

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**May 13, 1999 Hearing Room D**

**1:15 p.m. Tapes 86 - 87**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair**

**Rep. Jason Atkinson, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Chris Beck, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Jo Ann Bowman**

**Rep. Ryan Deckert**

**Rep. Steve Harper**

**Rep. Ron Sunseri**

**Rep. Terry Thompson**

**MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Bruce Starr**

**STAFF PRESENT: Cara Filsinger, Administrator**

**Faye D. Trupka, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 287 Work Session**

**SB 198-A Work Session**

**SB 280-A Public Hearing and Work Session**

**SB 586 Work Session**

**SB 785 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 86, A		

004	Chair Wilson	Opens meeting at 1:30 p.m. and opens work session on SB 287.
<b><u>SB 287 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
012	Rep. Bowman	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 287 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and that it BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b>  <b>AYE: 6 n Atkinson, Bowman, Deckert, Harper, Thompson, Wilson</b>  <b>EXCUSED: 3 n Beck, Starr, Sunseri</b>
	Chair Wilson	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
015	Chair Wilson	Closes work session on SB 287 and opens work session on SB 198-A.
<b><u>SB 198-A WORK SESSION</u></b>		
023	Jim Shannon	Municipal Debt Advisory Commission. Describes SB 198-A. Details proposed SB 198-A3 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
073	Shannon	Continues to explain SB 198-A3 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ) which include all provisions of SB 199.
095	Rep. Harper	Asks if the Senate passed SB 199.
098	Shannon	Replies that it was passed out from the Senate General Government Committee, but was sent to the Senate Revenue Committee from the Senate floor.
108	Rep. Harper	Asks if Chair Wilson has heard from the Chair of the Senate Revenue Committee.
110	Chair Wilson	Replies that he has not.
114	Rep. Harper	Asks what happens if the county defaults today.
116	Shannon	Replies that the provision applies only to non-voter approved debt subject to

		Measure 5 and Measure 50 limitations. Describes current process to issue bonds.
143	Rep. Harper	States that the county taxpayers are ultimately responsible for default.
145	Shannon	Replies that it is a binding obligation of the county.
160	Rep. Bowman	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 198-A3 amendments dated 05/11/99.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 5-2</b> <b>AYE: 5 ñ Atkinson, Bowman, Deckert, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>NAY: 2 ñ Harper, Sunseri</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 ñ Beck, Starr</b>
	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
165	Rep. Bowman	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 198-A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 5-2</b> <b>AYE: 5 ñ Atkinson, Bowman, Deckert, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>NAY: 2 ñ Harper, Sunseri</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 ñ Beck, Starr</b>
	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.  <b>REP. BOWMAN will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
176	Chair Wilson	Closes work session on SB 198-A and opens public hearing on SB 280-A.
<b><u>SB 280-A PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
181	John R. Booton	Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). Testifies in support of SB 280-A ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Reads from written testimony. Describes proposed SB 280-A4 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).

233	Rep. Bowman	Asks if there is currently only one agency authorized to collect data on workers' compensation.
239	Booton	Replies that is correct.
241	Rep. Bowman	Asks what problems would arise if there was more than one statistical agent.
243	Booton	Replies that the data may not be as reliable.
250	Mike Taylor	National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). Testifies in support of SB 280-A <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> .
270	Dave Davidson	Liberty Northwest. Testifies in support of SB 280-A <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> . Describes purpose of bill.
316	Rep. Bowman	Asks if Davidson supports the SB 280-A4 amendments.
320	Davidson	Replies yes.
329	Chair Wilson	Asks what are the duties of the statistical agent.
333	Davidson	Describes duties and why they are important.
351	Chair Wilson	Asks if there is opposition to SB 280-A.
354	Davidson	Replies that he has heard of only one person in opposition.
366	Chair Wilson	Asks whether there should be one statistical agent or multiple agents.
370	Davidson	Responds that one statistical agent will ease data collection.
373	Chair Wilson	Introduces written testimony from Steve Telfer <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> .
375	Chair Wilson	Closes public hearing on SB 280-A and opens work session on SB 280-A.
<b><u>SB 280-A WORK SESSION</u></b>		
379	Rep. Bowman	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 280-A4 amendments dated 05/12/99.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 7-0</b>

		<b>AYE: 7 - Atkinson, Beck, Bowman, Deckert, Harper, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Starr, Sunseri</b>
380	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
381	Rep. Bowman	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 280A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 7-0</b> <b>AYE: 7 - Atkinson, Beck, Bowman, Deckert, Harper, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Starr, Sunseri</b>
385	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
		<b>REP. DECKERT will lead discussion on the floor</b>
388	Chair Wilson	Closes work session on SB 280-A and opens work session on SB 586.
<b><u>SB 586 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
390	Rep. Atkinson	<b>MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of reconsidering the vote on SB 586.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 7-0</b> <b>AYE: 7 - Atkinson, Beck, Bowman, Deckert, Harper, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Starr, Sunseri</b>
391	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.

