

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

February 3, 1997 Hearing Room H170

1:00 P.M. Tapes 14 -15

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Patricia Milne, Chair

Rep. Jackie Taylor, Vice-Chair

Rep. Richard Devlin

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Kitty Piercy

Rep. Steve Harper

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Jane Lokan

STAFF PRESENT:

Lori A. Long, Administrator

Diane M. Quinones, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2046 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2051 Public Hearing and Work Session

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Oregon Health Plan

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
<u>TAPE 14, A</u>		
001	Chair Milne	Calls the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
005	Lori Long	Committee Administrator, updates the members on committee notebooks and the process of conducting a work session.
020	Chair Milne	Opens a public hearing on HB 2046.

<u>HB 2046 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
025	Peggy Smith	Member, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, offers to answer questions of the committee, has no additional comments on HB 2046.
030	Chair Milne	Closes the public hearing on HB 2046. Opens a work session on HB 2046.
<u>HB 2046 WORK SESSION</u>		
036	Chair Milne	Asks members if there are any questions or comments on HB 2046.
040	Rep. Devlin	MOTION: Moves HB 2046 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
048		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Lokan
	Chair Milne	The motion CARRIES. REP. DEVLIN will lead discussion on the floor.
057	Chair Milne	Closes the work session on HB 2046. Opens a public hearing on HB 2051.
<u>HB 2051 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
060	Chair Milne	Asks for additional testimony or information on HB 2051 No additional testimony presented.
066	Chair Milne	Closes the public hearing on HB 2051. Opens a work session on HB 2051.
<u>HB 2051 WORK SESSION</u>		
068	Chair Milne	Asks members for questions or comments on HB 2051.
070	Rep. Taylor	MOTION: Moves HB 2051 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
075		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Lokan

	Chair Milne	The motion CARRIES. REP. PIERCY will lead discussion on the floor.
080	Chair Milne	Closes the work session on HB 2051. Opens an informational meeting on The Oregon Health Plan.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
<u>Oregon Health Plan</u>		
092	Hersh Crawford	Director, Office of Medical Assistance Programs, offers the committee answers to questions he received from members.
099	Chair Milne	Asks for an overview of the process a citizen will encounter when looking to acquire health coverage through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).
120	Crawford	Discusses "eligibility" for health care. * income * liquid assets * citizenship and legal residency * age
170	Crawford	Explains the process of "application" for coverage.
208	Chair Milne	Asks if there are limits to the numbers and types of plans offered to various populations within Oregon.
213	Crawford	Refers to (EXHIBIT A) showing the variety of plans per county in the state of Oregon.
234	Chair Milne	Asks how a plan becomes associated with OHP.
237	Crawford	Eleven standards of criteria are issued to determine if a plan meets OHP needs. * access to care * emergency room care * provider panel * referrals to specialty care * grievance procedures * rates and contract requirements

250	Chair Milne	Asks about limits to the number of plans offered under the OHP.
255	Crawford	New plans are welcome, but depends on county need.
260	Rep. Piercy	Asks about follow up procedures to ensure a plan is meeting standards.
268	Crawford	* Evaluations and audits are conducted every other year. * Grievances and requests are monitored on a quarterly basis.
284	Rep. Piercy	Asks about students that have no health care when their incomes are at poverty levels.
292	Crawford	* Full time students are not eligible. * Refers to Governor's 1997-1999 budget proposal to add Pell Grant recipients to OHP.
320	Rep. Piercy	Asks about tracking students that move from full to part time credit hours in order to qualify for health care.
325	Crawford	* At this time there is no tracking system in place.
330	Rep. Kruse	Asks for information on the kind of health care universities are offering students.
336	Barney Speight	Oregon Health Plan Administrator * Will provide requested information.
345	Rep. Harper	Asks about the federal poverty level for single people.
349	Crawford	* Poverty level income for a single adult is \$645.00 per month. * Children of students qualify for Medicaid.
<u>TAPE 15, A</u>		
002	Speight	Continues presentation.
012	Rep Piercy	Asks about client asset limits, including gifts received.
024	Crawford	* Applicants are reviewed every six months. * What occurs in-between review periods is irrelevant to eligibility.
030	Crawford	Continues presentation.
069	Chair Milne	Asks why Native Americans are not required to enroll for services.
072	Crawford	Discusses health care through Indian health service clinics.
080	Chair Milne	Asks about the relationship that the OHP has with Indian health service clinics
090	Crawford	* OHP will pay on a fee for service basis.
	Chair	

