

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BOARDS AND LICENSES

February 16, 1999 Hearing Room E

3:30 P.M. Tapes 1 - 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Knopp, Chair

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Jerry Krummel

Rep. Mike Lehman

Rep. Jackie Taylor

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Cletus B. Moore, Jr., Administrator

Kevin E. Wells, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Overview of boards and commissions.

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 1, A		
003	Chair Knopp	Calls meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		

012	Theresa McHugh	Deputy Director, Department of Administrative Services. Reviews history of Task Force on State Government. Explains the Task Force examined the structures and systems of state government. Discusses the Program Review Subcommittee, which had agency members review other agencies' programs (EXHIBIT A, p. 1).
062	McHugh	Explains the Employee Committee, which examined how to increase work place efficiency in state government. Reviews the Joint Legislative Committee on Oregon's Future, which examined agency budgets.
088	McHugh	Discusses the Task Force's methods in trying to redesign state government, in particular commissions and boards (EXHIBIT A, p. 2). Points to a list of boards and commissions that were reviewed (EXHIBIT A, p. 3-10). Explains resulting actions and issues.
132	McHugh	Reviews questions asked by Program Review Subcommittee (EXHIBIT A, p. 11, 12). Notes that each program was prioritized within its program area (EXHIBIT A, p. 13). Discusses legislative bills that resulted from the review (EXHIBIT A, p. 15).
170	McHugh	Explains changes that resulted from the process. Discusses SB 166 (1993), which would have granted semi-independent status to licensing boards (did not pass).
220	McHugh	Explains most recent changes and proposed changes to licensing boards. Reviews list of boards and commissions eliminated 1991-1993 (EXHIBIT A, p. 17, 18). Explains decisions to move boards toward semi-independent status.
253	Rep. Taylor	Asks for clarification of what boards existed in 1991.
257	McHugh	Clarifies the issue and comments on the 1991 Task Force.
270	Rep. Kruse	Asks how decisions were made to eliminate boards and commissions.
276	McHugh	Explains the process of deciding to eliminate a board. Comments on boards that were eliminated. Mentions that several boards were merged to eliminate overlapping functions. Notes that controversial decisions were handled through legislation.
300	Rep. Kruse	Comments on the redundancy that still exists.
310	McHugh	Agrees with the observation. Explains that the process was more complex and difficult than many had anticipated. Notes that every agency advocated for their programs and budget, even though they agreed with the goal of the review in general.
344	Rep. Kruse	Asks if there is a list of boards and commissions added since 1991.

350	McHugh	States that she does not know of such a list, but assumes that one can be generated. Acknowledges that boards have been added.
356	Rep. Taylor	Inquires which boards are self-sustaining and which are publicly supported.
372	McHugh	Suggests that when the list is updated that funding-source information can be included.
375	Rep. Lehman	Asks if these boards are largely staffed by citizens.
380	McHugh	States that citizens staff many of the boards, but some positions are filled with state employees. Explains that the boards vary greatly in staffing levels, funding and expenses.
399	Rep. Lehman	Suggests that this is another form of citizen participation. Emphasizes that boards help connect citizens with government.
TAPE 2, A		
010	Rep. Kruse	Asks about how boards came into existence, both administratively and through statute. Inquires about the level of accountability of statutory boards.
020	McHugh	Explains that it varies. Notes that citizen involvement has been the impetus behind many of these boards. Emphasizes that increasing citizen involvement in major agencies has been a goal in Oregon.
034	Rep. Taylor	Asks about the effect of peer review.
036	McHugh	Comments on peer review. Notes that it no longer is as extensive as it was in 1991.
045	Rep. Kruse	Asks if boards have become barriers rather than merely offering advisory opinion to agencies and state officials. Comments that the committee should examine the interaction between the legislature and boards.
065	Rep. Kruse	Closes the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ Information Packet, Theresa McHugh, pp. 18