

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 2, 2001
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B
Tapes 19 - 20

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair**
 Sen. Margaret Carter, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Gary George
 Sen. Frank Shields
 Sen. Ken Messerle

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 331 Public Hearing**
 SB 371 Public Hearing

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 19, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. and opens a public hearing on SB 331.
<u>SB 331 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
044	Rick Berkobien	Administrator. Explains SB 331 to the committee.
077	Jim Beyer	Oregon Student Assistance Commission. Presents testimony in support of SB 331 (EXHIBIT A). Comments on the benefits of the bill, which would allow loan forgiveness for nurses who work in critical shortage areas. Comments on the Nurses Services Program that would be created through the passage of SB 331.
130	Beyer	Reviews the statistics on page two of (EXHIBIT A). Comments on nursing shortages. Explains how the program would work.
200	Sen. Shields	Asks about the minimum service agreement.
203	Beyer	Responds that is about two years.
206	Sen. Messerle	Comments on health services and funds in rural Oregon. Asks for clarification of critical shortage areas.
222	Brian DeLashmutt	Oregon Nursing Association. Testifies in support of SB 331. States that critical shortages could occur in urban areas based on practicing nurses.
240	Sen. Messerle	Explains concerns.
249	Chair Fisher	Asks about the timeline to enter the program
253	Beyer	Responds by explaining the application process.
264	DeLashmutt	Comments on the cooperative efforts to establish the proposed program. Explains the background of the bill. States the money for the program is included in proposed budgets
322	Sen. Shields	Asks if the adjustments would allow for a better use of funds.
324	DeLashmutt	Responds affirmatively. Comments on the original program that was developed.
384	Sen. Shield	Asks about shortages by practice in urban areas and the cause of the shortages.

400	DeLashmutt	Responds there is a nursing shortage nationwide. Relates an example of a shortage.
TAPE 20, A		
000	DeLashmutt	Continues relating shortage examples.
009	Sen. Messerle	State the definition of shortage needs to be clear.
017	DeLashmutt	Asks that definitions be made in the administrative rule process.
026	Sen. Messerle	Asks about current administrative rules.
029	Beyer	Responds by explaining current definitions in administrative rules. States that state rules are stricter than federal rules.
058	Sen. Carter	Asks about flexibility in statute versus administrative rules.
065	DeLashmutt	Responds it is easier to make changes by administrative rules.
072	Chair Fisher	Closes the work session on SB 331 and opens a public hearing on SB 371.
<u>SB 371 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
097	Berkobien	Explains SB 371 to the committee.
116	Dan Kennedy	Department of Administrative Services. Presents testimony in support of SB 371 (EXHIBIT B). Gives the background of SB 371. Explains the appointment process. States the bill would streamline the process.
146	Chair Fisher	Asks if it would clarify the process.
150	Kennedy	Responds affirmatively.
152	Sen. Messerle	Asks for information about the Health Licensing Office.
159	Kennedy	Responds the office oversees nine licensing boards and employees about 27 people.
167	Sen. Messerle	Asks if senate confirmation is necessary.
173	Kennedy	Responds by explaining the confirmation process.
182	Chair Fisher	Clarifies the confirmation process.
203	Chair Fisher	Introduces a letter into record from Susan Wilson (EXHIBIT C).
215	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 371 and adjourns the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 331, Fact Sheet, Jim Beyer, 2 pp.

B – SB 371, Fact Sheet, Dan Kennedy, 1 pp.

C – SB 371, Letter from Susan Wilson, Senator Fisher, 1 p.