liability and exposure of bonding. |
| 350 | Chair Beyer | Brings up the make up of the PERS board in the –14 amendments. |
| 385 | Voytko | Notes that the current Board consists of 11 members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 – Public members (not members of PERS). • 1 – Employee of state in management • 1 – Employee of school district in management • 2 – Elected officials (local gov't) • 1 – Classified employee of school district • 1 – Classified employee of police • 1 – Classified employee of state • 1 – Classified employee of local government Adds that –14 would make 6 public members and 1 elected official and 2 classified employees. |
| TAPE 74, A | | |
| 030 | Voytko | Continues discussion of board make up. |
| 075 | Chair Beyer | Closes work session on SB 134 and adjourns meeting at 5:05 p.m. |

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Reviewed By,

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Committee Assistant

Keith Putman,
Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 948, written material, Ella Chambers, 2 pp.**
- B – SB 948, written material, Senator Gordly, 2 pp.**
- C – SB 830, written material, John Hoag, 3 pp.**
- D – SB 830, written testimony, Jim Botwinis, 13 pp.**
- E – SB 830, written testimony, Amy Hunter, 2 pp.**

F – SB 830, written testimony, Tricia Smith, 3 pp.
G – SB 830, written material, Mark Toledo, 3 pp.
H – SB 830, written material, Virlena Crosley, 2 pp.
I – SB 134, written material, Catherine Bloom, 2 pp.