SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

April 20, 1999 Hearing Room C

3:00 p.m. Tapes 61 - 64

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Verne Duncan, Chair

Sen. Cliff Trow, Vice-Chair

Sen. John Lim

Sen. Marylin Shannon

Sen. Frank Shields

STAFF PRESENT: Marjorie Taylor, Administrator

Valerie Luhr, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SJM 3 Informational Meeting

- SB 913 Work Session
- **SB 1001 Public Hearing**
- SB 1035 Public Hearing
- SJR 25 Public Hearing and Work Session
- **SB 229 Public Hearing**
- **SB 943 Public Hearing**
- **SB 1200 Public Hearing**

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| TAPE/# | Speaker | Comments | |
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| 003 | Chair Duncan | Opens meeting at 3:05 p.m. Opens an informational hearing on SJM 3 | |
| SJM 3 INFORMATIONAL MEETING | | | |
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| 013 | Chair Duncan | Expresses sadness about the recent events in Littleton, Colorado. |
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| 018 | Sen. Avel Gordly | Senate District 10. Shares Chair Duncanís sentiments. Submits and presents testimony in support of SJM 3 [EXHIBIT A] . States the federal budgetís emphasis on military spending continues to strangle our national and state capabilities to address domestic needs. States SJM 3 would redirect funds to the states. |
| 071 | Sen. Kate Brown | Senate District 7. Submits written information in support of SJM 3 [EXHIBIT B] . Extends thanks to Sen. Gordly for her efforts on behalf of SJM 3. States Oregon has seen economic upturn but is still struggling to fund important state services. Comments on the United Statesí military spending. Encourages the committeeis support of SJM 3. |
| 100 | Chair Duncan | Receives Michael Carriganís testimony for the record [EXHIBIT C] . Closes the informational meeting on SJM 3. Opens a work session on SB 913. |
| <u>SB 913 W</u> | ORK SESSION | |
| 112 | Marjorie Taylor | Committee Administrator. Reviews provisions of SB 913. States the chair of the Rules and Elections Committee requested the committee to refer the bill to that committee for a public hearing. States this committee does not have the time for a public hearing. |
| 122 | Sen. Trow | Asks why this committee does not have time for a public hearing. |
| 123 | Taylor | States the committee has deadlines and a number of bills they would like to hear. |
| 130 | Sen. Trow | States he does not like the bill and would like it to stay in this committee. States the chair could either have a hearing on it or let it languish. |
| 134 | Sen. Shields | Asks why Sen. Trow does not like the bill. |
| 139 | Sen. Trow | States the bill requires an educational institution to do something they probably could do if they wanted. States he would like to know about the Oregon Society for International Certified Financial Planners and International Association of Financial Planners. |
| 146 | Taylor | States the committee received a request from American Express Financial Services to hold a public hearing on SB 913, and it would be to their advantage to have the bill enacted. States the bill relates to any educational institution. |
| 159 | Sen. Trow | Asks if there is anyone who supports the bill. |
| 161 | Chair Duncan | States the supporters are not present at the hearing. States he told the supporters he would not hold a hearing on the bill. |
| 175 | Sen. Lim | States he does not object to moving the bill to the Rules and Elections Committee. |
| 180 | Sen. Shannon | MOTION: Moves SB 913 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Rules and Elections. |
| | <u>II</u> | VOTE: 3-2 |

