

**PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION: SB 298, SB 876A**

**WORK SESSION: HB 2855**

**PUBLIC HEARING: SB 60-A**

**TAPES 220A, 221 A**

**HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

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**JUNE 13, 1997 8:30 AM HEARING ROOM A STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Tom Brian, Chair (Excused for a.m.)

Rep. Lee Beyer, Vice-Chair

Rep. Tony Corcoran

Rep. Randall Edwards

Rep. Leslie Lewis (Excused for a.m.)

Rep. Anitra Rasmussen

Rep. Lane Shetterly

Rep. Mark Simmons

Rep. Ken Strobeck

**WITNESSES PRESENT:** Sen. Randy Leonard, District 9

Sr. Anne Clare Keilor, Montessori Earth School, Portland

Pastor Paul Leinenbach, Dallas

Gil Riddell, Association of Oregon Counties

Robert Anderson, Lebanon

Tom Chamberlain, Oregon Fire Fighters

Fred McDonnal, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Jeanne Arana, Oregon Winegrowers Association

Tom Linhares, Oregon State Association of County Assessors

Carla Rathbun, Alzheimer's Research Alliance

Jeff Gilmour, Oregon Poison Control Center.

Sandy Giffin, Oregon Poison Control Center

Dave Fiskum, Oregon Advocates for the Arts

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer

Brian Reeder, Economist

Ed Waters, Economist

Barbara Guardino, Committee Assistant

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**TAPE 220 SIDE A**

**PUBLIC HEARING -- SB 298**

- 009 Vice Chair Beyer Called meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. .Opened public hearing and work session on SB 298.
- 017 Sen. Leonard Testimony on SB 298 concerning tax exemptions for certain properties purchased by Montessori Earth School in Portland. School missed deadline to file for tax exemption. They have since filed proper paperwork. Refer to SB 298 -1 amendments (EXHIBIT A)
- 032 Sr. Anne Clare Keilor Requested forgiveness for 1994-95 property tax assessment. Earth School was unaware of need to file.
- 054 Paul Leinenbach Dallas congregation, Jesus Our Jubilee, has similar request. Purchased a new church but failed to file for 1993-94. Total \$4,013.15.
- 115 Sen. Leonard Advised, timing is a problem since Senate Revenue Committee will shut down today. Feared amendments will kill this bill.

- 171 Gil Riddell Refer to SB 298 -2 amendments (EXHIBIT B) to apply statutory late filing fee to these two instances. Requested in future, double late fees to recover processing costs.
- 180 Sen. Leonard Disagreed with late filing fee.

### **WORK SESSION -- SB 298**

- 227 Rep. Strobeck **MOTION TO MOVE SB 298 -1 AMENDMENTS INTO SB 298.**
- 229 Vice Chair Beyer **ASKED MEMBERS FOR ANY OBJECTIONS TO MOVING SB 298 -1 INTO SB 298. NOTING ONE OBJECTION, CHAIR SO ORDERED.**
- 232 Rep. Strobeck **MOTION TO MOVE SB 298 -2 AMENDMENTS INTO SB 298.**
- 233 Vice Chair Beyer **ASKED MEMBERS FOR ANY OBJECTIONS TO MOVING SB 298 -2 AMENDMENTS INTO SB 298.**
- 234 Rep. Edwards **OBJECTED, WITHDREW OBJECTION.**
- 241 Vice Chair Beyer **NOTING NO OBJECTIONS, CHAIR SO ORDERED.**
- 243 Rep. Strobeck **MOTION TO MOVE SB 298 AS AMENDED TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.**
- 244 Rep. Strobeck **MOTION FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO SUSPEND RULES IN ORDER TO ADOPT MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS. RE-STATED MOTION TO MOVE SB 298 AS AMENDED TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.**

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**IN A ROLL CALL VOTE, MEMBERS VOTING AYE: REPS. CORCORAN, EDWARDS, RASMUSSEN, SHETTERLY, SIMMONS, STROBECK; VICE CHAIR BEYER.**

- 252 **VOTE** **MEMBERS EXCUSED: REP. LEWIS, CHAIR BRIAN.**

**MOTION CARRIED. REP. SHETTERLY WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING -- SB 876-A**

- 263 Vice Chair Beyer Opened public hearing on SB 876-A.
- Testified in favor of SB 876-A, which corrects an inequity in current law concerning PERS benefits for firefighters, police, injured in line of duty. While recovering from

- injury they receive workers' compensation but do not receive retirement benefits.
- 268 Sen. Leonard This means they have to extend their retirement date, which is punishment for them and encourages injured workers to return to work.
- 311 Robert Anderson Police officer was injured and returned to work, found that his retirement was not accrued during that time, so now he cannot retire. This is discrimination due to his disability. SB 876-A will correct this.
- 342 Tom Chamberlain Agreed, this bill corrects an inadequacy in the system.
- 378 Rep. Shetterly Asked, what is employers' obligation in this bill.
- 380 Anderson To pay the PERS cost that the employer otherwise would have paid had the firefighter or police officer not been injured.
- 405 Fred McDonnal Testified in support of bill. Agreed, this situation appears to be an oversight.

