

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

June 16, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:00 AM Tapes 89 - 92

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, Chair

Rep. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair

Rep. Lee Beyer

Rep. Bill Markham

Rep. Ken Messerle

Rep. Jim Welsh

Rep. Kitty Piercy

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator

Brad Harper, Committee Administrator

Kellie Shoemaker, Committee Clerk

Erik Deitz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 825 Public Hearing

HB 3741 Public Hearing

SB 500 Public Hearing

HJR 8 Public Hearing

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
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TAPE 89, A		
005	Chair Snodgrass	Calls the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m., opens a public hearing on SB 825.
<u>SB 825</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
010	Brad Harper	Committee Administrator, explains SB 825, the -A10, -A12, -A14 and -A16 amendments to committee (EXHIBIT E, F, I, J). Submits additional written testimony in support of SB 825 from Chris Gardner, Chair, Children's Justice Act Task Force (EXHIBIT Q).
030	Sandie Hoback	Administrator, Adult and Family Services, explains SB 825 to the committee. * this bill puts state statute in conformity with the new federal reform language * changing the term "Aid to Dependent Children" to "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families"
045	Steven Williams	Assistant Counsel, Oregon Catholic Conference (OCC), submits and presents written testimony in opposition to SB 825 (EXHIBIT M).
083	Bob Castagna	Oregon Catholic Conference, testifies in opposition to SB 825. * the proposed amendments do not address OCC concerns in Section 5 of the bill
091	Rep. Markham	Asks for specific examples of OCC's opposition.
092	Castagna	* Explains OCC's concern regarding abortion referrals that may occur in order to meet the language in the bill "reduction of unintended pregnancy." * During the Federal Welfare Reform debate there was reference to "family caps" and proposals to withhold family benefits if couples went beyond the caps.
130	Chuck Sheketoff	Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Oregon Human Rights Coalition, submits written testimony in regard to SB 825 on behalf of John McCulley, Oregon Psychiatric Association (EXHIBIT O) and explains the need for additional amendments (EXHIBIT N).
165	Sheketoff	Explains that SB 825 will allow people to have access to private records that disclose who is receiving public assistance.
215	Sheketoff	Explains that current law is substantial. States that there is legislation to protect Driver and Motor Vehicle Services records, so why should people receiving public assistance have their private records accessible.
	Rep.	

257	Markham	Asks who drafted this bill.
253	Sheketoff	<p>* The Department of Human Resource's bureaucracy are the only supporters of SB 825.</p> <p>* The Governor's review process did not see this bill and was surprised by it.</p> <p>* The agency's Public Welfare Review Commission (PWRC) was not given a draft of the bill for review.</p> <p>* PWRC saw the bill one week ago and supports the amendments being proposed in EXHIBIT N.</p>
270	Rep. Messerle	Asks if Sheketoff has seen -A14 amendments.
277	Sheketoff	<p>Responds affirmatively.</p> <p>* He is opposed to them.</p> <p>* Explains that the -A16 are insulting to the reader.</p> <p>* Speaks to the confidentiality of clients within public agencies.</p>
330	Sheketoff	Leaks of confidentiality do occur, however, the system of release forms works well within public agencies.
350	Rep. Markham	Asks about housing providers releasing the names and addresses to the agency.
360	Sheketoff	<p>* Responds that this is current practice.</p> <p>* This bill allows the agency to release client information to potential housing providers.</p> <p>* It "allows" for this practice it does not "require" it.</p>
370	Rep. Markham	Asks if the agency has individuals sign releases before they work with them.
374	Sheketoff	<p>* The agency has individuals sign a broad release before they receive any assistance.</p> <p>* This form doesn't handle the entire problem.</p> <p>* There is room on this form for adding other agencies if the client so chooses.</p>
377	Ted Abram	<p>Jeld-Wen Inc, testifies in support of SB 825 -A14.</p> <p>* speaks to the JOBS Plus program in Oregon</p>
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		Explains that the program is very simple for the employment

