

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

May 12, 1999 Hearing Room B

8:00 AM Tapes 112 - 113

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair

Sen. Frank Shields, Vice-Chair

Sen. Susan Castillo

Sen. Verne Duncan

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Sen. Marylin Shannon

STAFF PRESENT:

Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator

Andrew Morris, Administrative Support

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 2115A Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2581A 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 112, A		
004	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 8:13 AM and opens a public hearing on HB 2115A.
<u>HB 2115A PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

007	Sandy Thiele-Cirka	Administrator. Summarizes HB 2115A.
016	Carol Fleming	Administrator, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. Testifies in support of HB 2115A (EXHIBIT A). Provides background of the bill. Explains the changes HB 2115A would make to current statute. States the bill would help mentally ill and developmentally disabled adults.
069	Chair Fisher	Comments and discusses that the proposed amendments, by Sen. Avel Gordly will be evaluated and discussed during the interim.
084	Lara Smith	Representing Oregon Mental Health Counselors Alliance. Testifies in support of HB 2115A (EXHIBIT B). Comments and discusses that the A- engrossed version is a compromise between the stakeholders.
103	Chair Fisher	Closes the public hearing on HB 2115A and opens a work session HB 2115A.
<u>HB 2115A WORK SESSION</u>		
107	Sen. Duncan	MOTION: Moves HB 2115A 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. DUNCAN will lead discussion on the floor.
115	Chair Fisher	Closes the work session on HB 2115A and opens a public hearing on HB 2581A.
<u>HB 2581A PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
125	Donalda Dodson	Oregon Health Division. Testifies in support of HB 2581A (EXHIBIT G). Summarizes the bill. Offers statistics in support of HB 2581A. Explains the bill will provide prenatal care to uninsured women.
168	Rep. Kitty Piercy	House District 39. Testifies in support of HB 2581A (EXHIBIT C). Summarizes and gives background of the bill. States the bill will prevent insurance companies from discontinuing insurance for pregnant dependants. Comments on the cost of pregnancies.

220	Rep. Piercy	Discusses the hardship on families when dependents become pregnant.
230	Joanne Dehoff	Representing March of Dimes and Governor's Maternity Task Force. Testifies in support of HB 2581A (EXHIBIT D). Notes the importance of prenatal care.
269	Sen. Castillo	Acknowledges support for the bill.
280	Peggy Anet	Representing the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA). Testifies on HB 2581A (EXHIBIT E). Reviews proposed amendment. Discusses health care reforms which have taken place in Oregon.
320	Sen. Shields	Asks why the amendment was not introduced in the House.
326	Anet	Responds the correct technical language was not included in the original amendment to the bill.
330	Sen. Castillo	Requests clarification of the proposed amendment.
334	Anet	Responds the language of the bill would be narrowed, but it would be appropriate. States the Oregon statute is very specific relating to health plans.
355	Sen. Duncan	Asks if CHAMPUS, a federal insurance company, would be excluded from the bill.
362	Anet	Responds affirmatively. Explains what type of medical insurance is exempted from health plans.
409	Sen. Shields	Asks if the Health Division has any comments on the issue.
415	Chair Fisher	Responds that the Health Division has had the chance to speak on the bill.
422	Bruce Bishop	Representing Kaiser Permanente. Testifies on HB 2581A. States concerns about mandating coverage for services. Refers to line 10, page 1 and states concern. Requests deleting line 10.
468	Sen. Shields	Questions the removal of line 10.
472	Sen. Castillo	Questions the need for a sunset clause.
476	Bishop	Responds that health care reform is ongoing and that a review in six years would allow for possible revisions.

TAPE 113, A		
022	Rep. Piercy	States support of the proposed amendments.
038	Sen. Shields	Asks for Rep. Piercy's input on the inclusion of a sunset clause.
050	Rep. Piercy	Responds that the sunset clause is not needed because the issue can be revisited anytime.
059	Sen. Fisher	Reviews the history of insurance mandates. States that it is good to review statutes. Comments on the need for flexibility.
098	Sen. Castillo	Comments on the inflexibility of mandates. States the bill would not increase costs. Discusses the benefits of HB 2581A.
115	Chair Fisher	States the sunset clause is a means for a review. Asks Anet if the sunset clauses have affected mandates.
125	Anet	Responds that some mandates have been dropped, but health plans have maintained coverage.
140	Chair Fisher	Acknowledges support for reviewing mandates.
158	Sen. Shields	States that with or without a sunset clause, the law could be reviewed.
170	Chair Fisher	Discusses the importance of sunset clauses. Enters a letter from Lynn Partin into record (EXHIBIT F). Closes the public hearing on HB 2581A and adjourns the meeting at 8:58 AM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Andrew Morris, Sandy Thiele-Cirka,
Administrative Support Administrator

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ HB 2115A, Written testimony, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Carol Flemming, 3 pp

B ñ HB 2115A, Letter from Kathleen Walsh, Oregon Mental Health Counselors Alliance, Lara Smith, 1 p

C ñ HB 2581A, Written testimony, Rep. Kitty Piercy, 8 pp

D ñ HB 2581A, Written testimony, March of Dimes, Joanne Dehoff, 1 p

E ñ HB 2581A, Written testimony, HIAA, Peggy Anet, 2 pp

F ñ HB 2581A, Letter from Lynn Partin, Sen. Bill Fisher, 2 pp

G ñ HB 2115A, Written testimony, Oregon Health Division, Donalda Donaldson, 2 pp