

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 17, 1999 Hearing Room B

8:00 AM Tapes 55 - 56

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair

Sen. Frank Shields, Vice-Chair

Sen. Susan Castillo

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Marylin Shannon

STAFF PRESENT:

Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator

Andrew Morris, Administrative Support

MEASURES HEARD:

SB 779 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 322 Work Session

SB 724 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 55, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 8:08 AM and opens a public hearing on SB 779.
<u>SB 779 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

011	Sen. Gene Timms	Senate District 30. Testifies in support of SB 779. States that Christmas Valley is a poverty stricken area and that the wellness center is successfully run and the money is well spent. States there are centers located in Christmas Valley, Harrisburg, and Grants Pass.
048	Sen. Timms	Explains the functions of the program. Acknowledges his support to his district.
061	Sen. Shields	Questions changes in Christmas Valley in the past 20 years.
065	Sen. Timms	Responds that a school has been built and the city has improved, but notes that problems have increased.
090	Sen. Shannon	States that the idea of a resource center seems like "another traffic light" obtaining assistance.
108	Sen. Timms	Responds that the resource center in Christmas Valley distributes food and is as a vital community resource.
120	Chair Fisher	States that rural areas operate differently than urban centers.
134	Sen. Mae Yih	Senate District 19. Testifies in support of SB 779 (EXHIBIT A). Describes the Harrisburg resource center. Explains that the center has drug and alcohol prevention programs, acts as a conduit to connect people with other programs. States that juvenile crime has dropped 54 percent with the advent of the resource center.
200	Diane Cox	Coordinator, Northlake Wellness Center, Christmas Valley. States the center has been established as the hub of the community. Reviews the center's outreach. Notes that the nearest place to receive services is 100 miles away.
265	Peggy Purkerson	Director, Harrisburg Resource Center. Testifies in support of SB 779 (EXHIBIT B). Comments on the success of the Harrisburg Resource Center. Describes the center's programs.
315	Purkerson	Relates a personal story of a new board member who came to the resource center, became a volunteer, and then became a board member. States that family values are important to the center and asks for continued funding.
354	Chair Fisher	States appreciation for testimony.
383	Cox	Introduces board members from Christmas Valley.
400	Mary Ellen Mower	Board Member, Northlake Wellness Center, Christmas Valley. Testifies in support of SB 779. States that the center is a major resource for the rural community.

TAPE 56, A

000	Sen. Castillo	Questions the center's staffing.
005	Mower	Responds there are two staff members who staff the center throughout the week. States the center does everything from distributing food to selling building permits.
013	Sen. Duncan	States that it sounds like the center in Christmas Valley does not have the stigma of being a welfare center.
025	Chair Fisher	Comments on familiarity with Christmas Valley.
038	Bill Mower	Representing North Lake Wellness Center. Testifies in support of SB 779. States the center is a benefit to the community.
049	Sen. Shields	Comments in support of SB 779.
057	Cox	Reads a letter from the director of the Grants Pass Wellness Center (EXHIBIT C).
065	Chair Fisher	Closes public hearing on SB 779 and opens work session on SB 779,

SB 779 WORK SESSION

068	Sen. Shields	MOTION: Moves SB 779 to the floor with as DO PASS recommendation and the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
071		VOTE: 3-0 Excused: Castillo, Shannon
	Chair Fisher	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
080	Chair Fisher	Closes work session on SB 779 and opens work session on SB 322.

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SB 322 WORK SESSION

082	Sandy Thiele-Cirka	Committee Administrator. Summarizes SB 322 and amendments.

120	Sen. Shannon	Asks if anyone testified against the bill.
125	Cirka	Responds no.
132	Sen. Shields	States that Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) are the lowest paid and the most vulnerable.
140	Gwen Dayton	Representing the Oregon Health Care Association. States the cap was negotiated. States that there are concerns about raising fees for CNAs, but respects the Oregon Board of Nursing's need to continue program services.
164	Sen. Shields	Questions if, without the cap, the fees could have been increased.
166	Dayton	Responds affirmatively.
170	Chair Fisher	Comments on the need of the fees to comply with rising costs. Comments that he has urged the Board of Nursing to enact small increases.
204	Shields	Asks if the fee increase was in the proposed budget.
205	Dayton	Responds affirmatively.
210	Chair Fisher	Relates and understanding of expenses.
238	Dayton	States that another concern is that there are staffing shortages in health care facilities and the raising of fees is another barrier for people who work in the field. States support for the Board of Nursing providing testing in the facilities.
281	Sen. Shields	Asks if the stakeholders are supportive of the bill.
292	Dayton	Responds that some of the parties are concerned about the fee increase.
300	Chair Fisher	Comments that the senior citizen organizations are concerned with proper training for CNAs.
326	Dayton	Agrees that proper training is necessary. Notes the state needs to provide additional funds.
360	Sen. Shannon	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 322-1, and -2 amendments dated 03/12/99 and 03/16/99, respectively.
		VOTE: 4-0

		AYE: 4- Castillo, Duncan, Shannon, Fisher EXCUSED: 1- Shields
	Chair Fisher	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED .
392	Sen. Shannon	MOTION: Moves SB 322 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: 4 ñ Castillo, Duncan, Shannon, Fisher EXCUSED: 1 ñ Shields
	Chair Fisher	The motion CARRIES. SEN. CASTILLO will lead discussion on the floor.
406	Chair Fisher	Closes the work session on SB 322 and opens public hearing on SB 724.
TAPE 55, B		
<u>SB 724 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
004	Stephen Kafoury	Representing Oregon Acupuncture Association. Presents (EXHIBIT D) to the committee and introduces Martin and Goldblatt.
014	Peter Martin	Testifies in support of SB 724. States the bill is a housekeeping bill. Reviews proposed language changes.
036	Lisa Goldblatt	President, Oregon College of Oriental Medicine. Testifies in support of SB 724. Explains and outlines the college and education process. Notes that the college participates with public health facilities.
057	Sen. Duncan	Asks about program prerequisites.
065	Goldblatt	Responds that three years at an accredited college must be completed and then the oriental medicine program is four years long. States the program incorporates western and eastern medicine.

099	Sen. Shannon	Asks if the association is aware of what the change does.
102	Kafoury	Responds affirmatively.
127	Martin	States there will be an Acupuncture Awareness Day on April 12.
136	Chair Fisher	Closes public hearing on SB 724 and adjourns the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 779, Written testimony, Sen. Mae Yih, 3 pp

B ñ SB 779, 1999 Legislative Report and brochure, Peggy Purkerson, 121 pp

C ñ SB 779, Letter from Debbie Cantiello, Diane Cox, 1 p

D ñ SB 724, Overview of Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, Stephen Kafoury, 8 pp