

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 21, 1999 Hearing Room B

8:00 AM Tapes 93 - 94

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 699 Public Hearing

SB 772 Public Hearing

SB 962 Public Hearing

SB 941 Public Hearing

SB 210 Public Hearing

SB 880 Public Hearing and Work Session

SJM 11 Public Hearing

SB 1280 Public Hearing

SB 1097 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 93, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 8:05 AM and opens a public hearing on SB 699.
<u>SB 699 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
011	Sandy Thiele-Cirka	Administrator. Summarizes SB 699.
016	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 699 and opens a public hearing on SB 772.
<u>SB 772 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
018	Thiele-Cirka	Summarizes SB 772.
022	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 772 and opens a public hearing on SB 962.
<u>SB 962 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
025	Thiele-Cirka	Summarizes SB 962.
026	Chair Fisher	Closes public hearing on SB 962 and opens a public hearing on SB 941.
<u>SB 941 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
030	Thiele-Cirka	Summarizes SB 941.
036	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 941 and opens a public hearing on SB 210.
<u>SB 210 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
040	Nancy Ellison	Administrator, Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). Testifies in support of SB 210 (EXHIBIT A). Comments that SB 210 is necessary for federal compliance.
084	Peggy Anet	Representing Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA). Testifies in support of SB 210. Gives background of the bill. Explains the proposed amendments to the committee.

102	Chair Fisher	Asks who is proposing the ñ2 and ñ3 amendments.
105	Anet	Responds the ñ2 amendments are from the Insurance Division, the ñ3 amendments are from HIAA, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield have additional amendments to propose.
118	Chair Fisher	Questions the removal of the toll-free telephone number.
120	Ellison	Responds it was not serving the purpose it was designed for.
137	Barbara Ries	Representing Oregon Medical Insurance Pool. Testifies in support of SB 210. States the bill addresses technical changes.
145	John Powell	Representing Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Testifies on SB 210. Offers amendments to SB 210. Notes that the proposed amendments will clarify the bill.
182	Bruce Bishop	Representing Kaiser Permanente. Testifies on SB 210 (EXHIBIT B). Comments on the ability to terminate an enrollee who is routinely abusive.
204	Chair Fisher	Questions the process to discharge an enrollee.
210	Bishop	Explains the discharge process. States the bill repeals ORS 653.300 which has been in law for 14 years. Would like to see the repeal removed from the bill. States support for the bill, if it is amended.
268	Ellison	States the division is comfortable with the proposed amendments.
273	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 210 and opens the public hearing on SB 880.
<u>SB 880 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
278	Leo Pothetes	Governor's Commission on Senior Services. Testifies in support of SB 880 (EXHIBIT C). Comments on the commission's projects. States that current services have saved the state \$205,000.
380	Pothetes	Continues testimony on mental health issues for the elderly.
430	Lee Hazelwood	Legislative Coordinator, Governor's Commission on Senior Services. Testifies in support of SB 880. Comments on the legislation passed in 1989. Urges committee support.
TAPE 94, A		

000	James Davis	Oregon State Council of Senior Citizens/United Seniors of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 880 (EXHIBIT D). Gives background of the projects involved with the commission. States there is a very little response to the elderly population facing drug and alcohol issues. Comments that the funding level has not been adjusted since 1989.
041	Chair Fisher	Asks for the number of projects.
047	Davis	States there are five current projects and the bill would allow for the development of five more. Comments they are requesting an additional \$450,000.
069	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 880 and opens work session on SB 880.
<u>SB 880 WORK SESSION</u>		
073	Sen. Duncan	MOTION: Moves SB 880 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: 4 - Castillo, Duncan, Shields, Fisher EXCUSED: 1 ñ Shannon
	Chair Fisher	The motion CARRIES.
083	Chair Fisher	Closes the work session on SB 880 and opens a public hearing on SJM 11.
<u>SJM 11 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
087	Thiele-Cirka	Summarizes SJM 11.
098	Jona Hiuner	Vice-Chair, Child Health Cluster of the Oregon Option. Testifies on SJM 11. Notes concerns and states that Oregonians need to work together in restructuring the food stamp program. Requests SJM 11 and SB 1280 be tabled.
125	Sandie Hosback	Administrator Adult and Family Services. Testifies on SJM 11. Comments that this legislation is not necessary. Notes that stakeholders are currently working to improve the food stamp system.
160	Ellen Lowe	Representing Hunger Relief Task Force. Testifies on SJM 11. States the legislation is premature. States the task force is looking for an open forum. Discusses the task force.

