

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

February 15, 1999 Hearing Room 350

1:00 p.m. Tape 20

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jim Hill, Chair

Rep. Ryan Deckert, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jerry Krummel

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Diane Rosenbaum

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Al King

Rep. Anitra Rasmussen

Rep. Mark Simmons

Rep. Bill Witt

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Cody, Administrator

Annetta Mullins, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Introduction of Measures

HB 2521 ñ Work Session

HB 2177 ñ Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 20, A		

004	Chair Hill	Calls meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. and opens the work session on introduction of measures.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES n WORK SESSION</u>		
008	Rep. Montgomery	MOTION: Moves LC 2843 (EXHIBIT A), LC 2844 (EXHIBIT B), LC 2846 (EXHIBIT C), LC 2969 (EXHIBIT D), LC 3109 (EXHIBIT E) AND LC 3367 (EXHIBIT F) BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.
013	Rep. Montgomery	Explains that his motion does not indicate he endorses all the measures and will vote against two of them if they get on the Floor.
019	Rep. Montgomery	Request a call of the roll.
021		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 4 - Reps. Krummel, Rasmussen, Simmons, Witt
026	Chair Hill	The motion CARRIES.
030	Chair Hill	Opens the work session on HB 2521.
<u>HB 2521 n WORK SESSION</u>		
034	Rep. Rosenbaum	Explains that HB 2521 comes from the Subcommittee on Trade and Economic Development. The bill increases the maximum amount of promissory notes that may be issued from \$250,000 to a total of \$1 million. Adds that the \$250,000 was set in 1979 at the time the authority was granted under ORS 777.250 and has not been increased.
053	Rep. Montgomery	MOTION: Moves HB 2521 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
053		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 4 - Reps. King, Rasmussen, Simmons, Witt

	Chair Hill	<p>The motion CARRIES.</p> <p>REP. ROSENBAUM will lead discussion on the floor.</p>
058	Chair Hill	Opens the work session on HB 2177.
<u>HB 2177 in WORK SESSION</u>		
070	Rep. Krummel	Explains that the question of Dr. Skeels and Ms. Black was whether a business with a lab here in Salem and a lab in Washington, could get the Washington site approved without going through a lengthy process in Washington.
084	Mike Skeels	Health Division. Responds that each physical location of a laboratory needs to be accredited separately because each facility would have different staff and instruments and individual characteristics that affect the quality of the laboratory work.
101	Rep. Krummel	Gives example of Boise Cascade. Asks if Boise Cascade could take samples in Washington and perform the tests at the Salem lab.
107	Skeels	Responds they could.
116	Deckert	Explains that HB 2177 comes from the Subcommittee on Trade and Economic Development. The bill directs the Health Division, Department of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Agriculture (DOA), to adopt standards for laboratories that perform environmental testing. Also requires the Health Division to establish and implement an environmental laboratory accreditation program.
126	Rep. Montgomery	Adds that HB 2177 was amended by the Subcommittee on Trade and Economic Development.
132	Rep. Krummel	Comments that according to the fiscal report (EXHIBIT G) the program could be a moneymaker for the Health Division. Asks if the Health Division wants to comment on the fiscal report.
133	Skeels	Responds the fiscal statement reflects the Health Division's best estimate of the number of laboratories they anticipate would come forward for the accreditation, and the division's best estimate of revenues and expenditures. Explains that the revenues and expenditures will depend entirely on the kind of tiered system of fees they put together. Adds that the fees will be kept in line with other state's fees.
148	Skeels	Further explains that the Health Division is only asking for spending authority

		equal to the amount of the expenditures.
155	Rep. Krummel	Asks where any excess revenues would go.
	Skeels	Responds the excess revenues would stay in a dedicated revenue account for the operation of the program and to prevent future fee increases.
166	Chair Hill	Asks if the proponents are requesting that the committee send a bill to the floor that collects an extra \$350,000. Asks how many labs they would anticipate in the program.
	Skeels	Responds the Health Division is requesting 1.5 FTE authority, but if there is not enough revenues, they will not be able to fund the positions, or not at the level proposed.
168	Rep. Krummel	Comments he assumes the Health Division will reimburse DEQ and DOA pay for their own expenditures from revenues that are collected and that the left-over dollars would be kept in an account for the program.
189	Skeels	Responds that is correct. Explains that the HB 2177-1 amendments (EXHIBIT H) include language that the Health Division is authorized to share those revenues with DEQ and DOA. Adds that their intent was to have a single point of entry so if someone wants accreditation for NELAP under different aspects of the program, they could pay one agency, fill out one form and that the Health Division would cashier those funds and disburse them under an inter-agency agreement to DEQ and DOA.
20	Chair Hill	Asks what happens if not enough labs come forward to generate the revenue needed.
204	Skeels	Responds they will provide as much program as they can. Believes the other agencies will only add staff to carry out inspections and perform accreditation to the extent revenue is available.
223	Chair Hill	Closes the work session on HB 2177.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES ñ WORK SESSION</u>		
331	Chair Hill	Re-opens the work session for introduction of committee bills.
233	Chair Hill	Explains that the committee has received an additional LC draft from E-Web, LC 3754 (EXHIBIT I), for consideration for introduction.
251	Rep. Montgomery	MOTION: Moves LC 3754 (EXHIBIT I) BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.

254		VOTE: 5-0 EXCUSED: 4 - Reps. King, Rasmussen, Simmons, Witt
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
263	Chair Hill	Adjourns meeting at 2:32 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ Introductions, LC 2843, staff, 1 p

B - Introductions, LC 2844, staff, 1 p

C ñ Introductions, LC 2846, staff, 1 p

D ñ Introductions, LC 2969, staff, 2 pp

E ñ Introductions, LC 3109, staff, 3 pp

F - Introductions, LC 3367, staff, 2 pp

G ñ HB 2177, fiscal statement, staff, 2 pp

H ñ HB 2177, HB 2177-1 amendments, staff, 1 p

I - Introductions, LC 3754, Libby Henry, 7 pp