| | | AYE: 3 - Lim, Shannon, Duncan NAY: 2 - Shields, Trow |
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| | Chair Duncan | The motion CARRIES. |
| 195 | Chair Duncan | Closes the work session on SB 913. Opens a public hearing on SB 1001. |
| <u>SB 1001</u> | PUBLIC HEARING | |
| 199 | Marjorie Taylor | Committee Administrator. Reviews provisions of SB 1001. |
| 208 | Scott Mutchie | Superintendent, Bend-LaPine School District. Submits and presents testimony in support of SB 1001 [EXHIBIT D]. |
| 222 | Chair Duncan | Recesses the meeting at 3:23 p.m. Reopens the meeting at 3:27 p.m. |
| 234 | Mutchie | States the school district is asking for the release of experience data from benefit package carriers for school districts. Urges the committee's support of SB 1001. |
| 291 | Sen. Shannon | Asks if the committee is going to work the bill. States she will vote for the bill. Asks if the Oregon Education Association (OEA) insures school district personnel and then bills the districts. |
| 305 | Mutchie | States OEA will not release the experience data to support rate increases. |
| 316 | Sen. Shannon | Asks if it is in the employeesí contract that the school district will give them money to buy their own insurance through OEA. |
| 318 | Mutchie | States the Bend-LaPine School District has agreed with the teachers to have OEA insurance at the bargaining table and the district pays the premium. States the school district should have the experience data that justifies the premium. |
| 327 | Sen. Shannon | Asks why she would need the experience data if she were starting up a new company, not just start from scratch. |
| 334 | Mutchie | States it is cheaper to self-insure, but they want to substantiate their projections with accurate data. |
| 340 | Sen. Shannon | States the law currently does not forbid the school district from taking an amount from the contract. |
| 345 | Mutchie | States he does not know that. States the contract in his district names the carrier and they cannot arbitrarily self-insure. |
| 353 | Sen. Shannon | States she supports the bill. |
| 357 | Steven Herron | Staff Attorney, Crook-Deschutes Education Service District (ESD), Redmond, Oregon. Submits and presents testimony in support of SB 1001 [EXHIBIT E]. Reviews provisions of SB 867 (1997 Session). States he does not believe it is unreasonable for insurance carriers to disclose experience data. Believes SB 1001 will encourage competition among carriers. |

| 370 | Chair Duncan | Explains committee hearing deadlines. |
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| 034 | Sen. Trow | Asks if the requester of the information should pay an insurance companyis costs. |
| 036 | Herron | Explains it depends on who determines the cost and what parameters are set. |
| 050 | Mutchie | States he would be willing to pay a reasonable fee. |
| 053 | Sen. Trow | States the bill does not mention costs and costs should be put in the bill. |
| 055 | Sen. Shannon | States she does not think the school district has the right to know experience data if they are dealing with a private insurance company. States board members, who are married to educators, are putting up roadblocks. |
| 067 | Mutchie | States the school district has their projected data and wants to ensure the board and the public that dollars are being spent cost-effectively. |
| 072 | Sen. Lim | States some insurance companies will release information. Comments on Burger Kingís suit against McDonalds. States the information the school district wants is a policy issue, not just a public records issue. |
| 091 | Chris Dudley | Executive Director, Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). States he is also the administrator of the Oregon School Boards Association Insurance Trust. Discusses the trust. Explains SB 1001 may have some unintended effects. Explains if there is a truly pooled risk pool for insurance coverage, that trust is blind to the loss ratio of that particular district. Reviews Section 2 of the bill. States OSBA is concerned that any school district that wants to self-insure can get the experience rating from the trust that it does not now collect, nor does it use in determining what the premiums will do for all district in the trust. States a death spiral for true pooled risk arrangements will be created with the way the bill is worded. States OSBA can provide the experience rates on which premiums are basedóthe whole poolís rates. |
| 159 | Peggy Anet | On behalf of the administrator of the League Oregon Cities (LOC) Employee Benefits Services Trust and the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Trust. Testifies in opposition to SB 1001. States Mr. Dudley did a great job of outlining risk considerations. States in the case of cities, the risks are exacerbated by the fact that most of the cities that participate in LOCis program have fewer than 25 employees. States the essence of the bill is setting up a self-insured program. States she would be happy to provide additional technical information. States advice has been given that if someone wants to try a self-insured plan, they start with vision or dental insurance. |
| 220 | Chair Duncan | Indicates he will not hold a work session today on SB 1001. |
| 228 | John Powell | Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon. Testifies in opposition to SB 1001. States the bill would require the insurer to keep information in a certain way, and some of that information may be proprietary. Agrees the intent of the bill could bring about death spirals. Urges the committee to not pass the bill. |
| 268 | Mike Dewey | ODS Health Plans. Testifies in opposition to SB 1001. States the bill runs counter to the small group program. States the language in the bill needs to be retooled if the committee wants to move the bill. |

