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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LIVABILITY**

**March 11, 1997 Hearing Room C**

**3:00 PM Tapes 21 - 23**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Chair**

**Sen. Bob Kintigh, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Kate Brown**

**Sen. Ginny Burdick**

**Sen. Eileen Qutub**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Christin M. Smith, Administrator**

**Paul Zolezzi, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SB 569 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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 21, A</b>		
005	Chair Ferrioli	Convenes meeting at 3:00 PM and opens public hearing on SB 569.
<b><u>SB 569</u></b> <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> <b><u>HEARING</u></b>		
022	Christin Smith	Committee Administrator explains bill.
034	Sen. Veral Tarno	Introduces himself as representing senate district 24. Explains bill and discusses need for veterans' home.
060	Rep. Lonnie Roberts	Introduces himself as representing house district 21. States support for bill and discusses funding aspects.
085	Rep. Ken Messerle	Introduces himself as representing house district 48. Discusses bill and states support. Discusses economy of coastal areas.
122	Rep. Barbara Ross	Introduces herself as representing house district 35. States opposition to bill and discusses 1993 legislative session hearings dealing with issue.
177	Lee Hazelwood	Introduces himself as representing Governor's Commission. States opposition to bill and submits <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .
202	Patti Strain	Introduces herself as city manager of Coquille and submits <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> . States support of bill and discusses need of Coquille veterans' home.
283	Sen. Brown	Asks when bond measure to fund facility was passed.
286	Strain	States levy passed in November of 1993.
290	Sen. Brown	Asks how many veterans facility will serve.
292	Strain	States that those figures are unknown.
295	Sen. Brown	States concern about cost overruns.
313	Sen. Burdick	Asks why Coquille facility could not receive certificate of need.
316	Strain	States Health Care Industry makes it difficult to obtain certificate. Explains certificate of need issuance procedures.
342	Sen. Burdick	Asks how many jobs will be created by facility.
344	Strain	States that those figures are unknown.
366	Doc Stevenson	Introduces himself as representing Coos County. States support of bill and submits <b>(EXHIBIT C)</b> .
<b>TAPE 22, A</b>		

020	Stevenson	Contrasts past and present Coquille economy. Discusses need for facility and funding aspects.
084	Sen. Burdick	Asks about effects of 1993 bond measure.
086	Stevenson	States that bond measure produced \$3.2 million for facility construction. States that the total cost of facility is estimated at \$9 million, \$5.8 million of which will be paid by the federal government.
090	Sen. Burdick	Asks what will happen to bond money if facility is not built.
092	Stevenson	States that bonds would not be sold if facility is not built.
094	Strain	States facility will create more than 90 new jobs.
128	Jon Mangis	Introduces himself as representing Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). Discusses funding aspects of long term care facilities and The Dalles veterans' home. Discusses funding procedures of other states.
208	Sen. Burdick	Asks who pays cost overruns of facility if built.
210	Mangis	States ODVA would pay for cost overruns. Discusses funding aspects of facility.
301	Sen. Qutub	Asks if home would be for veterans only.
303	Mangis	States 25% of beds could be used for veterans' spouses. Discusses occupancy statistics from other states.
353	Sen. Qutub	Asks what percentage of veterans are in veterans' homes.
355	Mangis	Discusses federal funds used for veterans' homes. Discusses occupancy levels in other states.
<b>TAPE 21, B</b>		
025	Mangis	Discusses other states funding procedures for veterans' homes.
061	Sen. Brown	Asks how many beds are planned for Coquille facility.
063	Mangis	States facility will have 100 beds. Discusses certificate of need process and financial benefits available to veterans.
097	Sen. Brown	Asks what it costs to administer long term care to veterans'.
100	Mangis	Discusses fiscal aspects of long term care.
135	Grant Higginson	Introduces himself as representing Department of Human Resources Health Division and submits <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> . Explains and states support for certificate of need process. Discusses The Dalles facility and states opposition to SB 569.
234	Sen. Brown	Asks why The Dalles facility was exempted from certification process.
237	Higginson	States he is unsure why The Dalles facility was exempted.
252	Higginson	Asks if costs of veterans living in long term care is accounted for when determining facility need.
255	Jana Fussell	Introduces herself as representing Department of Human Resources Health Division. Explains certificate of need process.
290	Chair Ferrioli	Asks when certification decision will be made.

292	Higginson	States decision will be made no later than 05/18/97.
305	Fussell	Explains certificate of need process.
344	Susan Dietsche	Introduces herself as representing Senior & Disabled Services Division and submits <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> . States opposition to bill and explains certification process.
<b>TAPE 23, B</b>		
018	Sen. Brown	Asks what is considered a low occupancy rate regarding nursing home occupancy levels.
021	Dietsche	States that occupancy below 80% is considered low.
062	Sen. Qutub	States concern over certification process and need for home that accepts veterans' benefits.
118	Lyall Fraser	Introduces himself as representing Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and discusses certification deadline.
132	Ed Patterson	Introduces himself as representing Oregon Association of Hospitals. Explains certificate of need process and states support for SB 569.
250	Jim Carlson	Introduces himself as representing Oregon Health Care Association and submits <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> . States opposition to bill.
315	Richard Lucht	Introduces himself as representing United Veterans' Groups of Oregon and submits <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> . States support of bill.
320	Strain	States facility has \$150,000 grant from city of Coquille for sewer and water lines.
343	Chair Ferrioli	Closes public hearing on SB 569.
381	Chair Ferrioli	Adjourns meeting at 4:56 PM.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

**Paul Zolezzi, Christin M. Smith,**

**Administrative Support Administrator**

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 569 written testimony, Lee Hazelwood, 1 p.**

**B - SB 569 written testimony, Patti Strain, 19 pp.**

**C - SB 569 written testimony, Doc Stevenson, 2 pp.**

**D - SB 569 written testimony, Grant Higginson, 2 pp.**

**E - SB 569 written testimony, Susan Dietsche, 1 p.**

**F - SB 569 written testimony, Jim Carlson, 18 pp.**

**G - SB 569 written testimony, Richard Lucht, 15 pp.**

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