010	Abram	community to be involved. The contract is very simple. On the job training is the best for this type of person. Explains that there are two problems: one is the placement staff and the other is finding employers that are willing to train.
060	Abram	States that he does not want employers to downsize and have employees replaced with JOBS Plus employees. Explains the importance of a large pool of employees.
062	Marcia Latta	Women's Rights Coalition, submits and presents written testimony in opposition to SB 825 (EXHIBIT P).
075	Chair Snodgrass	Asks if Latta would continue to be opposed to the bill if Section 3 exempted domestic violence victims.
077	Latta	Responds affirmatively. * The removal of these protections may deter people from accessing public assistance.
080	Ellen Lowe	Associate Director, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, submits and presents written testimony in opposition to SB 825 (EXHIBIT K). * Explains that SB 825 is regression not progression. * Explains that current law allows case workers and clients to be honest and open with each other.
130	Lowe	* Most people have professional codes of conduct but this bill deters from that conduct. * Explains that SB 825 is a breach in confidentiality. * If the bill is to be passed, asks that Sections 7 and 33 of the A engrossed bill be amended with the -A12 amendments.
154	Rep. Markham	Asks if this legislation is breaking new ground across the nation. Asks if Lowe knows how many people will be driven away from the system as a result of this bill.
160	Lowe	* Is not aware of other states that have this type of legislation in place. * Responds that she is unsure how many people will be driven away. * A breach of privacy to someone who is very vulnerable could keep them and consequently their children away from necessary benefits.
180	Bob Shiprack	Oregon Building Trades Association, testifies against the -14 amendments and SB 825. Explains it is time for an audit to see where state funds are going regarding unemployment insurance.
215	Hoback	Testifies in support of SB 825. Explains that Sections 7 and 33 are creating much discussion and that

		they have been taken verbatim from the federal food stamp laws.
265	Rep. Welsh	Asks if this wording is necessary.
277	Hoback	Responds negatively. * language can be adjusted
281	Rep. Piercy	Asks if this allows law enforcement agencies to receive information regarding public assistant recipients.
295	Hoback	* Responds that when law enforcement agencies are involved, she is very careful. * She wants law enforcement to be able to do their jobs. * Just because law enforcement officers come in and request information does not mean she gives out the information without doing some checking.
330	Rep. Piercy	Asks if this is current law.
337	Hoback	Responds that it is under food stamp law.
344	Rep. Piercy	Asks if she has had any complaints.
350	Hoback	Responds that she has not had any complaints in this area. * Explains that there will be times that information will need to be shared to work with other community partners.
400	Hoback	* Explains that other public agencies fall under the same confidentiality laws that her office does. * States that she is a strong supporter of the JOBS Plus program. * It has created strong relationships between public and private sector.
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030	Hoback	Explains that the -A14 amendment is unnecessary.
036	Virlena Crosley	Director, Employment Department, testifies in support of the bill and speaks to the JOBS Plus program. * JOBS Plus is used for welfare recipients as well as unemployment insurance claimants. * discusses statistical information of the success of the JOBS Plus program * ORS 411.892 (2)(c) and 411.892 (10) does not use the words "newly created" or "new jobs," however, that is the interpretation of the agency.
		* The committee must decide if the bill is to only be used for newly created jobs or if it can be used for jobs that come open and are filled

090	Crosley	on a regular bases. * The Governor does not support the -A14 amendments.
105	Rep. Piercy	Asks what guarantees AFS can give its clients that confidentiality is a priority in the agency.
116	Hoback	* Responds that she will do all she can to ensure that the confidentiality of clients is secure and respected within the agency and department. * AFS knows better than any other agency the importance of building trust with its clients.
126	Rep. Piercy	Comments that smoothing out the process by which people become eligible for benefits and maintaining the policy of information release forms would be more productive than removing the protections that are in place.
132	Hoback	Concurs with Rep. Piercy's comments and replies that AFS is working continuously on this issue.
147	Rep. Piercy	Comments that if confidentiality is going to be respected there must be evaluations and reviews in place to oversee the process.
163	Hoback	Responds that there is a Governor appointed review board that handles those types of things.
183	Chair Snodgrass	Asks for clarification on current law that pertains to the implementation of safeguarding against abuse.
195	Hoback	Responds that it becomes obvious if a recipient feels violated. There are review boards and administrative review boards. Explains about team decision. Explains that abuse of confidentiality is easily detected.
220	Rep. Piercy	Asks if recipients can bring forward complaints.
224	Hoback	Responds affirmatively. * recipients can and do come forward
230	Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen	House District 37, testifies in support of SB 825A and the JOBS Plus program. * States that page nine of the bill could be removed.
270	Chair Snodgrass	Closes the public hearing on SB 825, recesses the meeting at 9:23 a.m. Reconvenes the meeting at 3:37 p.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 3741.
<u>HB 3741</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
297	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst, summarizes the bill.
		House District 54, testifies in favor of HB 3741. * Explains that in the Children and Families committee he was assigned to a work group that covered this topic and drafted HB 3741.