| 293 | Chair Duncan | Closes the public hearing on SB 1001. Opens public hearing on SB 1035. |
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| <u>SB 1035</u> | PUBLIC HEARING | |
| 301 | Marjorie Taylor | Committee Administrator. Reviews provisions of SB 1035. |
| 315 | Steven Herron | Staff Attorney, Crook-Deschutes ESD. Submits and presents testimony [EXHIBIT F] in support of SB 1035. States SB 1035 and SB 1001 are requisite bills to the implementation of SB 867 (1997). |
| 380 | Herron | Indicates he would be willing to help draft language for the bill if amendments are needed. |
| 400 | Chair Duncan | States he understands there would be a half-million dollars set aside in the General Fund as the "start-up" funds. |
| 405 | Mutchie | Superintendent, Bend-LaPine School District. States he has submitted his written testimony [EXHIBIT G] and it embellishes some of what Mr. Herron has said. |
| 425 | Peggy Anet | LOC and AOC. Testifies in opposition to SB 1035. States existing statutes require reserves and reinsurance to take care of the extraordinary claims costs. States SB 1035 goes beyond those kinds of traditional self-insured reserving requirements with which self-insured public bodies must currently comply. States she would be happy to elaborate on other reserving requirements and covered risks if the bill comes back for consideration. |
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| 022 | Bruce Bishop | Kaiser Permanente. States Kaiser Permanente opposes SB 1035. Explains why he did not testify on SB 1001. States SB 1001, as drafted, does not apply to health maintenance organizations (HMOs), like Kaiser Permanente. States SB 1035 is applicable to HMOs and health care service contractors, including Kaiser Permanente. Outlines technical issues for the committee to consider if they go into a work session. Urges the committee to not support SB 1035. |
| 063 | Sen. Trow | Asks Bishop if he is aware of any situation where the state has set up a fund supplied by the General Fund to help somebody self-insure. |
| 066 | Bishop | States he does not know of any situation. |
| 068 | John Powell | Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon. States in terms of the self-insurance side of the bill, the more fixed costs that insurers need to cover other than health insurance, the more people who are seeking self-insurance than which those mandates do not apply. |
| 076 | Mike Dewey | ODS Health Plans. States he agrees with the previous witnesses. |
| 079 | Chair Duncan | Closes the public hearing on SB 1035. Opens a public hearing on SJR 25. |
| <u>SJR 25 P</u> | UBLIC HEARING | n |
| 082 | Sen. Frank Shields | Senate District 9. Explains he has replaced the bill with the SJR 25-1 amendments [EXHIBIT H] because there were complications with the original bill. States the |

| | | amendments require the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to convene a task force to study ways to strengthen partnerships between faith-based organizations and those organizations that have more traditionally delivered human services. |
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| 114 | Gary Weeks | Director, Department of Human Resources (DHR). States DHR supports the SJR 25-1 amendments. Referencing the policy statement in line 3 of the SJR 25-1 amendments, states DHR has been doing that for the past few years. Comments on DHRís discussions over the past two years with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) and others on how social services and religious organizations can come together to deliver better services across jointly served populations. States DHR would use the work plan outlined in the original bill and also report to Ways and Means. Urges the committee's support of SJR 25. |
| 153 | Sen. Shields | States he was concerned about paying expenses of people from low-income communities. |
| 160 | Sen. Lim | Asks about the costs involved. |
| 162 | Weeks | States it is a marginal amount of money. DHR would reimburse travel for non-state or county officials. |
| 168 | Sen. Shields | States the travel expense is about \$32 for those who attend the Welfare Review Commission. States he has been talking with various foundations to find funding, such as the J. C. Penney Trust. States people within the faith community often deliver services with a sense of commitment and expertise. |
| 184 | Chair Duncan | States it would be interesting to know the impact of cost savings to the state because of the work of EMO and others. |
| 191 | Weeks | States DHR has been working on their program for two years. |
| 194 | Sen. Lim | States it is important to know any costs if the bill goes to the floor. |
| 198 | Sen. Trow | States the bill sounds like a good idea. States he read an article that indicated Oregon had a great number of "un-churched" people, and states he does not want to stop serving those people. States he does not know whether faith-based organizations serve the un-churched. |
| 206 | Sen. Shields | States he would insist that kind of outreach occur. States the federal government has realized how effectively faith-based organizations (FBOs) work. States he wants the bill to be as broad based as possible. |
| 226 | Gerald Bieberle | Community Action Directors of Oregon. Submits a brochure on community action programs (CAPs) [EXHIBIT I]. States the churches and other religious organizations have been effective, efficient partners with CAPsí operations, such as homeless shelters and food banks. States his association supports the SJR 25-1 amendments. |
| 252 | Chair Duncan | States he appreciates the efforts to bring about the amendment. |
| 254 | Ellen Lowe | Public Policy Director, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). States EMO has always believed in functional interaction, but institutional separation of church and state. In response to Sen. Trowis comments about the un-churched, states their commitment is to the "wider parish"óthe community. States EMO supports the SJR 25-1 amendments. |