098	Milne	Asks how many individuals are involved.
100	Crawford	Between 1,500 and 2,000 people are involved with Indian health service clinics.
103	Rep. Taylor	Asks about "spin downs" within the pharmaceutical services of Medicaid.
117	Crawford	Talks about spin downs as a part of the Medically Needy Program. * not a function of the Oregon Health Plan * how they effect the elderly and disabled
151	Chair Milne	Asks if the 6 month review period is continual.
165	Crawford	Responds affirmatively.
170	Chair Milne	Asks if counseling is offered to help clients move into better life circumstances and better incomes, so that they may move off the OHP.
175	Crawford	Explains why people living in poverty have a very difficult time paying full premium prices for health coverage, even when fully employed.
185	Rep. Devlin	Asks why people leave the program.
192	Crawford	Will provide more information on this topic before end of session.
212	Rep. Harper	Wants to know how many people are moved off the plan because of exceeding income and asset requirements.
218	Crawford	Denials for over- income are very small.
244	Speight	Explains group insurance costs to the employer and employee and what those costs mean to poor individuals and families.
308	Rep. Devlin	Asks about the percentage of employers offering more than employee- only coverage.
314	Speight	Experience says that the larger and older the company is, the more likely two or more party coverage is offered.
327	Rep. Devlin	Asks what the cost per individual in the Oregon Health Plan would be if it was looked at like a large group policy.
337	Crawford	* approximately \$160.00 per person per month
345	Crawford	Discusses reasons for expansion of the health plan. * ongoing new enrollees * pregnant women and children under six * elderly and disabled moved from Medicaid and integrated

		into OHP
360	Crawford	Explains that the health plan enrollment is stabilizing.
TAPE 14, B		
001	Crawford	Discusses transition periods for people moving between state programs. * what the state is required to provide
022	Rep. Harper	Asks if there is something the committee should be doing now for the Oregon health Plan.
026	Crawford	Nothing at this time.
036	Speight	Refers to a proposal called "private insurance premium subsidy program." * low and moderate income people that are not eligible for the Oregon Medical Assistance Program and cannot afford regular premium costs * will be briefing the committee about this proposal soon
075	Peggy Archer	Legislative Fiscal Office, submits and presents the committee with fact sheet regarding the Oregon Health Plan (EXHIBIT B).
100	Chair Milne	Comments that OHP costs are not market driven.
105	Archer	Under managed care some costs are market driven. * costs are reviewed annually
112	Rep Kruse	Asks how costs set by an individual can be considered market driven.
115	Archer	Explains how the Oregon Health Plan falls in between state employee health benefits and fee-for-service reimbursements in terms of being market driven.
160	Archer	Continues presentation.
195	Rep. Devlin	Asks about general fund expenditures.
200	Archer	* Will provide requested information.
245	Rep. Kruse	Asks if the cigarette tax is considered general fund dollars.
246	Archer	Not in this budget.
248	Dick Yates	Legislative revenue analyst, submits and presents testimony relating to ballot measure 44 cigarette tax revenue (EXHIBIT C). * cigarette taxes dedicated to the Oregon Health Plan are not

		given back as part of the kicker
252	Archer	Continues presentation.
280	Archer	Continues presentation.
330	Archer	Continues presentation.
380	Archer	Continues presentation.
<u>TAPE 15, B</u>		
006	Rep. Kruse	Asks about new money to the budget.
011	Archer	Discusses two aspects of new money: * cigarette tax money * federal matching money
025	Archer	Continues presentation.
038	Rep. Kruse	Wants to know if the federal matching dollars would still exist had measure 47 not passed.
044	Archer	Explains what are "new" dollars in the budget, and what funds generate federal matching dollars.
065	Archer	Continues presentation.
082	Rep. Harper	Asks about enhancements of the Governor's budget.
089	Archer	* 16,000 pregnant woman, and children * Pell grant college students
097	Yates	Continues presentation.
150	Yates	Continues presentation.
173	Rep. Kruse	Asks for statistics between cigarette taxes and consumption.
183	Yates	Good data is available.
230	Rep. Harper	Asks where the term "dedicated to health plan" comes from.
233	Yates	Statutes use the term "dedicated."
240	Yates	Continues presentation.
250	Chair	Adjourns the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Oregon Health Plan, Crawford, 1 p

B - Legislative Fiscal, Archer, 5 pp.

C - Legislative Revenue, Yates, 9 pp.