

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REDISTRICTING

March 27, 2001 Hearing Room C
3:00 p.m. Tapes 41 - 42

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Steve Harper, Chair
Sen. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jason Atkinson
Sen. Lee Beyer
Sen. Kate Brown
Sen. Randy Miller
Sen. John Minnis

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Allen, Administrator
Annetta Mullins, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Public Hearing and Work Session
SCR 4
SB 770
Public Hearing
SB 729
Work Session
Introduction of Committee Measures

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 41, A		
004	Chair Harper	Calls meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and reviews out-of-town redistricting meeting schedule for the week.
008	Chair Harper	Opens a public hearing on SCR 4.
SCR 4 – PUBLIC HEARING		
012	Sen. Avel Gordly	District 10. Introduces Charlotte Rutherford, daughter of Otto and Verdel Rutherford. Explains that the intent was to present the resolution to Ms. Rutherford, but she passed on last month. Offers amendments to include Ms. Rutherford in the document and to effect the presentation of the resolution to the family (EXHIBIT A) . Comments on photo with Mark Hatfield and her intent to have the photo posted in the capitol. States that every Oregon school student should learn about the life and times of Verdel and Otto Rutherford and the Oregon civil rights movement.
053	Charlotte Rutherford	Multnomah County resident and daughter of the Rutherfords. Comments this tribute to her parents may be just what her father needed to make amends for the years he spent fighting every day and being excluded from the public accommodations owned by whites. Comments on visits from Senator Hatfield and reads note from Senator Hatfield.
090	Sen. Gordly	Comments on the Rutherfords coming to Bend and learning that African-Americans were prohibited from receiving land. Every school student should understand and appreciate the life of the

		Rutherfords and their contribution to the Oregon civil rights movement.
129	Cathy Galbraith	Testifies in support of SCR 4. Comments on having known the Rutherfords and states that efforts are being made to have the home of the Rutherfords placed in the national registry of geographic names.
154	Harold Gask	Comments he has known the Rutherfords for years and has been fortunate in being associated with the family and realizes all the things the Rutherfords have done. Before the legislation the Rutherfords advocated for was passed, they could not play certain golf courses. They deserve and should be put in this position they are being nominated for.
188	Chair Harper	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on SCR 4.
SCR 4 - WORK SESSION		
188	Sen. Courtney	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SCR 4-1 amendments dated 3/14/01(EXHIBIT A).
191		VOTE: 6-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Minnis
	Chair Harper	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
193	Sen. Courtney	MOTION: Moves SCR 4 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.
195		VOTE: 6-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Minnis
	Chair Harper	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. GORDLY will lead discussion on the floor.
199	Chair Harper	Opens a public hearing on SB 770.
SB 770 – PUBLIC HEARING		
202	Sen. Kate Brown	District 7. Summarizes statement in support of SB 770 (EXHIBIT B).
232	Antone Minthorne	Chair, Board of Trustees, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Testifies in support of SB 770 (EXHIBIT C).
311	Ed Larsen	Vice-Chair, Tribal Council, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 770 (EXHIBIT D).
382	Lavonne Lobert-Edmo	Chair, Commission on Indian Services. Presents prepared statement in support of SB 770 (EXHIBIT E).
TAPE 42, A		
003	Chip Lazenby	Legal Counsel to Governor John Kitzhaber. Presents letter of support from Governor John Kitzhaber (EXHIBIT F). Explains history of Executive Orders. Issue discussed:
025		• Need for SB 770.
050	Richard Acevedo	Tribal Liaison, Department of Human Resources. Testifies in support of SB 770 (EXHIBIT G).
098	Grattan Kerans	Oregon University System. States they are in enthusiastic support of SB 770 and wish to have the 96-30 Executive Order codified and improved. The University System through the

137	Louis Pitt, Jr.	<p>Education Cluster has been able to meet regularly and provide education to educators in Oregon about the needs and ability to serve the tribes. The University System has worked under the Executive Order very diligently and the responsibility for the government-to-government obligation rests in the chancellor's office, where the Chancellor believes it needs to be and would continue to be under this statute.</p> <p>Director of Government Affairs and Planning, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 770.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the biggest problems is the different timelines various governments are on. • Government-to-government agreement is an answer to a complex question of how to continue the gains they have made in working with the state. SB 770 is one of the answers to simplifying their relationship with state agencies. • Comments on relationships and challenges working with state and federal agencies.
198		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on involvement in partnerships with the state on natural resource issues. • Believes they would be able to sit down with their counterparts in state agencies and talk on an equal level about mutual interests. • Comments on "F" rating on salmon and steelhead in 1998 and again in 2000. • Comments that their tribe likes benchmarks and are using benchmarks on their reservation. • The confederated tribes are in support of anything that does help simplify their relationships.
277 346	Kathy Thole Craig Allen	<p>Testifies in opposition to SB 770 (EXHIBIT H).</p> <p>Administrator. Advises that several state agencies have submitted statements in support of SB 770:</p> <p>Oregon Youth Authority (EXHIBIT I), Department of Environmental Quality (EXHIBIT J), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (EXHIBIT K), Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (EXHIBIT L), Oregon Department of Justice (EXHIBIT M), And Yamhill County Commissioner Thomas Bunn (EXHIBIT N).</p>
387	Chair Harper	<p>Closes the public hearing on SB 770 and opens a work session on SB 770.</p>
SB 770 - WORK SESSION 388	Sen. Brown	<p>MOTION: Moves SB 770 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</p>
392	Chair Harper	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p> <p>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</p> <p>SEN. BROWN AND SEN. CLARNO will lead discussion on</p>

the floor.