327	Rep. Dennis Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This bill is a rewrite of HB 2494 which was amended and another bill that is now in Ways and Means. * The committee ran out of time for additional hearings. * dollars and administrative functions for the Children Ombudsman program has been transferred to the Department of Human Resources as a result of an inter-agency agreement * This bill also requires a bi-monthly report from the Children Ombudsman be filed with Legislative Counsel for the benefit of future legislators.
378	Marie Bell	<p>Former Oregon legislator, currently, Lane County Citizen, testifies in opposition to HB 3741.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Is frustrated with the legislative process that has required her to repeatedly testify because the bill has been given new numbers, referred to different committees, and re-scheduled over and over. * Provides the committee with background of where the original funding came from, what it was dedicated for, and what has happened since. * In 1991 the task force on Sex Offenses Against Children, now known as the Children's Justice Act task force (CJA) made this statement: "There is currently no centralized, non-government place where the public and professionals or children can call for information. Oregonians need a place to contact for objective and authoritative help when the system fails. As with the elderly, children and families need someone in the state to advocate for their individual needs rather than for the system." * Speaks to this statement and the impacts the task force had on the system. * Discusses SB 1042 (1993) and explains the language in the bill was vague and the intent of the Children's Ombudsman program became less of a priority of the task force. * discussions began to occur between the commission and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and between the CJA task force and the Children's Ombudsman * It is understandable that DHR would want the Ombudsman program and its funding under their jurisdiction.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Does not understand why the task force would let it go. * The 1993 funding appropriated for this program was new money. * If this program ends up in a state agency it may no longer provide objective advice.
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0	Bell	<p>Discusses a report that was done in 1993 called the "Maine Report"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A group of people came from outside the state to study the Children Protective Services within DHR and the clashes that existed between that agency and Oregon citizens. * The study found that citizens perceived the agency as being heavy handed, treating individuals unfairly.
050	Bell	Speaks to the "Maine Report" and its findings regarding the relationship between DHR and the citizens it serves.
110	Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * HB 3741 will give the dollars designated for citizen advocacy, \$280,000, to DHR which is representational of agency advocacy. * Explains the need for a third-party mediator to help out if individual grievances are not handled well by the agency. * Discusses HB 3726 which will give some money to DHR and some money to a legal specialist within the legislative branch of government. * the legal legislative specialist would not have authority to deal with DHR or other agencies, they would be back-up and guidance for legislators who are working with citizens and need advice before dealing with an agency
160	Bell	<p>Urges a no vote on HB 3741.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This bill violates the legislative intent of dedicated funds set aside for citizen advocacy. * she understands that some committee members have signed on to the bill
180	Rep. Welsh	Asks how to address the problem of shared information within the department and confidentiality.
183	Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In HB 3726 the staff person must have a background in family law and human resource issues. * Staff would be given access to confidential information that would <u>only</u> be shared with the individual legislator that had asked for the case review.
		Comments that his office had great difficulty with a constituent's need

200	Rep. Welsh	in dealing with the agency and was very frustrated by the process. He would welcome a system that could smooth out the process.
209	Bell	States it is important to have Legislative Counsel involved because of their ability to be neutral, confidential, and they have an extensive legal background.
220	Rep. Beyer	Asks if having the Ombudsman in the agency is a concern to Bell.
230	Bell	Responds Affirmatively. * Explains that she looked around for a good place for the ombudsman to be located. * Within the checks and balance system the legislative branch is the best place for the Ombudsman. * States that she would like the ombudsman to be under the Governor's Office.
287	Bell	Explains that advocacy programs are important because most people don't know how to use the system.
315	Nancy Miller	Director, Citizen Review Board Program, Vice Chair CJA task force, testifies in support of HB 3741 and speaks to the Children's Ombudsman program and its history. * discusses the duties of the Ombudsman as stated in ORS 417.815 * there is no citizen response stated in statute * the task force reviewed its programs to see if they were adequately functioning
330	Miller	* Explains that during the 1993 session the task force lost track of the Ombudsman bill because it was working on another bill. * Explains the need for a citizen response team, and how important the response program is.
360	Miller	States that HB 3741 will provide dollars for adequate staffing and puts enabling legislation regarding citizen response teams in place.
376	Timothy Travis	Attorney, testifies in favor of HB 3741. * Explains that he was a finalist for the Ombudsman position last session. * Explains the importance of having someone inside the Department of Human Resources handling citizen responses.
426	Travis	Explains that HB 3741 will help his clients and encourages an aye vote on the bill.

