

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON FAMILY LAW**

**June 10, 1997 Hearing Room 357**

**3:15 P.M. Tapes 104 - 105**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Rep. Ron Sunseri, Chair**

**Rep. George Eighmey, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Roger Beyer**

**Rep. Charles Starr**

**Rep. Judy Uherbelau**

**GUEST MEMBER:**

**Rep. John Minnis, Chair Full Judiciary**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**Rep. Peter Courtney**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**William E. Taylor, Counsel**

**Lauri A. Smith, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SB 577A and SB 857A - Public Hearing and Work Session**

**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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Tape 104, A</b>		
003	Chair Sunseri	Calls the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.
<b><u>SB 577A - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
004	Chair Sunseri	Opens a public hearing on SB 577A.

014	Ron Schlittler	Co-Chair of the Oregon Freedom to Marry Coalition Testifies in opposition of SB 577A and presents written testimony with support articles ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
064	Schlittler	Continues testimony.
072	Ann M. Shepherd	Citizen, Portland Testifies in opposition of SB 577A and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
110	David J. Fidanque	Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and presents written testimony with support documents ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
154	Jean Harris	Executive Director, Basic Rights Oregon Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
210	Ed Lazzara	Citizen Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).
250	Kurt Garcia-Ottens	Citizen Testifies in opposition to SB 577A. >opposes the Defense of Marriage Act
293	Donna Zenobia-Saffir	President of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Portland Chapter Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ).
333	Marion Dumoulin	Board Member of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Washington, DC Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT G</b> ).
383	Dumoulin	Continues testimony.
433	Dumoulin	Continues testimony.
<b>Tape 105, A</b>		
030	Robin Fitzsimmons for Elise Self	Member Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Eugene Chapter Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and presents written

		testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ).
080	Self	Continues testimony.
092	Tina C. Empol	Citizen Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT I</b> ).
130	Chair Sunseri	Closes the public hearing on SB 577A.
<b><u>SB 857A - PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION</u></b>		
132	Chair Sunseri	Opens a public hearing and a work session on SB 857A.
134	Carl Myers	Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association Testifies in support of SB 857A and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT J</b> ) >support from Juvenile Projects, Inc.
154	Rep. Eighmey	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 857A to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
155		<b>VOTE: 5-0-1</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Courtney</b>
	Chair Sunseri	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>REP. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
158	Chair Sunseri	Closes the work session on SB 857A.
<b><u>SB 577A - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
160	Chair Sunseri	Opens a work session on SB 577A.
163	Rep. George Eighmey	District #14. Testifies in opposition to SB 577A and shares comments about the rights for same-sex marriages.
213	Rep. Eighmey	Continues testimony on rights for same-sex marriages.
263	Rep. Eighmey	Continues testimony on rights for same-sex marriages. Refers to -A4 amendments dated ( <b>EXHIBIT K</b> ).
271	Rep. Eighmey	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 577A-4 amendments dated 06/04/97.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 2-4-1</b>

275		<p><b>AYE: 2 - Rep. Uherbelau, Rep. Eighmey</b></p> <p><b>NAY: 4 - Rep. Beyer, Rep. Starr, Chair Sunseri, Chair Minnis</b></p> <p><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Courtney</b></p>
	<b>Chair Sunseri</b>	<b>The motion Fails.</b>
280	Rep. Eighmey	<p>Continues testimony on rights for same-sex marriages.</p> <p>Refers to -A5 amendments dated <b>(EXHIBIT L)</b>.</p>
306	<b>Rep. Eighmey</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 577A-5 amendments dated 06/04/97.</b>
309		<p><b>VOTE: 1-5-1</b></p> <p><b>AYE: 1 - Rep. Eighmey</b></p> <p><b>NAY: 5 - Rep. Beyer, Rep. Starr, Rep. Uherbelau, Chair Sunseri, Chair Minnis</b></p> <p><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Courtney</b></p>
	<b>Chair Sunseri</b>	<b>The motion Fails.</b>
316	<b>Rep. Beyer</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 577A-6 amendments dated 06/10/97.</b>
323		<p><b>VOTE: 4-2-1</b></p> <p><b>AYE: 4 - Rep. Beyer, Rep. Starr, Chair Sunseri, Chair Minnis</b></p> <p><b>NAY: 2 - Rep. Uherbelau, Rep. Eighmey</b></p> <p><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Courtney</b></p>
	<b>Chair Sunseri</b>	<b>The motion Carries.</b>
330	Rep. Eighmey	Explains vote of "no."
351	<b>Rep. Beyer</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 577A to the full committee with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Rules &amp; Elections.</b>
353	Rep. Uherbelau	<p>Shares comments for voting "no" on SB 577A.</p> <p>&gt;measure unnecessary as current law already states marriage between man and a women</p> <p>&gt;do not make policy over what might happen in Hawaii</p>

		>only defenders of marriage are people involved
384	Rep. Eighmey	Shares comments about SB 577A for rights of same-sex marriages.. >refers to 1967 US Supreme Court Case, Loving vs. State of Virginia
423		<b>VOTE: 4-2-1</b> <b>AYE: 4 - Rep. Beyer, Rep. Starr, Chair Sunseri, Chair Minnis</b> <b>NAY: 2 - Rep. Eighmey, Rep. Uherbelau</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Courtney</b>
	<b>Chair Sunseri</b>	<b>The motion Carries.</b>
427	Chair Sunseri	Closes the work session SB 577A.
<b><u>SB 253A -PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
431	Chair Sunseri	Opens and closes the public hearing on SB 253A.
451	Chair Sunseri	Adjourns the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Lauri A. Smith, Sarah Watson,

Administrative Support Office Manager

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 577A, written testimony and support articles, Ron Schlittler, 8 pages.**

**B - SB 577A, written testimony, Ann M. Shepherd, 1 page.**

**C - SB 577A, written testimony and support articles, David J. Fidanque, 4 pages.**

**D - SB 577A, written testimony, Jean Harris, 2 pages.**

**E - SB 577A, written testimony, Ed Lazzara, 1 page.**

**F - SB 577A, written testimony, Donna Zenobia-Saffir, 2 pages.**

**G - SB 577A, written testimony, Marion Dumoulin, 3 pages.**

**H - SB 577A, written testimony, Elise Self, 3 pages.**

**I - SB 577A, written testimony, Tina C. Empol, 1 page.**

**J - SB 857A, written testimony, Carl Myers, 1 page.**

**K - SB 577A, -A4 amendments dated 06/04/97, Rep. George Eighmey, 2 pages.**

**L - SB 577A, -A5 amendments dated 06/04/97, Rep. George Eighmey, 1 page.**

**M - SB 577A, -A6 amendments dated 06/10/97, Staff, 1 page.**