

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 145

June 01, 1999 Hearing Room D

8:30 am Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bryant, Chair

Sen. Courtney

Sen. Tarno

Rep. Beyer

Rep. Gardner

Rep. Winters

STAFF PRESENT: Anne Tweedt, Counsel

Judith Minnich, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 145 ñ Public Hearing and Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
003	Chair Bryant	Calls meeting to order at 8:30 am.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING SB 145</u>		
008	Counsel Tweedt	The -A5 amendments are amendments to resolve conflicts with HB 2212. The -A4 amendments do two things: they permit shareholders to authorize proxy voting by electronic means, and permit "for-profit" health care service contractors to merge or consolidate with other insurers or "for profit" health care contractors (EXHIBITS A & B).

021	Chair Bryant	We've been waiting for feedback from the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) and that input is available?
023	Counsel Tweedt	DCBS has approved the ñA4 amendments and they are here to answer questions.
026	Rep. Beyer	Is the electronic proxy part of ñA4 sponsored by DCBS or is that sponsored by someone else?
028	Counsel Tweedt	It is a separate issue and brought to the committee by the Oregon State Bar.
032	Mike Dewey	ODS Health Plans Testifies in support of SB 145.
043	James Kennedy	ODS Health Plan Submits written testimony and testifies in support of SB 145 (EXHIBITS C & D). Indicates that Robert Gootee was unable to attend and has submitted written testimony. Indicates that the easiest way to convert from insurance provider to health care service contractor is to merge with or acquire a health care service contractor. In SB 145, the authority to do this is unclear and the ñA4 amendments clarify this authority. These amendments do not raise any regulatory concerns, and do not reduce or change the level of regulatory oversight.
088	Chair Bryant	I note that there is an emergency clause. Why is that?
096	Dewey	Regulatory standards are changing nationally, through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). These conversions need to take effect this year.
102	Rep. Beyer	We recently passed a Senate bill that dealt with electronic proxy and I was wondering if that was why we needed conflict amendments? But it was just stated that the conflict amendments were with a House bill.
108	Counsel Tweedt	I understood that the Senate bill you are referring to was not going to move this session. That is why we have this amendment. Perhaps the representatives from the Oregon State Bar can explain this.
115	Keith Putnam	Business and Consumer Affairs Committee Administrator There were amendments to SB 145 and the House committee did not get them in time to act on them. Possibly, this might be taking care of these concerns.
120	Anne Tweedt	This is the entire original bill that was introduced with regard to electronic proxy voting inserted into this bill. The text of the original bill is exactly the same.
123	Putnam	It looks like it.

125	Chair Bryant	Is this a bill that passed out of the Senate and then Rep. Beyer's committee heard it in the House?
126	Rep. Beyer	The bill I'm speaking of was a Senate bill.
129	Chair Bryant	Recesses hearing at 8:41 am. Reconvenes meeting at 8:42 am.
143	Counsel Tweedt	I don't know if SB 938 was amended to satisfy the proponents, but the text inserted in SB 145 is from the original SB 938. SB 938 was approved by the House on the 20 th of May.
154	Chair Bryant	So, section 65 of the A4 amendments is unneeded?
155	Counsel Tweedt	Yes.
156	Chair Bryant	And also section 66?
157	Counsel Tweedt	I'd say at least page 1, line 7-24, page 2, page 3, page 4, and up to page 5, line 19 of the A4 amendments should be deleted.
<u>SB 145 WORK SESSION</u>		
174	Sen. Bryant	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SB 145A A4 amendments by deleting any provisions that relate to electronic authorization of voting by proxy.
		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
176	Sen. Bryant	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 145A-A4 amendments dated 5/28/99 as amended.
		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

181	Sen. Bryant	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 145A-A5 amendments dated 5/28/99.
		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
182	Sen. Bryant	MOTION: Moves SB 145A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. BRYANT AND REP. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
190	Chair Bryant	Adjourns hearing at 8:50 am.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Counsel

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 145A, -A5 amendments dated 5/28/99, 11 pp

B ñ SB 145A, -A4 amendments dated 5/28/99, 9 pp

C ñ SB 145A, written testimony of Robert Gootee dated June 1, 1999, 1 pp

D ñ SB 145A, written testimony of James Kennedy dated June 1, 1999, 2 pp