398 Chair Harper

Closes the work session on SB 770 and opens a public hearing on SB 729.

SB 729 - PUBLIC HEARING

404 Chair Harper

Closes the public hearing on SB 729 and recesses the meeting at 3:58 p.m. pending the arrival of Sen. Deckert.

408 Chair Harper

Reconvenes the meeting at 4:01 p.m. and reopens the public hearing on SB 729.

SB 729 – PUBLIC HEARING

379 Sen. Deckert

State Senator for Beaverton and Tigard. Testifies in support of SB 729 (**EXHIBIT O**). Comments he thinks publicly funded campaigns are a bad idea. Restricting the amount of funding was ruled unconstitutional. Believes that SB 729 is a way to get at a campaign finance measure with reasonable limits. Maine created a political accountability fund and created a voluntary system to set reasonable limits on how much one raises and spends in a race.

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- During last campaign groups contributed around \$100,000 with no limits on contributions or expenditures.

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- SB 729 is a creative way of funding a privately financed campaign.
- Maine has found that most campaigns are privately financed and they have a limited system that is inflation adjusted.
- Gives example of one candidate setting a limit and then the opponent accepts a larger contribution, the political accountability fund would match the contribution.

TAPE 41, B

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Issues discussed:

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- Projection of expenditure in previous election.
- Funding source for accountability fund.
- Asking people for money versus taking money through another collection process.
- PAC contributions buying place in game.
- Discussion continues on influence of money on winning candidates.
- Shortening the time between the primary and general elections.

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308 Sen. Deckert

Comments he believes SB 729 is a way of finding a middle ground. More time is being spent raising money and that time could be spent talking to voters. Believes SB 729 combined with Sen. Atkinson's bill moving the primary election would create a better election system.

318 Sen. Courtney

Comments he will support all the bills because the public is angry. The legislature would do well this session to try to put something on the ballot or pass legislation to try to deal with this that is respectful of freedom of speech with a reasonable amount of money to be competitive, but acknowledge that the public wants the legislature to do something about it.

383 Sen. Deckert

Asks that the committee envision the test of being able to run a reasonable campaign. It seems to have strong bipartisan support because it is not clamping down and giving low, low limits.

403 David Buchannan Executive Director, Oregon Common Cause. States they support the idea of SB 729, Rep. Hass' and Sen. Courtney's bills. Ideas are percolating but there has not been a refining of the ideas. Agrees the problem is there and believes the public thinks the problem is there.

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TAPE 42, B

- Comments on history of balloting system.

Buchannan

- Comments on history of financing campaigns.
- Comments on perception of problems.

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Sen. Miller
Buchannan

Comments on political tax credits.
Responds he thinks the public prefers the option of being able to identify to whom contributions would go; believes the tax credit would be a mechanism for qualifying candidates for other contributions. That would be a way of measuring public support. If a candidate has no public support, he/she should not receive public reimbursement for campaign expenses.

120 Chair Harper Closes the public hearing on SB 729 and opens a work session on introduction of committee measures.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEASURES

124 Sen. Harper **MOTION: Moves LC 4181 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.**

124 **VOTE: 5-0**
EXCUSED: 2 - Beyer, Minnis

Chair Harper **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

NOTE: LC 4181 introduced as SCR 9.

125 Sen. Harper **MOTION: Moves LC 4177 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.**

128 **VOTE: 5-0**
EXCUSED: 2 - Beyer, Minnis

Chair Harper **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

NOTE: LC 4177 introduced as SB 955.

129 Chair Harper Closes the work session and adjourns the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SCR 4, SCR 4-1 amendments, Sen. Gordly, 2 pp

B - SB 770, prepared statement, Sen. Brown, 2 pp

C - SB 770, prepared statement, Antone Minthorn, 16 pp

D - SB 770, prepared statement, Ed Larsen, 3 pp

E - SB 770, prepared statement, Lavonne Lobert-Edmo, 3 pp

F - SB 770, letter from Governor Kitzhaber, Chip Lazenby, 1 p
G - SB 770, prepared statement, Richard Acevedo, 2 pp
H - SB 770, prepared statement, Kathy Thole, 3 pp
I - SB 770, prepared statement, Karen Brazeau, 1 p
J - SB 770, prepared statement, Roberta Young, 2 pp
K - SB 770, prepared statement, Dianne Middle, 1 p
L - SB 770, prepared statement, Michael Burton, 2 pp
M - SB 770, prepared statement, Stephanie Striffler, 1 p
N - SB 770, prepared statement, Thomas Bunn, 1 p
O - SB 729, prepared statement, *The Oregonian* news article, SB 729-2, and -3 amendments, Sen. Deckert, 9 pp