

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

January 20, 1997 Hearing Room D

1:00 P.M. Tapes 2-3

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Ken Strobeck, Chair

Rep. Dan Gardner, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Kurt Schrader

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen

Rep. Tom Whelan

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeri Chenelle, Administrator

Timaree Whitty, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Adoption of Committee Rules

Informational Meeting

Agency Overviews:

* State Police

* State Treasurer

* Department of Administrative Services

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
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TAPE 2, A (Tape blank due to audio difficulty)		
005	Chair Strobeck	Calls meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
<u>ADOPTION OF RULES</u>		
007	Chair Strobeck	States that the committee needs to adopt committee rules submitted at last meeting.
010	Rep. Montgomery	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 1/20/97.
012	Chair Strobeck	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
<u>STATE POLICE</u>		
022	LeRon Howland	State Police Superintendent outlines State Police mission statement (EXHIBIT A).
040	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Enters the meeting at 1:05 p.m.
049	Howland	Discusses significant changes in department's mission and responsibilities since 1991.
077	Rep. Montgomery	Asks why Boxing and Wrestling Commission were put under State Police's responsibility.
091	Howland	Explains that boxing & wrestling events need public safety.
099	Chair Strobeck	Asks about the decrease in number of patrol officers.
122	Howland	Explains budget limits and dependence on outside funding sources.
126	Howland	Highlights four most significant policy and program issues the agency must resolve: * Affirm department's direction in identifying role in cooperation with local government. * Stabilize funding sources. * Review and minimize existing staffing levels to fulfill the mission and provide a safety net for local law enforcement. * Patrol Service/Transportation Safety to fulfill primary role of traffic safety responsibility.
158	Howland	Outlines department's organizational chart, indicating that three bureaus make up department with 13 divisions. Turns presentation over to Dennis O'Donnell.

176	Dennis O'Donnell	<p>Deputy Superintendent gives overview of enforcement organization and program descriptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Patrol Services Division * Investigative Services * Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Services * Forensic Services * Medical Examiner * Office of State Fire Marshal * Oregon Emergency Management * Law Enforcement Data System * Information Resources Services * Human Resources Services * Criminal Justice Services Division * Training Division * Gaming Division
233	O'Donnell	Overview continues.
282	Rep. Hill	Asks how gaming enforcement is funded.
284	O'Donnell	Responds that gaming enforcement is funded with lottery funds.
320	O'Donnell	Continues with program descriptions.
370	Howland	<p>Refers back to mission statement to explain department's actions. Explains department's roles and responsibilities. Strategic plan is based on mission statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Partnering with citizens, law enforcement and other public safety, criminal justice agencies, and natural resource agencies. * A service-oriented policing philosophy. * A diverse workforce that is representative of the public it serves. * Development of a funding base for the agency that

		supports its service priorities.
446	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Asks about effectiveness of strategic plan. Will it deter an officer's response to an emergency call.
453	Rep. Montgomery	In regards to funding, asks if it is possible to add officers.
TAPE 3, A (Several minutes unrecorded due to audio difficulty)		
064	Howland	Explains response time with respect to relief available.
099	Rep. Schrader	Asks about the possibility of redesigning the department's focus because of funding problems. Requests a chart outlining supervisors for officers.
138	Rep. Hill	Asks about hiring practices to fill new positions. Comments on concern with finding qualified people for higher positions. Asks about time frame for filling positions.
155	Howland	Responds that it takes approximately five years to fill positions. Training is ongoing and will be modified. Hiring procedure is an ever present concern.
175	Rep. Gardner	Asks for an explanation on training locations.
180	Howland	Explains the different training facilities. Responds that the department is looking at opening a police academy.
<u>OREGON STATE TREASURY</u>		
238	Gary Brubaker	Deputy Treasurer points out department's vision and mission statements. Highlights department's strategic and budgetary outline (EXHIBIT B).
283	Brubaker	Outlines department's primary customers.
292	Brubaker	Points out department is currently updating their information system to provide better information to its publics.
316	Rollie Wisbrock	Oregon State Treasury Chief of Staff outlines department's budget package.
376	Wisbrock	Discusses department's Operations Divisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Investment Division * Debt Management Division * Finance Division * Executive Administration * Informations Systems * Employee Services

