

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 283 B**

**June 20, 1997 Hearing Room E**

**1:15 P.M. Tape 3**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Neil Bryant, Chair**

**Sen. Kate Brown**

**Sen. Gene Derfler**

**Rep. Dan Gardner**

**Rep. Steve Harper**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**Rep. John Minnis**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator**

**Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator**

**Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrative Support**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SB 283B 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 3, A</b>		
002	Chair Bryant	Calls meeting to order at 1:26p.m., opens work session on SB 283B.
<b><u>SB 283B WORK SESSION</u></b>		
003	Chair Bryant	Reviews and summarizes the proposed -B6 amendments.
016	Rep. Gardner	District 13, continues summary of the -B6 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
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	Chair Bryant	Comments on making the distinction between alcohol and illegal drug use.
037	Sen. Brown	Questions if an individual was involved with drugs they will have the opportunity to participate in a recovery program.
040	Chair Bryant	Responds affirmatively.
041	Sen. Derfler	Questions how program participation will be verified.
042	Chair Bryant	Responds that the Employment Division will review the process of verification.
048	Richard VanPelt	Supervisor, Unemployment Insurance Programs, Employment Department, responds that within 10 days of discharge evidence would have to be available that documents participation in a recovery program. Notes that this documentation would be provided by the claimant or the recovery center.
056	Sen. Derfler	Questions if a claimant does not complete the program.
057	VanPelt	Responds that enrollment in a program is sufficient documentation.
062	Rep. Gardner	Continues explanation of the verification process and the system of proof.
066	Michelle Kennedy	Manager Fiscal, Performance and Planning, Employment Department, comments that this process is similar to a system in place while claimants are enrolled in a training program.
071	Rep. Gardner	Notes that verification will be provided continually while enrolled.
074	VanPelt	Responds in agreement and continues with the disqualification process if the claimant does not fulfill the obligations.
102	Rep. Harper	Questions the duration of follow-up.
106	VanPelt	Responds that the duration would be as long as the problem could be a potential disqualification.
108	Kennedy	Comments that it could up to six months.
119	Rep. Harper	Questions what determines successful completion of a treatment program.
121	Rep. Gardner	Comments that many recovery programs are ongoing.
127	Rep. Harper	Questions if rules will be drafted to specify that participation would be for the duration of the claim.
130	VanPelt	Responds affirmatively.
132	Chair Bryant	Requests the department draft those regulations and report back to the legislature.
138	Rep. Harper	Comments that the bill does not demonstrate zero tolerance for drug abuse.

142	Rep. Gardner	Responds that the 10 day period acts as an incentive to pursue support and additional help.
151	VanPelt	Comments that the data is not exact, however the department believes that the numbers are small.
161	Rep. Gardner	Continues that if an employer offers a rehabilitation program this bill would not apply to them.
185	VanPelt	Responds in agreement, the bill is limited to absence or tardiness.
187	Sen. Derfler	Questions how often a recovery group meets.
189	VanPelt	Responds daily and/or weekly.
199	Sen. Brown	Comments that Portland offers a variety of recovery programs.
212	Rep. Harper	Questions the accountability of the various recovery programs.
214	Sen. Brown	Responds affirmatively.
220	Rep. Harper	Requests the department draft the administrative rules.
225	Chair Bryant	Offers to delete the language on line 7 and 8.
235	Chair Bryant	Questions if the department will be able to document the cases that are affected by this bill.
236	VanPelt	Comments that the claimants will be in the system for follow-up and that data should remain the same.
249	Kennedy	Responds that the department will report back as requested.
253	Rep. Gardner	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 283-B6 amendments dated 06/09/97.</b>
255	Chair Bryant	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
256	Rep. Gardner	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 283 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
259		<b>VOTE: 5-0-1</b> <b>AYE: 5 - Brown, Derfler, Gardner, Harper, Bryant</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Minnis</b>
	Chair Bryant	<b>The motion Carries.</b> <b>SEN. BRYANT, REP. GARDNER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
264	Chair Bryant	Closes work session on SB 283, adjourns the meeting at 1:46p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Administrator**

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 283, -B6 amendments, Rep. Gardner, 1pp**