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**WORK SESSION -- SB 876-A**

- 042 Vice Chair Beyer Closed public hearing, opened work session on SB 876.
- 044 Rep. Simmons **MOTION TO MOVE SB 876-A ONTO THE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.**  
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- IN A ROLL CALL VOTE, MEMBERS VOTING AYE: REPS. CORCORAN, EDWARDS, RASMUSSEN, SHETTERLY, SIMMONS, STROBECK; VICE CHAIR BEYER.**
- 047 VOTE **MEMBERS EXCUSED: REP. LEWIS, CHAIR BRIAN**

**MOTION CARRIED. REP. SIMMONS WILL LEAD THE DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR.**

**WORK SESSION -- HB 2855**

- 057 Rep. Strobeck **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF HB 2855.**
- 060 Vice Chair Beyer **ASKED MEMBERS FOR ANY OBJECTIONS TO SUSPENDING THE RULES IN ORDER TO CONSIDER HB 2855. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, CHAIR SO ORDERED.**
- Rep. Noted, HB 2855 -1 amendments deal with issues of including wine as an agricultural

- 070 Strobeck product, making machinery and equipment unattached personal property.
- 084 Jeanne Arana Testified in favor of HB 2855 and -1 amendments. Personal property exemption is restricted to only those who grow grapes.
- 132 Rep. Strobeck Read fiscal impact statement.
- 172 Arana Majority of winery owners are small operations. Average savings would be \$250 - \$500 on personal property taxes.
- 184 Tom Linhares Expressed appreciation that winegrowers wrote bill narrowly. Reiterated Oregon State Association of County Assessors' policy of making clear-cut distinction between farm use and processing of products for farm activity. This bill crosses the line.
- 211 Vice Chair Beyer Recessed work session on HB 2855, opened public hearing and work session on SB 60.

### **PUBLIC HEARING -- SB 60-A**

- 238 Carla Rathbun Testified in opposition to SB 60-A. Language places unfair burden upon Charitable Contributions Commission. In 2000 it would send those on the check-off list back to contributions committee regardless of support..
- 268 Vice Chair Beyer To expedite process, acknowledged opponents for the record: Claire Puchy, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife; James Conley, Salem Audubon Society; Cindy Thompson, Children's Trust Fund; David Nebel, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence; and Stephen Kafoury, American Fisheries Society.
- 275 Jeff Gilmour In support of SB 60-A. Introduced Sandy Giffin, director for Oregon Poison Control Center.
- 276 Sandy Giffin Encouraged support of SB 60-A. Poison Center stands to benefit from check-off program. Frustration has been inability to obtain support from mechanism such as this because of limited number of people who can be listed. Encouraged members to consider other charitable agencies that need support.
- 300 Dave Fiskum Oregon Advocates for the Arts. Arts organization used to be on check-off system and would like to be on list again. Worked to devise SB 60-A.
- Noted, Oregon Veterans Home is also in support of legislation.
- 316 Vice Chair Beyer Closed work session on SB 60-A. Recessed at 9:37 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

### **AFTERNOON CONTINUED SESSION**

### **WORK SESSION -- HB 2855**

- 343 Vice Chair Beyer Reconvened meeting at 1:30 p.m. Opened work session for HB 2855.

345 Rep. **MOTION TO MOVE HB 2855 -1 AMENDMENTS INTO HB 2855.**  
Strobeck

346 Vice Chair **ASKED MEMBERS FOR ANY OBJECTION TO MOVING HB 2855 -1**  
Beyer **AMENDMENTS INTO HB 2855. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, CHAIR SO**  
**ORDERED.**

349 Rep. **MOTION TO MOVE HB 2855 AS AMENDED TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO**  
Strobeck **PASS RECOMMENDATION.**

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**IN A ROLL CALL VOTE, MEMBERS VOTING AYE: REPS. EDWARDS,  
SHETTERLY, SIMMONS, STROBECK; VICE CHAIR BEYER.**

351 **VOTE** **MEMBERS EXCUSED: REPS. CORCORAN, LEWIS, RASMUSSEN; CHAIR**  
**BRIAN.**

**MOTION CARRIED. REP. STROBECK WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE  
FLOOR.**

367 Vice Chair  
Beyer Adjourned meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Barbara Guardino Kim James

Committee Assistant Revenue Office Manager

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY:**

A. SB 298, Leonard, Proposed Amendments: SB 298 -1, 1 p

B. SB 298, Riddell, Proposed Amendments: SB 298 -2, 1 p.

C. SB 298, Reeder, Staff Measure Summary, 1 p.

- D. SB 298, Reeder, No Fiscal Impact statement, 1 p.
- E. SB 298, Reeder, Revenue Impact of Proposed Legislation, 1 p.
- F. SB 876, Scherzinger, Revenue Impact Analysis, 1 p.
- G. SB 876, Scherzinger, Staff Measure Summary, 1 p.
- H. SB 876, Scherzinger, Fiscal Analysis of Proposed Legislation, 1 p.
- I. HB 2855, Strobeck, Proposed Amendments: HB 2855 -1, 1 p.
- J. SB 60, Waters, Revenue Impact of Proposed Legislation, 1 p.
- K. SB 60, Waters, Staff Measure Summary, 1 p.
- L. SB 60, Waters, Fiscal Analysis of Proposed Legislation, 1 p.
- M. SB 60, Waters, No Fiscal Impact statement, 1 p.
- N. SB 60, Waters, Time Line, 1 p.
- O. SB 60, Ketcham, Audubon Society of Portland, 1 p.