

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

February 19, 1999 Hearing Room E

8:30 a.m. Tape 36

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Roger Beyer, Chair

Rep. Dan Gardner, Vice-Chair

Rep. Tim Knopp, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jason Atkinson

Rep. Terry Thompson

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bill Morrisette

Rep. Jackie Winters

STAFF PRESENT: Keith Putman, Administrator

Frances Thomas, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2061 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2062 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2320 Public Hearing

HB 2486 Public Hearing

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 36, A		
002	Chair Beyer	Calls the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

HB 2061 PUBLIC HEARING

006	Chair Beyer	Opens a Public Hearing on HB 2061.
007	Chair Beyer	Closes the Public Hearing on HB 2061.

HB 2061 WORK SESSION

008	Chair Beyer	Opens a Work Session on HB 2061.
014	Rep. Gardner	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2061-1 amendments dated 2/11/99.
015		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Morrisette, Winters
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
016	Rep. Thompson	MOTION: Moves HB 2061 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
017		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Morrisette, Winters
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. GARDNER will lead discussion on the floor.
028	Chair Beyer	Closes the Work Session on HB 2061.

HB 2062 PUBLIC HEARING

029	Chair Beyer	Opens a Public Hearing on HB 2062.
030	Chair Beyer	Presents overview of HB 2062.

036	Ken Keudell	Administrator, Construction Contractors Board and Landscape Contractors Board. Explains the amendment provides for a \$10,000 bond requirement whether a landscape contractor or a construction contractor.
040	Bill Cross	Oregon Landscape Contractors Association. Testifies in support of HB 2062 as presented.
042	Chair Beyer	Closes the Public Hearing on HB 2062.
<u>HB 2062 WORK SESSION</u>		
043	Chair Beyer	Opens a Work Session on HB 2062.
045	Rep. Thompson	MOTION: Moves HB 2062 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
048		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Morrisette, Winters
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. THOMPSON will lead discussion on the floor.
055	Chair Beyer	Closes the Work Session on HB 2062.
<u>HB 2320 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
063	Chair Beyer	Opens a Public Hearing on HB 2320.
065	Chair Beyer	Explains HB 2320 is being heard for the second time to address some concerns. Invites Lisa Trussell, AOI and David Sparks, OR-OSHA to update the committee.
069	Lisa Trussell	Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). Testifies that AOI, OR-OSHA and the Department of Justice will be meeting next week to discuss these concerns further.
076	David Sparks	OR-OSHA. Endorses AOI's testimony.

080	Chair Beyer	Closes the Public Hearing on HB 2320.
<u>HB 2486 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
085	Chair Beyer	Opens a Public Hearing on HB 2486.
088	Lynn Partin	Women's Rights Coalition. Testifies in opposition to HB 2486. Reads written testimony (EXHIBIT A). States HB 2486 punishes the most those people who are trying to be responsible in fulfilling the roles of worker and family care provider.
126	Rep. Thompson	Asks how is it unfair if a person returns to work after a leave of absence to an equivalent job, pay, and work situation.
131	Partin	States the proposed amendment definitely is better than the original HB 2486. States this proposed legislation regresses from the current family leave law passed in the 1995 Legislature.
150	Tom Berry	Northwest Natural Gas. Testifies in support of HB 2486. Urges the committee support of HB 2486.
172	Putman	States a letter was received from Northwest Natural Gas in support of HB 2486, which will be distributed to the committee. (Correction: the letter received was from Nabisco which urges support of HB 2486 and distributed to the committee as EXHIBIT B).
177	Dave Barrows	President, Oregon League of Financial Institutions. Testifies in support of HB 2486. Explains structure of the financial institutions and states how HB 2486 allows financial institutions some needed flexibility as an absentee employee returns to the job.
225	Putman	Distributes a proposed amendment to HB 2486 from AOI, which defines "equivalent" and states the correlating federal regulation (EXHIBIT C).
226	Chair Beyer	Closes the Public Hearing on HB 2486.
232	Chair Beyer	Calls a recess at 8:55 a.m.
234	Chair Beyer	Reconvenes the meeting at 9:11 a.m.
<u>HB 2061 WORK SESSION</u>		
248	Chair Beyer	Re-opens a Work Session on HB 2061.

249	Rep. Gardner	MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of allowing Rep. Atkinson to vote on HB 2061. Rep. Atkinson votes "aye" on HB 2061..
250		VOTE: 5-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Morrisette, Winters
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. GARDNER will lead discussion on the floor.
251	Chair Beyer	Closes the Work Session on HB 2061.
<u>HB 2062 WORK SESSION</u>		
256	Chair Beyer	Re-opens a Work Session on HB 2062
258	Rep. Gardner	MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of allowing Rep. Atkinson to vote on HB 2062. Rep. Atkinson votes "aye" on HB 2062..
059		VOTE: 5-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Morrisette, Winters
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. THOMPSON will lead discussion on the floor.
260	Chair Beyer	Closes the Work Session on HB 2062.
261	Chair Beyer	Adjourns the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

FRANCES THOMAS, KEITH PUTMAN,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ HB 2486 written testimony, Lynn Partin, 2 pp

B ñ HB 2486 written testimony, Clark Nelson, 1 p

C ñ HB 2486 written testimony, Julie Brandis, 1 p