

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

January 29, 1997 Hearing Room H-170

1:00 P.M. Tapes 9 - 11

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Patricia Milne, Chair

Rep. Jackie Taylor, Vice-Chair

Rep. Richard Devlin

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Kitty Piercy

Rep. Steve Harper

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Lori A. Long, Administrator

Diane M. Quinones, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SENIOR ISSUES

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 9, A		
001	Chair Milne	Calls the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
SENIOR ISSUES		
Senior and Disabled Services Division.		
		Assistant Director, DHR Senior and Disabled Services Division,

015	Roger Auerbach	submits and presents written testimony in regards to Oregon Senior and Disabled Services Division (SDSD) (EXHIBIT A).
080	Auerbach	Continues presentation.
170	Auerbach	Continues presentation.
227	Auerbach	Concludes his presentation.
Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging.		
241	Jacqueline Zimmer	Representative, Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging, submits and presents written testimony in regards to the Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4A) (EXHIBIT B, C).
305	Rep. Taylor	Asks what the acronym DSO stands for.
308	Zimmer	Disability Services Offices.
350	Zimmer	Continues presentation.
TAPE 10, A		
001	Zimmer	Continues presentation.
013	Rep. Piercy	Asks who works with elderly coming out of hospitals who are facing new disabilities that will challenge their ability to live independently.
015	Zimmer	Pre - Admission Screening (PAS) is conducted by evaluators that look for best living alternatives.
031	Rep Kruse	Asks Zimmer to define "severely disabled."
035	Zimmer	* eyeglasses constitute minor disabilities * wheel chairs are adaptive technology for more sever disabilities
042	Rep. Kruse	Asks about disabilities that limit employment opportunities.
045	Zimmer	One of the most severe limitations is loss of benefits. * health care insurance
050	Rep. Lokan	Asks how the minimum wage has affected her program.
062	Zimmer	* no increase to employee wages
073	Rep. Lokan	Asks about the negative impacts from the minimum wage increase on her program.
075	Zimmer	Dollars were taken from O4A to handle wage increases.
079	Rep. Taylor	Comments on the competitive edge Zimmer's program will lose to fast-food chains and other lower wage industries.
100	Zimmer	Responds affirmatively to Rep. Taylor's comments.
Governor's Commission on Senior Services.		

105	Phyllis Rand	Chair, Governor's Commission on Senior Services, submits and presents written testimony in regards to the Governor's Commission on Senior Services (EXHIBIT D).
175		Continues presentation. * Oregon Project Independence (OPI)
240	Rep. Taylor	Asks if OPI is 100 percent state funded.
243	Rand	Responds affirmatively.
250	Rep. Piercy	* minimum wage not the main reason for losing good employees * mixed messages can be confusing
270	Rand	Agency was hoping for a dollar an hour raise for workers.
276	Daniel Kaplan	Assistant Administrator, Senior Disabled Services Division, Fiscal Policy. * current wage per hour is \$5.56 - \$5.77 * dollar increase would have brought wages per hour to \$6.56 - \$6.77
292	Chair Milne	Asks for more information about the OPI Program.
300	Rand	* program utilized by pre-Medicaid
360	Lee Hazelwood	Member, Governor's Commission on Senior Services Member, Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Service Agency Advisory Council Elected official , Stayton, Oregon Presents testimony regarding senior issues in the state of Oregon. * Asks committee members to look at the positive outcomes of programs and continue funding them. * Discusses long term population forecasts. * Discusses long term care statistics and the choices seniors will have.
TAPE 9, B		
002	Hazelwood	Continues presentation. * Meals on Wheels has 10,000 volunteers * cost effectiveness of volunteers in Oregon's long term care system

050	Hazelwood	Continues presentation. * Governor's Recommended Budget * grades Oregon's senior programs
<u>Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency</u>		
097	Lucille Pugh	Member and Past Chair, Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency (MWVSS), submits and presents written testimony regarding long term care and her agency (EXHIBIT E).
145	Pugh	Continues presentation.
200	Pugh	Continues presentation.
217	Rep. Lokan	Asks why Oregon is ranked fourth in the nation in the number of elderly residents.
220	Pugh	* influx in population * average age of client is 81yrs * elderly are living longer
<u>Oregon State Council of Senior Citizens</u>		
240	Jim Davis	Representative, Oregon State Council of Senior Citizens, United Seniors of Oregon, and the Advocacy Coalition of Seniors and People with Disabilities, submits and presents written testimony regarding senior issues in the state of Oregon (EXHIBIT F).
375	Davis	Continues presentation.
TAPE 10, B		
001	Davis	Continues presentation.
050	Rep. Devlin	Asks about agency's position on the use of the 10 cent tobacco tax.
065	Davis	Discusses what his group will support.
070	Rep. Devlin	Asks about Davis's awareness of the intent to retain tax and back out other general fund dollars.
075	Davis	Supports funding the Oregon Health Plan.
080	Rep. Lokan	Asks about full funding for senior/disabled transportation program and the Governor's budget.
090	Davis	* discusses possible loss of tobacco tax funding for transportation programs
100	Rep. Lokan	Asks about Long Term Care Ombudsmen Program. * She is concerned with over-zealous, aggressive care-givers.

		* Asks how training of ombudsmen is conducted.
123	Davis	Training is a positive approach * The program is very protective of residents' rights. * The desire is to create a cooperative approach.
138	Rep. Piercy	Asks about senior population profiles.
143	Davis	Will provide committee with demographics.
151	Chair Milne	Asks if the 60,000 figure in EXHIBIT F , page 2, includes both seniors and disabled persons.
160	Kaplan	* Agency does not differentiate between clients in figures provided. * Will provide committee with additional information.
<u>American Association of Retired Persons</u>		
168	Delores Raymond	State Legislative Committee, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Senior Services Coordinator, Tuality Hospital, submits and presents written testimony regarding the Oregon Gerontological Association, the AARP, the Elderly Health Services Newsletter, and written testimony by a private sector direct service provider (EXHIBITS G, H, I, J).
280	Raymond	Continues presentation.
355	Raymond	* discusses Alzheimer's Disease
<u>Tape 11, A</u>		
005	Raymond	Concludes presentation.
015	Chair Milne	Adjourns the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Diane M. Quinones, Lori A. Long,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Senior and Disabled Services Division, Auerbach, 4 pp.

B - Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Zimmer, 4 pp.

C - Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Zimmer, 20 pp.

D - Governor's Commission on Senior Services, Rand, 2 pp.

E - Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency, Pugh, 3 pp.

F - Oregon State Council of Senior Citizens, Davis, 5 pp.

G - Profile of Older Oregonians- OGA, Raymond, 2 pp.

H - American Association of Retired Persons, Raymond, 9 pp.

I - Elderly Health Services Letter, Raymond, 3 pp.

J - Letter from Rebecca Sauter Brock, RN., Raymond, 2 pp.