SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 11, 2001 Hearing Room B 1:00 PM Tapes 83 - 87

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

MEASURES HEARD: SB 906 Public Hearing

SB 99 Public Hearing

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TAPE 83, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and opens a public hearing
		on SB 906.
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006	Rick Berkobien	Administrator. Explains SB 906 to the committee.
022	Doug Riggs	Representing Metro. Testifies in support of SB 906.
032	Bill Atherton	Metro. Testifies in support of SB 906. Comments on a proposed amendment.
054	Scott Moss	Metro Staff. Testifies in support of SB 906. Explains Metro's cost for health insurance coverage. Comments on the affects of the bill.
068	Sen. Messerle	Asks how the criteria are determined.
072	Riggs	Responds the criteria were derived through research.
089	Sen. Messerle	Comments on having a bond to build up financial reserves.
095	Moss	Explains the self-insurance regulations.
134	Ken Allen	AFSCME. Testifies in support of SB 906. Comments on
150	Bruce Bishop	healthcare costs. Kaiser Foundation. Testifies in opposition to SB 906 (EXHIBIT A). Comments on federal law. Explains why SB 906 should not be passed.
280	Bishop	Continues testimony.
320	Chair Fisher	Asks if Kaiser would be open to amendments.
327	Bishop	Relates Kaiser's position.
355	Chair Fisher	Relates a possible amendment. Asks how many employees
	C11W11 1 1011 0 1	Metro has.
380	Moss	States that Metro has 650 employees. Relates Eugene's self-insurance system.
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013	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 906 and opens a public hearing on SB 99
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SB 99 PUBLIC HEARING

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99 (EXHIBIT K) . Comments on the benefits of fluoridation. Rebuts previous testimony.	
Dr. Bill Schuyler DMD, Pediatric Dentist. Reads testimony in support of SB 99 (EXHIBIT L).	
Dr. Mike Shirtcliff DMD. Reads testimony in support of SB 99 (EXHIBIT M).	
185 Deborah Loyd Reads testimony from Bob Dannenhoffer, M.D. in support of S	R
99 (EXHIBIT N).	
227 Tim Sherman City of Salem, Water Division.	
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240 Chair Fisher Asks about the process of fluoridation.	
Sherman Explains the process of water fluoridation. States that it costs 4	10
cents per person for a year of fluoridation. States that fluoride	is
by-product of fertilizer. Explains water sampling for safety.	
Sen. Shields Asks if fluctuations are public record.	
Sherman Responds affirmatively.	
Sandra Duffy Citizens For Safe Drinking Water. Testifies in opposition to Significant Sign	3
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Duffy Continues testimony.	
O56 Travis Williams Executive Director, Willamette Riverkeeper. Testifies in opposition to SB 99 (EXHIBIT P).	
Dr. Ann Durant Chiropractor. Testifies in opposition to SB 99 (EXHIBIT Q).	
Relates scientists who have concerns about fluoridation.	
Comments on fluoridation in European countries.	
Chair Fisher Comments on natural fluoride.	
Durant Comments on toxicity of natural fluoride.	
Frank Gearhart Citizens Interested In Bull Run, Inc. Testifies in opposition to	
SB 99 (EXHIBIT R). Comments on individual rights.	
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000 Willie Tiffany League of Oregon Cities. Testifies in opposition to SB 99	
(EXHIBIT S). Comments on the fiscal impact. Madford Water Commission Toolifies in apposition to SP 00	
Description Larry Rains Medford Water Commission. Testifies in opposition to SB 99. Relates community reaction to fluoridation.	
093 Sen. George Relates personal opinion.	
100 Tiffany Comments on the state Drinking Water Act.	
132 Miriam Green Consumer. Testifies in opposition to SB 99 (EXHIBIT T).	
Comments on fluoride in the air.	
242 Michael Framson Oregon Citizens for Safe Drinking Water. Testifies in oppositi	on
to SB 99 (EXHIBIT U). Describes problems that have been	
linked to water fluoridation.	
Framson Continues testimony.	
377 Chair Fisher Asks if there are other causes of fluorosis.	
Framson Explains different types of fluorides.	
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Dr. Gordon Empey DMD. Oregon Primary Care. Testifies in support of SB 99 (EXHIBIT V). Comments on the rate of fluoridation in the Use	3,

		which is about 70 percent.
029	Martin	Rebuts previous testimony.
076	Sen. George	Asks about cost savings with fluoridation.
087	Martin	Responds about 25 percent.
116	Jerry Larson	Volunteer, Northwest Medical Teams. Pediatric Dentist, DMD.
	,	Testifies in support of SB 99.
130	Sen. George	Asks about topical fluoride treatment is better than ingesting it.
138	Larson	Responds a combination of the two is the best use.
148	Chair Fisher	Enters testimony into the record (EXHIBIT W).
166	Alan Fletcher	OWVC. Testifies in opposition to SB 99. States the issue
		should be left up to local municipalities.
190	Sen. Shields	Asks about the proposed amendments.
195	Fletcher	Responds that amendments are in the works.
205	John Killin	Special Districts Association of Oregon. Testifies in opposition
		to SB 99 (EXHIBIT X). Comments on local water districts.
250	Rhett Lawrence	Oregon State Public Interest Research Group. Testifies in
		opposition to SB 99 (EXHIBIT Y). States that fluoride
		additives are not proven safe.
282	Mary O'Brien	Ecosystem Projects Director of Science and Environmental
		Health Network. Testifies in opposition to SB 99 (EXHIBIT
		Z). Relates research that states a possibility of problems related
		to fluoridation.
400	Susan Schneider	City of Portland. Testifies in opposition SB 99 (EXHIBIT AA).
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008	Sandra Bishop	EWEB Commissioner. Testifies in opposition to SB 99
		(EXHIBIT BB). Comments on the medicinal qualities of
		fluoridation.
067	Lynn Campbell	Oregon Citizens for Safe Drinking Water. Testifies in opposition
		to SB 99. Comments on the toxic effects of fluoride. Provides
		personal opinion. States that studies need to be done before
		water is fluoridated.
127	Chair Fisher	Asks how Oregon compares to other states in diabetes related to
		fluoridation.
135	Campbell	Responds she is unsure.
145	Chair Fisher	Provides personal opinion.
170	Campbell	Clarifies testimony.
185	Chair Fisher	Enters letters into the record (EXHIBIT CC).
228	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 99 and adjourns the meeting
		at 5:08 p.m.

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