191	Chair Fisher	Questions how SJM 11 would create barriers.
203	Lowe	Responds that SJM 11 is premature and could create complications to the current system. Comments that the current federal rules and regulations need to be reviewed.
239	Sen. Castillo	Comments on a study being done by the University of Oregon relating to food stamps, and that the study will not be completed until the Summer, 1999. Suggests waiting until more information is received before moving forward.
268	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SJM 11 and opens a public hearing on SB 1280.
<u>SB 1280 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
276	Hiuner	Testifies in opposition to SB 1280.
292	Patti Whitney-Wise	Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force. Testifies on SJM 11 and SB 1280 (EXHIBIT E). Comments on reservations with both measures.
327	Chair Fisher	Comments on individuals who have been excluded from the task force.
345	Whitney-Wise	Describes the make up of the task force.
365	Lorey Freeman	Attorney, Oregon Law Center. Testifies in opposition to SB 1280 (EXHIBIT F). States her focus is public benefits. States that public input needs to be included.
405	Sen. Castillo	Questions block grants and the flexibility involved. Asks if Whitney is opposed to block grant money.
425	Whitney-Wise	Responds that they are opposed to the block grant structure because it creates a fiscal incentive to reduce case loads and outreach.
440	Freeman	States that with a block grant, there is no flexibility in an economic downturn.
451	Sen. Castillo	Asks if changes are needed.
456	Freeman	Responds affirmatively. States that changes must occur at all levels.
TAPE 93, B		
000	Sen. Shields	States that food stamps serve the working poor.

013	Freeman	Responds that the issue is distribution of food stamps, and the difficulty people have if they work during the same hours. States a program needs to be developed before this legislation moves forward.
048	Whitney-Wise	States that other perspectives need to be considered at the state level before moving towards the federal level.
055	Chair Fisher	Asks for amendments that would make SJM 11 and SB 1280 workable for the people involved.
077	Rich Pepper	Representing Oregon Public Employees Union. Testifies on SB 1280. States that Adult and Family Services caseworkers also have concerns about the proposed legislation.
088	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 1280 and opens a public hearing on SB 1097.
<u>SB 1097 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
093	Thiele-Cirka	Summarizes SB 1097.
100	Layne Barlow	Representing Oregon Men's Association. Testifies in support of SB 1097 (EXHIBIT G) . States the bill is to serve non-custodial parents, and that the bill creates a nine member task force. States that SCF currently receives a \$113,000 annual grant that is targeted for this type of service.
150	Barlow	Addresses concerns brought by the Department of Justice.
166	Kurt Jaeger	Coalition for Family Law Reform. Testifies in support of SB 1097 (EXHIBIT H) . Discusses issues he has faced as a non-custodial parent. Comments on advocacy issues.
220	Jaeger	Discusses reasons for the creation of the commission. States that advocates for non-custodial parents need to be involved, and that the formation of the commission would provide a resource for non-custodial parents.
282	Chair Fisher	Questions the Douglas County program.
287	Jaeger	Provides examples of the program administered in Douglas County. Explains that a majority of the money is being used for administrative costs.
325	Barlow	Comments on gender politics, and states the bill is not designed to create a gender biased commission. States the commission would be a win-win situation for non-custodial parents.

374	Jaeger	States that previous legislation has not been beneficial to non-custodial parents. Refers to (EXHIBIT H) and explains the graphs to the committee.
430	Jaeger	States there are many reasons why visitation is withheld, and often times it is because of animosity between parents.
458	Sen. Shannon	States sympathy for non-custodial parents.
TAPE 94, B		
000	Sen. Shannon	States support for the creation of a commission.
021	Larry Redler	Citizen. Testifies in support of SB 1097. Relates a personal experience. States the need for equal visitation treatment.
080	Dan Dennehy	Co-Director, Oregon Men's Association. Testifies in support of SB 1097 (EXHIBIT I) . States the bill is in the best interest of the children. States that the majority of fathers want to be involved in their children's lives. Comments on the prejudice against non-custodial parents.
170	Dennehy	Comments on the current crisis of the fatherless society.
260	David Nebel	Representing Oregon Law Center. Testifies on SB 1097. Agrees there is a problem in Oregon with parenting. Comments on two bills that are currently in the Ways and Means committee dealing with parenting.
290	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on SB 1097 and adjourns the meeting at 9:56 AM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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