

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 17, 2001
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 2 - 3

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair
Sen. Gary George
Sen. Ken Messerle
Sen. Frank Shields

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Margaret Carter, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Berkobien, Administrator
Andrew Morris, Committee Assistant

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SB 364 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 2, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and introduces the committee.
032	Sen. George	Introduces self to the committee.
046	Sen. Shields	Introduces self to the committee.
063	Sen. Messerle	Introduces self to the committee.
082	Rick Berkobien	Administrator. Introduces self to the committee.
100	Chair Fisher	Introduces Gary Weeks and Bobby Mink of the Department of Human Services (DHS).
121	Berkobien	Reads letter to Weeks from the committee (EXHIBIT A).
147	Gary Weeks	Director, DHS. Comments on his tenure at DHS and cooperation with the Legislature. Thanks the committee for their work with DHS.
238	Weeks	Continues testimony. Discusses his interests in DHS. Comments on the original vision of DHS to give people the ability to go to one place to receive the services they need. Explains the integration process.
325	Weeks	Comments on different services that DHS provides. States that Oregon has been a forerunner for human services. Comments on the reorganization process.
376	Chair Fisher	Thanks Weeks for his work.
397	Sen. Shields	Thanks Weeks for his work.
428	Bobby Mink	Deputy Director, DHS. Presents (EXHIBIT B) to the committee. Explains the reorganization process.
TAPE 3, A		
036	Mink	States the reorganization will allow the divisions to work in teams. Explains the reorganization will also allow for policies to be made that will work with each other. States the reorganization plan will be presented to the governor before Weeks leaves.
063	Chair Fisher	States he would like regular updates on the reorganization.
069	Mink	States the reorganization is in best interest of the agency.
074	Sen. Shields	Explains his concern about reorganizing the agency during the

088	Mink	Legislative Session. States it is important the reorganization does not get lost within the legislature.
095	Sen. Messerle	States he will work diligently on the project. Relates the test project in Coos County. States that the reorganization is very important.
110	Chair Fisher	Conveys the committee's support in the reorganization process.
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134	Berkobien	Explains SB 364 to the committee.
161	Gin Denison	Administrator, Governor's Advocacy and Children's Ombudsman Office and Oregon's Children's Ombudsman. Testifies on SB 364. Explains effects the of bill. States that the bill needs some amendments.
186	Micky Lansing	Deputy Director, Commission on Children and Families. Testifies on support of SB 364. States that DHS could fulfill the statute requirements more efficiently than what is being done currently.
196	Chair Fisher	Opens a sub-committee to listen to testimony on SB 364
<u>OPENS A SUB-COMMITTEE</u>		
200	Lansing	Comments on the original legislation from the 1993 Session.
218	Chair Fisher	Thanks Denison for her work as the ombudsman.
234	Chair Fisher	Reopens the full committee.
<u>OPENS THE FULL COMMITTEE</u>		
247	Nancy Miller	Director, Juvenile Court Programs Division of the State Court Administrators Office. Testifies on SB 364. States support for the transfer. States some amendments are being worked on with Denison.
265	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 364 and adjourns at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Andrew Morris,
Committee Assistant

Rick Berkobien,
Administrator

EXHIBITS

- A – Letter to Gary Weeks from the committee, submitted by Staff, 1 pp.**
- B – Outline of DHS reorganization and fact sheet, submitted by Bobby Mink, 7 pp.**