| 298 | Sen. Trow | Emphasizes it is important to think of the un-churched. States there is a wide clientele of those who are in need and should not be excluded by religious groups. |
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| 307 | Chair Duncan | States both he and Sen. Shields have served on EMOis board. Expresses respect for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. |
| 322 | Sen. Shannon | Asks if a group could use the Lordís name if they are receiving public money. |
| 330 | Lowe | States EMOis programs reflect their commitment to God and Jesus Christ. States their programs reach out to the wider parish, which is not part of the evangelistic efforts, but reflect the message of social and economic justice. |
| 348 | Sen. Shannon | States this is taking from people to do good, not allowing people to do good. Explains she wants to know if prayer would be prohibited since public funds would be used. |
| 358 | Lowe | States at EMOis HIV center, staff could respond if someone sought prayer. States that often times public dollars leverage volunteer hours. States there is a strong commitment on behalf of EMO and the organizations they serve. |
| 377 | Sen. Shannon | States a program should leverage, not control. |
| 380 | Sen. Shields | States the bill allows for an interim study to see where we can go from where we are. States there are provisions in the 1996 Welfare Reform Act that allow for an expansion of cooperation between faith-based organizations, churches, para-church organizations, and others. |
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| <u>SJR 25 W</u> 397 | VORK SESSION Sen. Trow Chair Duncan | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 25-1 amendments dated 4/19/99. VOTE: 5-0 Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. MOTION: Moves SJR 25 be sent to the floor with a BE |
| <u>SJR 25 W</u> 397 | VORK SESSION Sen. Trow Chair Duncan | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 25-1 amendments dated 4/19/99. VOTE: 5-0 Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. MOTION: Moves SJR 25 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation. |
| <u>SJR 25 W</u> 397 | VORK SESSION Sen. Trow Chair Duncan | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 25-1 amendments dated 4/19/99. VOTE: 5-0 Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. MOTION: Moves SJR 25 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation. VOTE: 5-0 |
| <u>SJR 25 W</u> 397 | VORK SESSION Sen. Trow Chair Duncan Sen. Trow | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 25-1 amendments dated 4/19/99. VOTE: 5-0 Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. MOTION: Moves SJR 25 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation. VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. |

SB 229 PUBLIC HEARING

| 007 | Sen. Gene Derfler | Senate District 16. States he wants to make sure the State Fair is a viable operation. States he thinks the State Fair is good for the children in the state. States the bill is a new tax and cannot start in the Senate and must go to the House for introduction. |
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| 032 | Sen. Shannon | Asks Sen. Derfler if he is in the process of having the bill introduced in the House. |
| 033 | Sen. Derfler | State he just found out about it a few minutes ago. |
| 036 | Sen. Shields | States he has heard both sides argue whether racing is essential to the fair in terms of financial viability. Asks Sen. Derfler for his feelings. |
| 039 | Sen. Derfler | Explains the state, county, and city will do a feasibility study on the future of the State Fair. States he will not know whether racing is important until the study is done. Discusses viability issues revolving around racing at the State Fair. States he is not interested in subsidizing racing. |
| 08 | Chair Duncan | Asks if the study is happening now. |
| 083 | Sen. Derfler | States Jon Yunker is putting the group together through the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and both the city and county will put dollars into the study. States he thinks most people in Salem look at the fairgrounds as state property, but the city of Salem benefits the most from the property. |
| 094 | Chair Duncan | Asks who told Sen. Derfler the bill could not start in the Senate. |
| 097 | Sen. Derfler | Indicates that opponents to the bill provided the information. |
| 100 | Sen. Shannon | States it is interesting the people gave Sen. Derfler the information just before he was to testify. |
| 101 | Sen. Derfler | States he is not sure the people did it for that reason. |
| 111 | Steve Barham | Executive Director, Oregon Racing Commission. Introduces Stephen Walters and Tom Towslee. Submits written testimony on the SB 229-1 amendments, SB 943, and the SB 1200-1 amendments [EXHIBIT Q] . States Section 2, Subsection (6), page 2, lines 9 through 17, of the SB 229-1 amendments [EXHIBIT J] is a simulcasting surcharge, which is seen as a tax. States the commission would be willing to have the provision removed and then put back in the bill on the House side. |
| 132 | Barham | Explains the bill would give the commission the authority to either approve breed- to-breed or class-to-class simulcasting on a year round basis, or to authorize simulcasting to commercial race meets of both classes when they are running live with the deletion of subsection (6). |
| 145 | Chair Duncan | Clarifies Portland Meadows currently can simulcast horse racing and dog racing in their off-season. |
| 153 | Barham | States Portland Meadows can run live and also simulcast horse racing and greyhound racing when their season starts in October. Further states Multnomah Greyhound Park can simulcast both types of racing when they start live. Reviews provisions in Section 2, Subsection 3(a), (b), and (c) of the SB 229-1 amendments. |