439	Wisbrock	Continues discussion on Operations Divisions.
447	Rep. Schrader	Asks about personal computer access to information system.
TAPE 2, B		
055	Wisbrock	Assures that migration from the WANG computer system provides PC access.
067	Rep. Whelan	Asks about investment options.
075	Wisbrock	Explains local investment pool. The department provides warnings in regards to investment guidelines.
092	Chair Strobeck	Asks about guidelines that could be offered other state agencies in regards to the computer system conversion.
100	Wisbrock	Suggests that they bring in Brubaker to consult, and know where you are going before you begin. Bring in as many outside resources as possible to reach a high level of consensus in this regard.
115	Chair Strobeck	Asks if department relied heavily on outside consultants as well as having an inside point person to direct the conversion.
117	Wisbrock	Explains that the department researched where they were going from the inside, as well as relying on outside review.
120	Wisbrock	Explains that the department took each employee's individual needs in the conversion.
135	Brubaker	Discusses that the department is concerned with state personnel retirement issues. Responds that at the present time, seven out of 10 Oregonians are not prepared for retirement. To effectively serve customers we need to use resources of the state.
166	Brubaker	Discusses some educational steps the department has taken to better serve the state. Emphasizes the agency's priority to serve the local school districts. The Treasury allows local school districts as they issue debt to use the state's credit rating without any additional exposure to the state. Support and advice to local school districts on how to work within the debt circumstances and limitations of Measure 47 is also provided.
174	Chair Strobeck	Asks for prediction on improving state's credit rating.
182	Brubaker	Responds that the state's credit rating has gone up from an AA- to an AA. The rating agencies are very concerned with local government and we are at the next tier. They look at how the legislature has managed out of Measure 5 and son of 5, and feel both the legislature and the executive branch have been very responsible in how they have dealt with those issues. They feel confident in how the legislature will cope

		with Measure 47. Our rating will be impacted by the outcome of Measure 47.
207	Rep. Schrader	Refers to the previous statement that seven out of ten Oregonians are not prepared for retirement. Asks what is the standard to determine whether someone is prepared for retirement.
210	Brubaker	The standard is the earnings an individual has in their profession.
215	Chair Strobeck	Asks if the department is watching the Dow or investing in the stock market.
220	Brubaker	Responds that they actually invest more when the market goes down and when the market goes up we diversify the funds into other classes. That has served Oregon very well.
229	Rep. Hill	Asks what the return was last year on all the funds that stayed managed.
232	Wisbrock	Responds that they do not have those numbers available yet, but should have them in the next week or two. The bond markets didn't do well, but the equity markets did very well.
<u>DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</u>		
260	Jon Yunker	Director of the Department of Administrative Services highlights mission statement and department's values. Discusses department's functions (EXHIBIT C).
284	Yunker	Points out that the Department of Administrative Services is actually the merge of two agencies: Department of General Services and Executive Department.
300	Yunker	<p>Outlines organizational chart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Director's Office * Budget & Management * State Controller * Information Resources Management * Human Resources Services * Transportation, Purchasing, and Print Services * Facilities * Risk Management

		* Internal Support Division
317	Yunker	Describes departmental programs.
358	Yunker	Continues with program descriptions.
TAPE 3, B		
014	Chair Strobeck	Asks what the annual statewide turnover rate is.
017	Yunker	Responds that it is not alarmingly high. Will have to get back to the committee with specific numbers.
025	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Asks for clarification on Senate Bill 271 in reference to the Higher Education Efficiency Act in regards to the recent computer changes.
031	Yunker	Responds that Higher Ed did have the ability and authority to make certain decisions before SB271. However, SB994 requires the coordination of these types of activities in the future.
044	Yunker	Continues with department outline
061	Chair Strobeck	Asks about legislation from last session referring to privatization projects with the motorpool in Portland and a study to be done with private printing in the state printers.
065	Yunker	Responds he does not have specifics on this, but reassures that there wouldn't be any specific expansion in the next biennium.
077	Chair Strobeck	Requests that the director of the division address the committee at a later date.
088	Yunker	Gives an introduction of bills concerning Administrative Services and explains department's philosophies.
100	Rep. Montgomery	Asks how BUBB & SEBB will get along in a merger. Who makes decisions on introducing legislation in regards to the 2% Kicker?
120	Yunker	Responds that SEBB does have a considerably larger fund which will play a role in the merger. Referring to the 2% Kicker, Responds there are two bills: HB2191 & HB2192. HB2191 repeals the existing kicker which is in agreement with the governor's budget. HB 2192 is a legislative concept that moves the kicker from 2% to 3%, with anything over 3% going to a Rainy Day Fund. This is a recommendation from the Office of Economic Analysis, which is the governor's counsel.
144	Chair Strobeck	Discusses interim Revenue Committee's role.
156	Yunker	Comments that the department needs more control of personnel decisions.
185	Yunker	Discusses Ed Net services and funding.

215	Yunker	Discusses providing services to local governments, printing services, for example.
230	Yunker	Comments that the closure of Fairview is a hot topic for Administrative Services. Property use is a primary issue of concern.
248	Yunker	Comments on mass transit tax, changes in per diem.
264	Rep. Whelan	Asks what committee will address the issues regarding state property tax.
286	Chair Strobeck	Asks Rep. VanLeeuwen whether an issue as this is actually discussed in more than one committee.
290	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Issues can be requested to come before any committee, but that doesn't mean they will be assigned.
309	Chair Strobeck	Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Oregon State Police Orientation Overview, Howland, 61 pp.

B - Oregon State Treasury Testimony, Brubaker, 21 pp.

C - Department of Administrative Services Overview, Yunker, 5 pp.