

PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK

SESSION ON HB 2059A, HB 2061 TAPES 119 A

SENATE REVENUE COMMITTEE

APRIL 21, 1997 - 9:00 A.M. - HEARING ROOM B - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Sen. Ken Baker, Chair

Sen. Neil Bryant, Vice Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Tom Hartung

Sen. Randy Leonard (arrived at 9:17 a.m.)

Witnesses: Barbara Seymour, Legislative Counsel

Staff: Ed Waters, Economist

Carol Phillips, Committee Assistant

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005 Chair Baker Opened meeting at 9:10 a.m.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2059-A

For Members' information, had economist Richard Yates compile a simulation Run #36

- 018 Chair Baker on the distribution for the school funding formula. ESDs were run at 75%, and included funds for technology for ESDs because they are putting all the schools on line and performing teacher training. Also added \$15 million to the facility grant section. This is at the General Fund level of \$4.110 billion which is the current Senate leadership proposal figure. Statewide average increase per student is \$198.
- 031 Sen. Dukes Asked if any of that technology money would be available in the form of grants to specific school districts.
- 051 Chair Baker Stated that at this point nothing is in writing yet. The funding formula is on the House side at present. If it comes back to Senate Revenue there may be an opportunity at that time. Just theorizing that if there are additional dollars there are some suggestions on ways to spend them.
- 062 Barbara Seymour HB 2059-A and HB 2061 are what are called tax reviser's bills. In the past corrections to the tax law have been put into the big reviser's bill along with all revisions. Because tax was such a specialized area it was determined by the general attorneys that the tax portions would be handled separately.
- 078 Seymour HB 2059 addresses technical corrections. As an example, Section 1 contains an old error which Seymour tried to correct in the past in sales tax bills which never passed. Section 2 contains a reference allowing the Department of Revenue to file warrants for unpaid taxes with the Secretary of State for withholding tax purposes. The referenced ended up in the wrong chapter of the ORS, so it was moved.
- 114 Chair Baker Stated that when he served on the Judiciary Committee someone would bring in one really large bill covering many corrections, state that the bill covered only technical corrections and so substantive changes, and the bill would pass without discussing the whole thing section by section.
- 122 Seymour Stated she had been through both bills extensively, as had the Department of Revenue, and proof read these bills several times.
- 128 Chair Baker Asked Seymour why there two bills on the same subject.
- 128 Seymour Seymour stated that HB 2061 covers basically the same material as HB 2059-A, but it was determined to split them into two bills. HB 2061 more of a clean-up bill instead of a technical bill. As an example, the Homeowner/Renter Relief Program has not been active since 1991. That program was sunseted rapidly by the Legislature and contains both the elderly rental assistance program and a program for non-profit homes for the elderly where the state pays the property taxes for certain non-profit homes for the elderly. This bill deletes a lot of obsolete material in ORS. This bill also deletes a really old part of statutes regarding irrigation and drainage districts. Certificates of delinquency regarding irrigation and drainage districts have not been issued for 30 years or more.

160 Chair Asked Committee members if they wanted to go through each bill section by section.
Baker The consensus was they did not want to do that.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2059-A

OPENED WORK SESSION ON HB 2059-A

MOVES HB 2059-A TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH DO PASS
RECOMMENDATION.

170 Chair ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSES: 6 - 0
Baker

SENATORS VOTING AYE: DUKES, DUNCAN, HARTUNG, LEONARD,
BRYANT, BAKER.

Chair Baker will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2061

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2061

OPENED WORK SESSION ON HB 2061

MOVES HB 2061 TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH DO PASS
RECOMMENDATION.

183 Chair ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSES: 6 - 0
Baker

SENATORS VOTING AYE: DUKES, DUNCAN, HARTUNG, LEONARD,
BRYANT, BAKER.

Chair Baker will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

190 Chair Asked economist, Ed Waters, to put together a list with highlights of both bills for Chair
Baker Baker's use on the Senate Floor.

196 Chair
Baker

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Carol Phillips

Committee Assistant

Kim James

Office Manager

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Exhibit Summary:

A. HB 2059-A, Waters, Revenue Impact Statement, 1 page

B. HB 2059-A, Waters, Fiscal Impact Assessment, 1 page

C. HB 2061, Waters, Revenue Impact Statement, 1 page

D. HB 2061, Waters, Fiscal Impact Assessment, 1 page