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024	Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen	<p>District 37, testifies in regards to HB 3741.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Explains that there is a similar bill in the Ways and Means Committee and that it should run its course. * Is supportive of HB 3726 and HB 2494 and believes the combination of these two bills gets at the true intent of this legislation.
060	Gary Weeks	<p>Director, Department of Human Resources, testifies in support of HB 3741 and introduces Gin Denison to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Explains that the Ombudsman position needs to have the responsibility moved to the Governor's Advocacy Office. * Explains the benefits of having the Children's Ombudsman located within DHR. * States that the toll free phone number has not been established. * Explains that the Governor's Advocacy Office has access to all needed records, respecting individual confidentiality.
110	Weeks	<p>Continues testimony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The strength of this bill is that it builds on existing systems including data that will be forwarded to Legislative Counsel from the agency bi-monthly. * Explains that HB 2494 in Ways and Means has a fiscal impact because it splits funding and HB 3741 has no fiscal impact because it uses existing dollars.
130	Gin A. Denison	<p>Governor's Advocacy Office/Ombudsman, testifies in favor of HB 3741.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Discusses the benefits of having access to the DHR data base, law enforcement information, medical records and documentation of abuse cases, and Services to Children and Family information. * using agency partnerships to treat families and children with a holistic approach * finding errors and making recommendations * supports the Children's Ombudsman staying under DHR's umbrella * legislators need to get information releases signed by constituents before they deal with agencies
190	Rep. Beyer	<p>Asks who the appointing authority is for Denison's position.</p>

200	Denison	Gary Weeks, Director of DHR is the appointing authority.
196	Weeks	When the Governor's Advocacy Office was moved to DHR there was a conscious decision to keep the name.
204	Rep. Beyer	Comments that the best place for the Ombudsman is probably DHR, however the name should remain the same.
220	Rep. Piercy	Asks Denison to provide the committee with an example of a time that she took a different position from the agency.
230	Denison	Discusses a family that was involved with Worker's Compensation. The children were being abused but no one looked at what was best for the family as a whole.
282	Chair Snodgrass	Asks what is going to happen if this bill does not pass.
285	Weeks	Responds that an interagency agreement will be maintained. There is no existing statute that requires reports be shared with the legislature.
290	Rep. Piercy	Asks what happens if someone is not satisfied with an outcome and wonders what options that person has.
310	Denison	* It is very difficult to please everyone all the time. * DHR has a grievance process that is well monitored. * If the court makes a decision it is final.
316	Chair Snodgrass	Closes the public hearing on HB 3741, opens a public hearing on SB 500.
<u>SB 500</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
330	Cara Filsinger	Committee Administrator, summarizes the bill. * Introduces the -A5 conflict amendment that replaces the entire bill but does not change the bill's intent (EXHIBIT R).
340	Maria Keltner	League of Oregon Cities, Association of Oregon Counties, testifies in favor of SB 500A. * this bill allows local government employees a broader range of options for investing their deferred compensation money * employees decide how much money, up to federal limitations, will be invested and how it will be invested * explains the restrictions that are currently put on deferred compensation investments * explains why this bill will loosen those restraints

