

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

April 23, 1997 Hearing Room D

1:00 PM Tapes 85 - 87

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

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 3275 - Public Hearing

HB 3416 - Public Hearing

HB 3638 - Public Hearing

HB 3290 - Public Hearing

HB 3615 - 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 85, A		
	Chair	Calls meeting to order at 1:06 PM and opens public hearing on HB

003	Strobeck	3275.
HB 3275 PUBLIC HEARING		
011	Rep. Beyer	Supports HB 3275. Discussion of legislative intent.
052	Gino Grimaldi	Representing City of Springfield. Supports HB 3275. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A). Discussion of HB 3275 and financial considerations. Description of HB 3275 as interim measure.
118	Rod Harridan	Representing Springfield Police Officer's Association. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B) . Supports HB 3275.
150	Everett Moreland	Representing City of Springfield. Discussion of anticipated impact of HB 3275. Discussion of proposed amendments.
210	Fred McDonnal	Director, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Discussion of past cooperation with City of Springfield. Explanation of anticipated impact from HB 3275.
245	Chair Strobeck	Comment regarding fiscal impact.
250	McDonnal	Further discussion of anticipated impact.
260	Rep. Whelan	Question regarding affected pensions.
267	McDonnal	Response
270	Rep. Schrader	Question regarding two tier system.
272	McDonnal	Discussion of tier program.
285	Rep. Schrader	Question regarding comparison of plan design.
289	McDonnal	Response
298	Rep. Strobeck	Comments regarding purpose of two tier system.
311	Rep. Schrader	Further discussion of two tier plan.
317	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Question regarding impact of HB 3275 on second tier of program.
320	McDonnal	No effect.
332	Rollie Wisbrock	Representing Oregon Treasury Department. Perceives no benefit for General Fund under HB 3275, but does have concerns regarding potential risks. Discussion of General Fund organization and relationship to PERS fund.
TAPE 86, A		
055	Cynthia Burns	Representing Oregon Treasury Department. Discussion of trust fund issues. Estimation of overall impact of HB 3275. Explanation of securities concerns.

155	Chair Strobeck	Comments regarding need to coordinate efforts of various state agencies. Closes public hearing and opens public hearing on HB 3416.
<u>HB 3416 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
175	Jeri Chenelle	Committee Administrator. Summarizes provisions of HB 3416.
180	Jim Green	Representing Oregon Schools Council. Supports HB 3416.
223	Kathy Leslie	Representing Beaverton School District. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Discussion of open meeting law requirements.
311	Rep. Montgomery	Question regarding potential for abuse if HB 3416 is enacted.
320	Green	Discussion of media qualifications.
330	Rep. Montgomery	Does not support current version of bill.
340	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Shares Rep. Montgomery's concerns.
345	Green	Further discussion regarding provisions of HB 3416.
355	Chair Strobeck	Comment
365	Rep. Whelan	Question regarding available options to protect privacy.
370	Green	Response
375	Rep. Hill	Question regarding "accredited" news media.
390	Green	Does not want to be involved in accreditation issues, but wishes to limit restrictions to meetings in contemplation of litigation.
400	Rep. Hill	Concern that total privacy may not be feasible.
410	Green	Response
TAPE 85, B		
015	Chair Strobeck	Suggests possible language.
022	Gail Ryder	Representing Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. Opposes HB 3416.
032	Steve Clark	Representing Oregon Community Newspapers, Inc. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Opposes HB 3416. Discussion regarding benefits of open meeting laws.
100	Rep. Montgomery	Question regarding identification methods used to ensure legitimate credentials.
119	Rob Priewe	Representing Willamette Valley Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists. Opposes HB 3416. Discussion of journalistic freedoms and responsibilities. Supports existing open meeting laws.
169	Rep. Hill	Question regarding ethical standards for journalists.

173	Priewe	Response
176	Chair Strobeck	Question regarding practical distinctions between various media forums.
185	Clark	Discussion of different journalistic entities.
215	Chair Strobeck	Question regarding extent to which support exists for restricting media access to otherwise public meetings.
225	Clark	Issue needs to be discussed further.
236	Linda Sloane	Representing Ed Link. Opposes HB 3416. Discussion regarding conflicts of interest. Opposes restricting the press and cites First Amendment considerations.
285	Denice Liggett	Representing Ed Link. Opposes HB 3416. Discussion of experience as Internet news provider. Presentation of historical anecdotes.
313	Rep. Hill	Question regarding specific circumstances.
320	Liggett	Response
327	Matthew Gruber	Salem physician. Opposes HB 3416. Discussion of experience reporting on Oregon Board of Medical Examiners' meetings. Asserts that HB 3416 is not necessary under current laws.
TAPE 86, B		
040	Chair Strobeck	Closes public hearing and opens public hearing on HB 3638.
<u>HB 3638</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
053	Rep. Larry Sowa	Supports HB 3638. Submits written materials (EXHIBIT E).
065	Trish Conrad	Rep. Sowa's staff. Reads submitted materials.
115	Brad Higbee	Representing Metro. Submits written materials (EXHIBIT F). Discussion of proposed amendments.
159	Dan Cooper	Representing Metro. Discussion of legal issues.
164	Higbee	Further discussion of proposed amendments.
175	Rep. Hill	Question regarding specific language within proposed amendments.
184	Cooper	Directs committee's attention to Section 12 of proposed amendments.
193	Chair Strobeck	Closes public hearing and opens public hearing on HB 3290.
<u>HB 3290</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
211	Rep. Gardner	Supports HB 3290. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT G). Discussion of legislative intent.

240	John Gervais	Representing National Electrical Contractors Association. Supports HB 3290. Discussion of fiscal impact and possible amendments.
268	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Question regarding budgetary considerations.
272	Gervais	Response
278	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Suggests alternative language.
283	Gervais	Response
290	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Supports industry-paid study.
307	Gervais	Further discussion of proposal.
320	Gary Wright	Representing Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Union. Supports HB 3638. Discussion of funding proposals.
354	Gervais	Discussion of current construction practices.
366	Rep. Hill	Question regarding jurisdictional standards.
388	Gervais	Discussion of "common permit center" concept.
417	Chair Strobeck	Closes public hearing and opens public hearing on HB 3615.
TAPE 87, A		
<u>HB 3615</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
021	Rep. Prozanski	District 40, supports HB 3615. Suggests proposed amendments.
054	Gary Seeberger	Clackamas County District Attorney. Supports HB 3615. Discussion of practical considerations involving contractor fraud.
103	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Question regarding distinction between registration provisions.
108	Seeberger	Response
113	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Comment
120	Yuri Samer	Oregon citizen. Submits written materials (EXHIBIT H). Supports HB 3615. Suggests proposed amendments.
205	Chair Strobeck	Closes public hearing and adjourns meeting at 3:12 PM.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 3275, written testimony, Gino Grimaldi, 2 pp.

B - HB 3275, written testimony, Rod Harrison, 2 pp.

C - HB 3416, written testimony, Kathy Leslie, 2 pp.

D - HB 3416, written testimony, Steve Clark, 4 pp.

E - HB 3638, written testimony, Rep. Sowa, 2 pp.

F - HB 3638, written testimony, Brad Higbee, 5 pp.

G - HB 3290, written testimony, Rep. Gardner, 2 pp.

H - HB 3615, written testimony, Yuri Samer, 4 pp