

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

May 22, 1997 Hearing Room 343

3:00 PM Tapes 66 - 67

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Randy Miller, Chair

Sen. Gene Derfler, Vice-Chair

Sen. Neil Bryant

Sen. Randy Leonard

Sen. Cliff Trow

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jan Nordlund, Administrator

Jennifer Peck, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HJM 8 Public Hearing and Work Session

HJM 7 Public Hearing and Work Session

Introduction of Committee Bills

SB 638 Public Hearing and Work Session

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 66, A		
003	Chair Miller	Opens meeting at 3:07 p.m. and opens public hearing on HJM 8.
<u>HJM 8 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
008	Rep. Jackie Taylor	District 1. Supports HJM 8. Comments on the measure.

019	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on HJM 8 and opens work session on HJM 8.
<u>HJM 8 WORK SESSION</u>		
021	Sen. TROW:	MOTION: Moves HJM 8 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. Sen. DUKES will lead discussion on the floor.
028	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HJM 8 and opens public hearing on HJM 7.
<u>HJM 7 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
029	Paul Snider	Association of Oregon Counties. Supports HJM 7.
040	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on HJM 7 and opens work session on HJM 7.
043	Sen. LEONARD:	MOTION: Moves HJM 7 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. LEONARD will lead discussion on the floor.
053	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HJM 7 and opens public hearing on SB 638.
<u>SB 638 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
		Staff presents proposed -4 amendments to SB 638 (EXHIBIT A).
057	Dave Moss	Associated Oregon Industries. Presents testimony in support of SB 638 (EXHIBIT B). Comments on the -4 amendments.
091	Sen. Trow	Asks who was on the workgroup for the amendments.
093	Moss	Explains who was present at the workgroup.
110	Sen. Trow	Asks if any democrat was on the workgroup.
111	Moss	Explains the workgroup was working as a non-partisan group.
119	Sen. Trow	Comments on independent expenditures.
130	Moss	States independent expenditures need to be reported.
133	Sen. Trow	Comments on the problem of independent campaign spending
138	Fred Neal	Campaign Finance Manager, Elections Division. Explains filing of expenditures. Explains a group raising money on behalf of a candidate is considered a political committee.

152	Sen. Trow	Asks about general filing for candidates.
154	Neal	Explains filing as a political committee.
171	Sen. Trow	Asks about independent groups' measures.
179	Neal	Comments on types of campaigning.
205	Sen. Trow	Asks about reporting expenditures for campaigning.
212	Moss	Responds.
215	Colleen Sealock	Director of Elections, Elections Division. Explains the revisions to SB 638. Comments on disclosure for candidate races.
253	Sen. Trow	Asks if campaigns have spending limits in SB 638.
255	Moss	Comments on voluntary limits.
267	Sen. Trow	Asks if there are individual limits on spending, such as organizations or groups.
274	Moss	Explains there are not limits.
283	Sen. Trow	Comments on negative campaigning.
291	Moss	States the supplemental was inserted in order to capture the late burst of spending at the end of a campaign.
309	Chair Miller	States voluntary limits were not ruled unconstitutional.
314	Sen. Trow	Comments on establishing limits and independent campaigns.
338	Moss	Comments on accountability in campaign races.
349	Sen. Leonard	Asks about the reasoning behind dropping the expenditure limits.
352	Chair Miller	States that was his suggestion.
357	Moss	Comments on the group's decisions.
367	Chair Miller	Comments on the workgroup.
377	Randy Tucker	Oregon State Public Interest Research Group. Opposes SB 638. Comments on the lack of contribution limits. States there should still be a threshold on spending.
425	Tucker	States candidates will have increased paperwork which would justify the increased information.
450	Chair Miller	Refers to previous testimony. Comments on internal bookkeeping.
TAPE 67, A		
010	Tucker	Comments on voluntary spending limits.
015	Chair Miller	Asks how many candidates subscribed to the voluntary limits in the last election cycle.
017	Tucker	Explains all but a few of the candidates used the voluntary limits.
		Comments on candidates who have exceeded the spending

022	Neal	limits.
031	Tucker	States he does not see the benefit in SB 638.
042	Chair Miller	Asks how many subscribed to the voluntary limits.
045	Tucker	Discusses the limits.
058		Discussion of spending limits.
061	Sen. Derfler	Comments on spending limits
068	Sen. Leonard	Asks if Tucker would prefer the deletion of section 12.
070	Tucker	Responds he would prefer spending limits be left alone.
075	Sen. Leonard	Asks if it would be a more direct approach to eliminate section 15.
082	Chair Miller	Asks if Tucker would support SB 638 if the limits remained the same.
087	Tucker	States he only recently received the amendments, but he would consider such changes to SB 638.
092	Dan Meek	Attorney, Portland. States there is a problem with not receiving the filings electronically. States if SB 638 passes the electronic filing would be more useful.
123	Neal	States computer systems have recently been changed which would allow for electronic filing.
143	Sealock	States the electronic filing is more difficult than most think because there are hundreds of committees involved. States that the Elections Division will do their best to get the system up by January 1, 1998.
172	Sen. Trow	Asks about the workload.
178	Sealock	States there is a \$1.25 million fiscal impact for these changes. States there will be a dramatic impact on the elections office.
207	Sen. Trow	Asks about the burden on the treasurers.
208	Sealock	States the report format will become easier. Comments on monthly reporting.
229	Chair Miller	Asks about current laws and if candidates' books are available for review.
238	Neal	Responds.
263	Chair Miller	Asks how many reporting periods are in SB 638.
264	Sealock	Explains the reporting timeframes.
272	Chair Miller	Asks for comments on the fiscal impact and suggests the committee further consider new changes in SB 638.
285	Sen. Derfler	Comments on the general election.
295	Sen. Leonard	Comments on reporting all small contributions after they total \$1,000.

300	Sen. Trow	Asks about the \$25 contribution threshold.
304	Chair Miller	Suggests it may be helpful for disclosure.
314	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 638 and opens work session on approval to introduce a committee bill.
INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS		
325	Jan Nordlund	Committee Administrator. Explains the LC to be considered for approval.
330	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves LC 4385 dated 5/15/97 BE APPROVED and that draft and introduction requests concerning super siting be approved as a committee bill.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
347	Sen. Bryant	Asks if this concerns the super siting authority.
366		Discussion of the super siting authority.
378	Chair Miller	Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 638, proposed -4 amendments, staff, 35 pp

B - SB 638, written testimony, Dave Moss, 2 pp
