

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

April 11, 1997 Hearing Room H-170

1:00 P.M. Tapes 71 -72

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:

HB 3561 Work Session

HB 2746 Public Hearing

HB 3112 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 71, A		
001	Chair Milne	Calls the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
003	Chair Milne	Opens a work session on HB 3561.
<u>HB 3561</u> <u>WORK</u>		

SESSION		
006	Susan Wilson	Administrator, Oregon Health Division Licensing Boards and Programs, submits and presents a flow chart that explains the process for hearing aide dealer licensing (EXHIBIT A), and testifies in support of HB 3561.
060	Lori Long	Committee Administrator, Explains the -2 amendments dated 04/10/97.
066	Rep. Lokan	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3561-2 amendments dated 04/10/97 (EXHIBIT B).
073	Chair Milne	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
077	Rep. Lokan	MOTION: Moves HB 3561 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
090	Chair Milne	The motion CARRIES. REP. LOKAN will lead discussion on the floor.
095	Chair Milne	Closes the work session on HB 3561.
098	Chair Milne	Opens a public hearing on HB 2746.
<u>HB 2746</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
100	Long	Summarizes the bill.
110	Bob Castagna	General Council and Executive Director, Oregon Catholic Conference, submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 2746 (EXHIBIT C). * recounts past legislative action concerning public assistance for two parent unemployed families * presents the first 3 points of EXHIBIT C * reads annual average unemployment rates by Oregon counties * wants to see the state create public policy that says two parent families should be assisted and encouraged to stay together
200	Chair Milne	Asks about the rationale for discontinuing benefits to unemployed, two parent families during the summer months.
205	Castagna	* A false assumption exists that more jobs are available during the summer months. * This assumption may have some truth in certain metropolitan areas,

		however large numbers of families don't live in metropolitan areas.
220	Jim Neely	Deputy Administrator, Adult and Family Services (AFS), submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 2746 (EXHIBIT D).
266	Rep. Piercy	Asks if information was collected concerning the impact of removing benefits from families.
270	Neely	The summer shut down under SB 1117, (1995) is different than past summer shut downs: * under SB 1117 (1995), clients on the JOBS Plus program are carried through until employment is gained * past summer programs have been entirely shut down causing families to generate other resources and go without
280	Rep. Harper	Believes this bill is necessary and must pass.
290	Chuck Sheketoff	Oregon Law Center, testifies in support of HB 2746. * An amendment deleting section 2 of the bill is necessary because it's already in the Governor's budget. * A study from Gonzaga University indicated thirteen percent of the two parent families reappeared on welfare as single parent families when benefits were shut down. * Many counties have an increase in unemployment during the summer. (i.e. timber dependent communities shut down during fire hazard months)
343	Chair Milne	Closes the public hearing on HB 2746.
348	Chair Milne	Opens a public hearing on HB 3112.
<u>HB 3112</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
350	Long	Provides background and summary on the bill.
368	Sheketoff	Oregon Human Rights Coalition Explains the -1 amendments dated 3/31/97 for HB 3112. * between 50-70 percent of women asking for welfare assistance are victims of domestic violence * domestic violence is a barrier to achieving self sufficiency
TAPE 72, A		
001	Sheketoff	Continues presentation on the HB 3112-1 amendments.
033	Rep. Kitty Piercy	Oregon Legislator, House District 39, submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 3112 (EXHIBIT E).

058	Shirley Iverson	Assistant Administrator, AFS, submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 3112 (EXHIBIT F).
113	Ellen Richardson	Legislative Staff, submits and presents written testimony (EXHIBIT G), in favor of HB 3112 on behalf of Representative Jo Ann Bowman, House District 19.
	Clarice Baily	Executive Director, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, testifies in support of HB 3112. * This measure demonstrates state agencies and grass root coalitions coming together and discussing issues on domestic violence and the welfare reform process. * economic movement within a family budget affects women and children * women are afraid to leave violent relationships * violence cuts across economic lines * state agencies are usually the difference between an abusive existence and homelessness
200	Jennifer Webber	Executive Director, Oregon Commission for Women, submits and presents written testimony in favor of HB 3112 (EXHIBIT H).
235	Marcia Latta	Women's Rights Coalition, submits and presents written testimony in support of HB 3112 (EXHIBIT I).
264	Chair Milne	Closes the public hearing on HB 3112.
266	Chair Milne	Adjourns the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 3561, flow chart, Wilson, 1 p.

B - HB 3561, -1 amendments dated 04/10/97, Staff, 4f pp.

C - HB 2746, textual information, Castagna, 1 p.

D - HB 2746, written testimony, Neely, 2 pp.

E - HB 3112, written testimony, Rep. Piercy, 1 p.

F - HB 3112, written testimony, Iverson, 6 pp.

G - HB 3112, written testimony, Bowman, 1 p.

H - HB 3112, written testimony, Webber, 1 p.

I - HB 3112, written testimony, Latta, 1 p.