| 071 | Mike Dewey | Multnomah Greyhound Park. Submits a typical racing calendar [EXHIBIT N]. Testifies in opposition to the bill. References HB 3425, which will use racing |
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| <u>SB 1200</u> | PUBLIC HEARING | |
| 062 | Chair Duncan | Closes the public hearing on SB 943. Opens public a public hearing on SB 1200. |
| 020 | Campbell | References the last page of his testimony. Comments on providing funding for Grants Pass, Union, Prineville, Tillamook, Lone Oak, and Harney County. States if the committee passes any of the bills that take dollars from Portland Meadows, Portland Meadows will not be able to exist. |
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| 426 | Larry Campbell | States his testimony is important background information as the committee makes a key decision regarding the racing industry [EXHIBIT M] . References page 3 and the graph in his testimony. Comments on increases in video poker and pari-mutuel wagering. |
| <u>SB 943 P</u> | UBLIC HEARING | N |
| 413 | Chair Duncan | Closes the public hearing on SB 229. Opens a public hearing on SB 943. Requests Larry Campbell to present his testimony in the SB 943 public hearing. |
| 369 | Nelson | States he and Larry Campbell were the ones who spoke to Sen. Derfler. |
| 312 | Dave Nelson | The New Portland Meadows, Inc., and breeder and trainer of race horses. Submits and presents testimony in opposition to SB 229 [EXHIBIT L]. States competition from state-sponsored video gaming slot machines at Indian casinos has essentially cannibalized the revenue at the racetracks. |
| 266 | Connie Theil | Submits and reviews a letter from Cary Theil, Lloyd Marbet, and Greg Kafoury [EXHIBIT K] . Urges the committee to not support SB 229. States she will be brief in her testimony on SB 943 and SB 1200. |
| 251 | Allan Westhoff | Manager, Josephine County Fair, Grants Pass, Oregon. States the five county fair race meets and the State Fair race meet will be history without their share of dollars from simulcast races. |
| 211 | John McCulley | Oregon Fairs Association. Introduces Allan Westhoff. Expresses concern that the SB 229-1 amendments, with the conceptual changes, would eliminate racing at county fairs. States the Tillamook County Fair, the Crooked River Round Up, the Harney County Fair, and the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show are community events and racing is important. |
| 186 | Stephen Walters | Chair, Oregon Racing Commission, Portland, Oregon. States the Oregon Racing commission thinks the SB 229-1 amendments are critically important to the racing industry to allow the commission to have flexibility and the authority to regulate what is an evolving business. |
| 185 | Chair Duncan | Asks Walters for his comments. |
| | | States the bill would also, in Section 4, page 2 of the SB 229-1 amendments, allow the commission to actually license an off-track operation site. |

| | | revenues to help the Oregon racing industry. States Nelson and Campbell adequately explained what is happening to the "handle." Refers to the decrease in dollars from live and simulcast wagering from 1994-1995 to 1997-1998. Also refers to the total simulcast races and total live and simulcast races. States additional simulcasting is not going to help the racing industry. |
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| 135 | Brad Higbee | Multnomah Greyhound Park. Testifies in opposition to the bill. States the total handle is not the amount of money made, but is the amount of money wagered. States the only tools available to racing have been to show live races and to import simulcast signals. Credits the Oregon Racing Commission for trying to find ways to help the racing industry in Oregon. |
| 161 | John McCulley | Oregon Fairs Association. Testifies in support of SB 1200. Explains the bill, introduced at the Oregon Fairs Association's request, is a free-market approach to the racing industry. States the bill provides the opportunity for the Oregon State Fair and Josephine County to simulcast race meets. Reviews provisions of the bill. |
| 195 | Sen. Trow | Asks if the lobbyists could work out a compromise together. |
| 199 | McCulley | States the issues are very complex. Credits the Oregon Racing Commission for facilitating discussions to arrive at a solution. Expresses concern that others want the small race meet to "go away." |
| 216 | Chair Duncan | Expresses his understanding of the witnessesí concerns: those who want no gambling at all, jobs related to the racing industry, and commitment to the state and county fairs. Comments on what would happen to racing in Oregon if Portland Meadows falters. Invites all interested parties to come forward. |
| 244 | Alan Westhoff | Josephine County. States SB 1200 lets Josephine County operate within the parameters of their own industry. |
| 249 | Chair Duncan | Opens the public hearing to SB 229, SB 943, and SB 1200. |
| 250 | Dave Nelson | The New Portland Meadows, Inc. Submits testimony showing Portland Meadows as the target of SB 1200 [EXHIBIT O]. Discusses the "before" and "after" SB 1200 for Portland Meadows, Multnomah Greyhound Park, and fairs. |
| 268 | Chair Duncan | Indicates he heard from leadership that there will be no state money going into racing. |
| 271 | Nelson | States he is still hopeful and realizes it is a policy decision. Explains the loss of \$14 million in handle. |
| 306 | Sen. Trow | Asks what would happen if the situation remained status quo before SB 1200 in terms of Portland Meadows and Multnomah Greyhound Park, and the fairs were given simulcast horse racing along with live racing. Asks if it would it solve the problem. |
| 314 | Steve Walters | Chair, Oregon Racing Commission. States the commission has met with all parties of the racing industry to resolve the simulcast issue. States SB 1200 would put Portland Meadows out of business in a second. Horse racing in Oregon would be changed dramatically because racing would be run by the state and country fairs. States SB 943 locks into place a number of aspects, one of which is to ask the state to regulate the allocation of simulcast signals and benefits. States SB 943 also leaves the summer portion of the equation absolutely unchanged. |