390	Keltner	<p>* explains that her office has been working with Treasury and they have some amendments that she is not opposed to</p> <p>* the Treasury's amendments allow less investment options than SB 500A but, more options than current law</p>
428	Rep. Beyer	Asks what limitations exist for investing.
430	Keltner	There are limitations in the amendments being presented by Treasury.
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010	Roger Jordan	<p>City Administrator, City of Dallas, testifies in favor of SB 500A as amended by Treasury.</p> <p>* discusses "trust status" in Oregon law and how it works with federal law</p> <p>* funds belong to employees and cannot be used by cities for other purposes other than investing dollars on behalf of the employee</p> <p>* employees looking to other states for investment options</p> <p>* speaks to "portability" within this plan</p> <p>* this bill brings state law into compliance with federal law.</p>
045	Rep. Markham	Asks if each local government will be their own custodian of employee funds or will local governments be going through the state Treasury, investing the way state employees do.
051	Jordan	<p>* local governments can do either</p> <p>* they will have to sign up for each verified plan that meets federal law</p> <p>* the employees make the choices</p>
058	Keltner	<p>* uses the example of the International City Management Association Retirement Trust (ICMA) as a plan that city managers and department directors from other states were using for its investment opportunities</p> <p>* ICMA in other states offered twenty to thirty options for investment not currently available in Oregon.</p>
068	Rep. Markham	Asks if ICMA is limited in Oregon by statute with fixed return investments.
070	Keltner	<p>Responds affirmatively.</p> <p>* in the Treasury amendments, Section 3 (I), dealing with "otherwise qualified funds or trusts," this also includes the ICMA trusts</p>
080	Rep Markham	Asks if individuals that are "locked in" to lower income securities can move their money to these new investment trusts.
		Responds affirmatively.

083	Keltner	* individuals will be able to move their money within the different options available assuming the bill passes
090	Rep. Markham	Asks if current trust funds have been compared to each other and if one has shown a better return than another.
085	Jordan	* investors compare opportunities all the time * current interest rates in the states plan are very low * employees want more options than are currently available * portability in investments is very important
110	Linda Haglund	Investment Officer, Oregon State Treasury, testifies in support of SB 500A and brings forward conceptual amendments (EXHIBIT S) * original bill exempted investments from existing restrictions * proposed amendments restore some restrictions that would make city governments follow guidelines that the state follows when investing state employee dollars
130	Clark Williams	Department of Treasury, explains the guidelines that will be applied to local governments through the conceptual amendments.
140	Rollie Wisbrock	Chief of Staff, Department of Treasury, explains that his office is here to advise the legislature.
147	Rep. Beyer	Asks if the standards in the conceptual amendments are the same that the Oregon Investment Council (OIC) follows.
152	Wisbrock	Responds affirmatively. * the exception is in the language regarding commingled funds
155	Haglund	* the investments would be done by a third party to avoid local governments making direct buy and sell investment decisions * testifies that there are some sections in the amendments that need to be refined * on the first page of EXHIBIT S , (3) (a), changing the sentence that starts with "Such funds or trusts must be" to " If required by applicable state and federal law, such funds or trusts must be so licensed, registered, or otherwise qualified consistent with such laws." * on the first page of EXHIBIT S , (4), change "for mutual funds," to "as provided in (3),"
190	Rep. Beyer	Asks if these conceptual amendments are going to be drafted by Legislative Counsel.
192	Chair Snodgrass	Responds affirmatively.

200	Mark Nelson	<p>Representing Randall Realty, testifies in support of SB 500 -A4, dated 06/13/97 (EXHIBIT T).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * explains SB 988 and its evolution into the -A4 amendments * the building trades are supportive of this amendment * major delays exist in the approval of building plans * this amendment requires a final approval/denial judgment (with permits) be given within 30 days for single family dwellings and 60 days for multi-family dwellings of 3 or fewer stories * discusses issues addressed by the work group that had been working on SB 988 * delays of many months are not unusual and create many problems
277	Rep. Welsh	<p>Comments that the amendments are about six years late, and that he has had problems getting building permits.</p> <p>Concurs with the testimony of Nelson.</p>
296	Rep. Beyer	Asks where the problems are happening.
298	Nelson	Problems exist in Washington County, Clackamas County, and many other areas of the state.
312	Rep. Beyer	Asks if Nelson would remove legal liability from cities if they are going to be mandated by time limits.
315	Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * does not know what the current legal liability is for cities * there is a process that cities go through to review plans and approve permits that developers pay for * this amendment simply creates accountability for expediting the process
337	Rep. Messerle	Asks if the amendments deal with calendar days or business days.
339	Nelson	Responds calendar days.
341	Rep. Messerle	Asks if provisions exist for exceptional weather conditions or other situations that may delay a permit release.
345	Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * in those exceptional circumstances there should be no action taken against a city * there is flexibility built into the amendments
362	Rep. Beyer	Asks about language in Section 3 (3) of the -A4 amendments.

