

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 1, 1999 Hearing Room B

8:00 AM Tapes 72 - 73

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 481 Public Hearing

SB 822 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 825 Public Hearing and Work Session

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 72, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 8:13 AM and opens public hearing SB 481.
<u>SB 481 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

011	Sharon Hill	Legislative Assistant to Sen. Avel Gordly. Testifies that SB 481 will assist families with costs for anatomical donors. Notes the bill will create a framework.
029	Chair Fisher	Questions the expenses for anatomical donors.
035	Hill	Responds that the requester is concerned about the funeral expenses.
043	Chair Fisher	Questions the donation expenses and additional funeral costs.
070	Hill	Responds she does not have that information.
074	Chair Fisher	States the legalities of the issue need to be reviewed.
085	Sen. Shannon	Asks if any other states participate in incentive programs for organ donors.
090	Hill	Responds no.
101	Sen. Shannon	Notes concerns relating to paying for people's funerals.
131	Sen. Duncan	States that organs are not harvested until the patient is declared dead.
141	Chair Fisher	Discusses situations where patients are placed on life support until the doctors could harvest the organs.
152	Sen. Shannon	States she is not opposed to helping with surgery expenses, but is concerned about funeral expenses.
179	Hill	States she will work with the committee administrator to answer the presented questions.
184	Chair Fisher	Closes public hearing on SB 481 and opens a public hearing on SB 822.
<u>SB 822 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
185	Art Keil	Representing the Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians. Testifies in support of SB 822. Provides background of SB 822. States there would be mandatory training for naturopathic doctors before prescribing medication.
232	Clyde Jensen, Ph.D.	President, Naturopathic College. Testifies in support of SB 822 (EXHIBIT A). Provides professional background. States that naturopathic students are trained similar to medical students, and the admission standards are reflective of medical school.

327	Jensen	Explains and discusses that Oregon has strict training requirements. Comments that the college one of the healthiest naturopathic colleges in the nation, and is fully accredited.
386	Jensen	Continues testimony on training.
410	Chair Fisher	Questions if the 100 hours of training are classroom or credit hours.
415	Jensen	Responds it is 100 class hours. Continues testimony on pharmaceutical training.
435	Sen. Duncan	Questions the pharmaceutical courses Jensen taught in medical school.
440	Jensen	Responds the textbooks and materials are the same. Discusses clinical observation.
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000	Jensen	Remarks that this is a critical period in the development of the naturopathic medicine. States that many people are selecting naturopaths as their primary care provider.
067	Sen. Duncan	Asks if a naturopath can prescribe a medication and have a nurse give the injection.
079	Jensen	Responds affirmatively, if a nurse is supervised by a licensed physician.
086	Sen. Castillo	Asks for clarification of drug administration.
091	Jensen	Discusses differences between naturopaths and physicians. Notes that naturopaths are conservative.
150	Jensen	States the bill will cause arguments between medical doctors and naturopathic physicians.
165	Sen. Duncan	States appreciation for the testimony that reflects the pros and cons of an issue.
180	Don Walker	Naturopathic Physician. Testifies in support of SB 822 (EXHIBIT B). States that treatments require prescriptions, and some drugs need to be injected for the best results.
242	Rita Bettenburg	Naturopathic Physician. Testifies in support of SB 822 (EXHIBIT C). States that it is legal for naturopaths to administer specific controlled substances. Comments and reviews drugs that are effective as injections.

341	Linda Meloche	Chair, Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners (OBNE). Testifies in support of SB 822 (EXHIBIT D). Presents the board's objectives: examinations, continuing education requirements, and complaints. Discusses the examination process.
415	Meloche	Reviews the complaint process. States that they take complaints seriously. Explains how prescription injections work.
457	Sen. Shields	Asks if physicians are trained in naturopathic medicine and vice versa.
TAPE 72, B		
000	Bettenburg	Responds affirmatively. Notes that some medical doctors want to adopt a holistic approach to health care.
075	Meloche	Reviews current education requirements.
092	Walker	Discusses the formulary committee.
122	Sen. Duncan	Questions the composition of the formulary council.
139	Walker	Responds that two pharmacists are on the formulary committee. Comments that the medical doctor is appointed by the Board of Medical Examiners (BME).
153	Meloche	States that the committee has been unanimous on decisions in the past.
163	Sen. Duncan	Asks if a pharmacist is qualified to give an injection.
168	Jensen	Responds no.
190	Scott Gallant	Representing the Oregon Medical Association (OMA). Remarks that this issue is a change in the scope of practice. States that the changes in the past have been very focused and narrow. Notes the bill does not improve collaboration between professions. Notes the pharmacy training is not equivalent between professions.
278	Gallant	States the bill needs to be negotiated between parties.
290	Chair Fisher	States that it is hard to make decisions regarding professional practices. States the discussion will keep coming up during legislative sessions. States that changes are needed in professions. Relates changes in his field of practice.
364	Gallant	States that change and improvement is healthy.

412	Sen. Duncan	States that previous testimony stated that naturopaths have the needed training to prescribe medications.
415	Gallant	Responds that naturopaths are improving training. States that naturopaths do not have the necessary experience to prescribe medications.
454	Chair Fisher	Refers to lines 21 and 22 of the bill that indicate the formulary board would determine what is injected or not.
463	Gallant	States he interprets the bill differently.
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000	Sen. Castillo	States understanding that the OMA is looking out for the patients. Points out that naturopaths prefer not to use traditional medications, and they would be more careful in the use of prescription drugs.
023	Gallant	Disagrees with Sen. Castillo.
035	Richard Heitsch, M.D.	Testifies in support of SB 822 (EXHIBIT E). States he has a high level of comfort in working with naturopaths. States the bill would be a benefit for patients. States there is a need to get back to basic science, which naturopaths approach from a different angle.
082	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 822 and opens a work session on SB 822.
<u>SB 822 WORK SESSION</u>		
085	Sen. Shields	MOTION: Moves SB 822 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: 5 - Castillo, Duncan, Shannon, Shields, Fisher
Chair Fisher		The motion CARRIES. SEN. SHIELDS will lead discussion on the floor.
097	Chair Fisher	Closes work session on SB 822 and opens public hearing on SB 825

<u>SB 825 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
106	Keil	OANP. Testifies in support of SB 825 (EXHIBIT F). States that it would be a benefit to allow naturopaths the ability to refer patients to a physical therapist.
132	Walker	Naturopath Physician. Testifies in support of SB 825 (EXHIBIT G). Reiterates it would be a benefit for patients and doctors.
172	Chair Fisher	Closes public hearing on SB 825 and opens a work session.
<u>SB 825 WORK SESSION</u>		
175	Sen. Shields	MOTION: Moves SB 825 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: 4 - Castillo, Duncan, Shields, Fisher EXCUSED: 1 ñ Shannon
	Chair Fisher	The motion CARRIES. SEN. SHEILDS will lead discussion on the floor.
187	Chair Fisher	Closes the work session on SB 825 and adjourns the meeting at 10:58 AM.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 822, Written testimony, Naturopathic College, Clyde Jensen, 4 pp

B ñ SB 822, Written testimony, Physician, Don Walker, 4 pp

C ñ SB 822, Written testimony, Physician, Rita Bettenburg, 3 pp

**D ñ SB 822, Written testimony, Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners, Linda Meloche,
1 p**

E ñ SB 822, Written testimony, Physician, Richard Heitsch, 1 p

**F ñ SB 825, Written testimony, Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Art Keil,
1 p**

G ñ SB 825, Written testimony, Physician, Don Walker, 1 p