| 344 | Chair Duncan | Asks if the summer is a problem. |
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| 345 | Walters | States the summer months have a tremendous overlap of county fairs and the greyhound park. In response to Sen. Trow, states that if Portland Meadows keeps what it has had and then divides summer horse simulcasting, Multnomah Greyhound Park would go out of business. States SB 229 asks the legislature to give the Oregon Racing Commission flexibility and the authority to resolve problems. States he thinks horse racing and greyhound racing can survive in Oregon. |
| 375 | Nelson | States he understands Waltersí concerns on SB 943. Submits testimony in support of SB 943 [EXHIBIT P] , which lists items that have resulted in taxes on Portland Meadows over the last ten years. |
| 397 | Barham | States the commission took two weeks away from Portland Meadows, and Portland Meadows put in for a reduced number of live race dates. |
| 415 | Rusty Vernon | Director, Oregon State Fair. States that when the simulcasting laws were passed, it was not intended to be death of racing at the State Fair. States simulcasting was intended to be a supplemental income. Explains the fair meets were unfairly punished. States SB 1200 gets government out of the racing business and let the racing industry work it out. |
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| 003 | Barham | States Portland Meadows could do a lot under SB 1200, such as replacing every lost dog signal with a horse signal. States it is inappropriate for a regulatory commission to determine the business strategies of the businesses it regulates. States the strong will survive and the industry will be stronger for the net result. |
| 020 | Sen. Shannon | Comments on free enterprise. |
| 023 | Connie Theil | Indicates Multnomah Greyhound Park pays no state income tax. Comments on the parkis efforts to receive funds from the state. States 1 million greyhounds have died in 74 years of racing. |
| 043 | Chair Duncan | States decisions need to be made but will not be made today. Closes the public hearing on SB 1200, SB 943, and SB 229. Adjourns the meeting at 5:31 p.m. |

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SJM 3, written testimony, Sen. Avel Gordly, 6 pp. B ñ SJM 3, written information, Sen. Kate Brown, 4 pp. C ñ SJM 3, written testimony, Michael Carrigan, 1 p. D ñ SB 1001, written testimony, Scott Mutchie, 2 pp. E ñ SB 1001, written testimony, Steve Herron, 2 pp. F ñ SB 1035, written testimony, Steve Herron, 2 pp. G ñ SB 1035, written testimony, Scott Mutchie, 2 pp. H ñ SJR 25, written testimony, Sen. Frank Shields, 2 pp. I ñ SJR 25, written testimony, Gerald Bieberle, 2 pp. J ñ SB 229-1 amendments, staff, 3 pp. K ñ SB 229, written testimony, Connie Theil, 1 p. L ñ SB 229, written testimony, Dave Nelson, 2 pp. M ñ SB 943, written testimony, Larry Campbell, 6 pp. N ñ SB 1200, written information, Mike Dewey, 1 p. O ñ SB 1200, written testimony, Dave Nelson, 2 pp. P ñ SB 1220, written testimony, Dave Nelson, 3 pp. Q ñ SB 229, written testimony, Steven Barham, 2 pp.