

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 654B

July 8, 1999 Hearing Room E

4:00 p.m. Tape 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Gene Derfler, Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Dan Gardner

Rep. Tim Knopp

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Neil Bryant

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Smith, Administrator

Nancy Masee, Administrative Support

MEASURE HEARD: SB 654B Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
200	Chair Derfler	Opens meeting at 4:30 p.m. and opens work session on SB 654B.
<u>SB 654B WORK SESSION</u>		
	Staff	Submits (EXHIBIT A) .
208	Meg Reinhold	Policy Analyst. Says this bill will allow more efficiency of the Workersi

		Compensation Board. Explains the ñB11 amendments which define under what circumstances the chair would need to refer to the board. Describes the ñB13 amendment which gives the administrative law judge an additional appeal.
250	Rep. Gardner	Asks if the board can reinstate wages and benefits.
252	Reinhold	Says that is her understanding.
255	Chair Derfler	Asks for any more questions or testimony.
257	Rep. Beyer	Asks if the Governorís office has reviewed the ñB11 amendments.
260	Reinhold	Says the Governorís office has given their approval.
262	Jennifer Webber	Representing Oregon Workersí Compensation Attorneys and the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association. Describes the ñB11 amendments make the bill better. Explains their concern was that under these amendments, the board chair would have the power to terminate an administrative law judge. Comments she cannot speak for the associationís support at the present.
278	Chair Derfler	Asks for questions.
280	Sen. Wilde	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 654-B11 amendments dated 7/7/99 and that the amendments be FURTHER AMENDED on page 1, deleting lines 10 through 24, and on page 2, deleting lines 1 and 2.
		VOTE: 5-0 EXCUSED: 1 ñ Sen. Bryant
	Chair Derfler	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
285	Sen. Wilde	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 654B-13 amendments dated 7/8/99.
286		VOTE: 5-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Bryant
	Chair Derfler	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

287	Sen. Wilde	MOTION: Moves SB 654B to the floor with the recommendation that the Senate concur in House amendments dated 5/19/99 and that the measure be further amended and repassed.
288		VOTE: 4-1-1 AYE: 4 - Rep. Beyer, Rep. Knopp, Sen. Wilde, Sen. Derfler NAY: 1 - Rep. Gardner EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Bryant
	Chair Derfler	The motion Carries. SEN. DERFLER AND REP. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
170	Chair Derfler	Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Nancy Masee, Brian Smith,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 654B, ñ14 Amendments, Staff, 2 pp