372	Nelson	This language was discussed in the Senate Committee. * the general feeling was that anything under the building code was substantive
381	Rep. Beyer	Sates that the building code is very detailed.
	Nelson	* concurs with Rep. Beyer's comments * there is a mandamus section in existing statute that is currently being followed * explains that he is just trying to incorporate a timeline into permit issuing
398	Beyer	Continues to question the rest of the language in Section 3 (3).
404	Nelson	States that on page 2, lines 11 through 14 should have been deleted.
408	Chair Snodgrass	Asks about the sentence that is lined-out at the top of page two of the - A4 amendments.
414	Nelson	* these amendments are going back to Legislative Counsel to be fixed * the lined-out sentence is to be deleted
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010	Chair Snodgrass	Asks how Nelson came to the days allowed and why they are calendar days and not business days.
015	Nelson	The drafters doubled the time frame that the average response is taking.
026	Rep. Beyer	* Comments that there is always an interval between the time that plans are dropped off and when they're seen and when the questions from the reviewer get answered by the applicant and so on. * Does not want a permit denied because the intervals of time were too long on the part of both sides, resulting in having to start the process over again.
040	Nelson	Concurs with the comments of Rep. Beyer. * discusses the process that stops the time line so time doesn't run out
072	Chair Snodgrass	Asks for clarification from Bob Shiprack.
070	Bob Shiprack	Oregon Building/Construction Trades Council, clarifies SB 500 for committee. * explains the inspection process
100	Rep. Welsh	Asks about plan review and permit issuance. Asks if people in the building trades know the building codes etc.
121	Rep. Markham	Clarifies that the Department of Environmental Quality needs to be addressed concerning this issue.

130	Chair Snodgrass	Closes the public hearing on SB 500, opens a public hearing on HJR 8.
<u>HJR 8</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
135	Adkins	Summarizes the bill and the -2 amendments dated 06/10/97 (EXHIBIT D).
150	Sandra Bishop	League of Women Voters of Oregon, submits and presents written testimony in opposition to HJR 8 (EXHIBIT U). * For twenty years the league has been trying to improve campaign spending. * States that ordinary citizens are wiped out because of other financial obligations.
205	Bishop	Continues presentation. * Explains that the voter pamphlet could be in jeopardy with the enactment of HJR 8.
233	Chair Snodgrass	Comments that it is difficult to raise a dollar amount that is set in statute. Asks Bishop how the legislature gets over the stigma of raising salaries, fees, taxes, or other dollar amounts.
242	Bishop	* One of the distinctions is that the dollar amount is a voluntary sum. * The money being referred to by the League is a person's own money. * would be willing to take this question back to the League's leadership and submit a better answer in writing
246	Chair Snodgrass	Discusses her concerns about capping individual donations when costs are always on the rise. Comments on the way it may look for a legislative body to raise a donation cap.
281	Randy Tucker	Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), submits and presents written testimony in opposition to HJR 8 (EXHIBIT V). * Explains that the amount of money that was donated in the past has come from donations vs. tax dollars. * States that Measure 9 (1994) is not perfect and he thought the Supreme Court was going to come back with a road map to help with Measure 9, instead they blew the road up.
		Continues presentation.

370	Tucker	* HJR 8 will result in massive independent expenditures.
TAPE 92, B		
003	Tucker	Continues presentation.
030	Hardy Myers	Oregon citizen, testifies against HJR 8. * Concurs with the testimony of previous opponents.
070	Myers	Explains that it would be a policy mistake to pass HJR 8.
082	David Buchanon	Executive Director, Oregon Common Cause (OCC), testifies against HJR 8 and concurs with the testimony of Hardy Myers and previous opponents. * discusses the strategy of defeating ballot measures by confusing voters with counter measures
150	Buchanon	* Discusses the logical proposal, regarding campaign finance reform, of more enhanced disclosure in reporting. * More than just better comprehensive reporting is necessary to oversee campaign finance reform.
160	David Fidanque	American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, testifies in opposition to HJR 8-2. * States that campaign contribution limitations are unconstitutional. * Section 23, (1) of the -2 amendments may have the impact of wiping out the voters' pamphlet as we know it. * speaks to the political contribution tax credit * Page 1 of the -2 amendments, lines 16 - 19, starting with " A credit against taxes" is confusing and problematic. * page 2 of the -2 amendments, lines 8 - 10, is unnecessary * page 2 of the -2 amendments, lines 11 - 18, regarding timely statements of contributions is of great concern to his organization
275	Chair Snodgrass	Closes the public hearing on HJR 8, adjourns the meeting.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

exhibits A, B, C, G, H, L have been omitted

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