392	Rep. Atkinson	<b>MOTION: Moves to RECONSIDER the vote by which SB 586 was sent to the floor do pass.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 7-0</b> <b>AYE: 7 n Atkinson, Beck, Bowman, Deckert, Harper, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Starr, Sunseri</b>
	Chair Wilson	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
<b>TAPE 87, A</b>		
010	Chair Wilson	Comments on proposed amendments.
021	Jerry Schmidt	Oregon Association of Realtors <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> . Testifies in support of SB 586-1 amendments <b>(EXHIBIT H)</b> .
071	Schmidt	Explains amendments are written to address concerns regarding farm assessments.
080	Schmidt	Continues to discuss proposed amendments.
085	Rep. Sunseri	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 586-1 amendments dated 5/13/99.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 8-0</b> <b>AYE: 8 n Atkinson, Beck, Bowman, Deckert, Harper, Sunseri, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 n Starr</b>
	Chair Wilson	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
090	Rep. Sunseri	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 586 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>

105	Rep. Beck	Expresses concerns about bill. Serves notice of possible minority report.
		<b>VOTE: 6-2</b> <b>AYE: 6 ñ Atkinson, Deckert, Harper, Sunseri, Thompson, Wilson</b> <b>NAY: 2 ñ Beck, Bowman</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 ñ Starr</b>
	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
		<b>REP. SUNSERI will lead discussion on the floor</b>
120	Chair Wilson	Closes work session on SB 586 and opens public hearing on SB 785-A.
<b><u>SB 785-A PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
135	Bill Cross	Oregon Building Officials Association. Testifies in support of SB 785-A ( <b>EXHIBIT I</b> ).
145	Stan Scotton	City of Portland. Testifies in support of SB 785-A. Describes prior work group activities with the Building Codes Division.
195	Scotton	Discusses need to increase applicants for building official positions.
209	Chair Wilson	Introduces written testimony from Perry M. Newell ( <b>EXHIBIT J</b> ). Asks what problem SB 785-A is designed to address
213	Cross	Explains that the bill is to increase the number of applicants that will sit for building official exams. Gives examples of applicants from out of state.
237	Chair Wilson	Asks if there is a shortage of inspectors.
240	Cross	Replies yes.
250	Chair Wilson	Asks the kinds of problems that occur with the shortage of inspectors.
254	Cross	Replies that it impacts customer service.

258	Scotton	Explains it affects relationships with certain areas of the city. Describes City of Portland recruitment for plan reviewers.
269	Rep. Bowman	Asks about Building Codes Division response to the problem.
273	Cross	Replies that Building Codes Division has put together several work groups to address issues. Explains some administrative rules were changed regarding work experience for certain certification categories. States there is a difference in philosophy regarding work experience. Details how other states set criteria for experience.
323	Cross	Details difference between original and amended bill.
326	Scotton	Explains that the Building Codes Division continues to respond to the problem.
339	John Gervais	National Electrical Contractors Association. Testifies in opposition to SB 785-A. Considers inspection very important.
375	Gary Wright	UA Plumbers and Pipefitters. Testifies in opposition to SB 785-A. States that the bill does not make significant changes.
400	Chair Wilson	Asks about what the trades look for in an inspector.
<b>TAPE 86 ,B</b>		
002	Gervais	Replies that they are looking for someone who has hands-on experience and will understand the codes and interpret them consistently. Comments on shortages of inspectors.
020	Chair Wilson	Asks if anything needs to be done to speed up inspections.
023	Gervais	Replies that the Portland tri-county area has more problems and a lack of coordination.
030	Wright	Explains that plumbing and mechanical inspectors need hands on experience.
047	Joe Brewer	Administrator, Building Codes Division. States that the department is neutral on SB 785-A. Explains on-the-job experience is important. Describes division activities regarding certification of inspectors.
097	Brewer	Explains legislation was submitted before the work of a task group was completed.
092	Rep. Bowman	Asks how many women and minorities are building inspectors.



093	Brewer	Replies that he does not know but will get information to Rep. Bowman.
097	Rep. Bowman	Asks for a guess.
100	Brewer	Replies that it is a small number. Explains difficulty with recruitment.
102	Chair Wilson	Asks about practical experience equivalent.
108	Brewer	Replies that it is experience inspecting, either in another field or another state.
110	Chair Wilson	Asks if there are problems with quick turnarounds in inspections.
119	Brewer	Replies there some problems in specific jurisdictions. States reasons for differences among jurisdictions.
132	Chair Wilson	Asks how different jurisdictions will be affected if SB 785-A passes.
138	Brewer	Replies that administrative rules will be developed to address practical experience.
140	Jane Cummins	League of Oregon Cities. Testifies in support of SB 785 ( <b>EXHIBIT K</b> ). Comments on previous testimony.
189	Chair Wilson	Asks if she has any concerns regarding Building Codes Division rule making.
194	Cummins	Replies that they would like to be a part of the rule making process.
202	Chair Wilson	Closes public hearing on SB 785-A and adjourns at 2:42 p.m.

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#### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

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