

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

February 16, 1995 Hearing Room H170
2:00 p.m. Tape 10-11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Chuck Carpenter, Chair
Rep. Cynthia Wooten

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Gail Shibley, Vice-Chair
Rep. Michael Fahey

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Cortright, Executive Officer
Jeri Chase, Office Manager
Bobby Sullinger, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: Gretchen Pierce, Economic Development Commission
Jose Compos, Economic Development Commission

MEASURES HEARD: Informational Meeting
Economic Development Commission Report to the 1995

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize
statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks
report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings,
please refer to the tapes.

TAPE 10, SIDE A

001 CHAIR CARPENTER: Brings the committee to order at 2:06 p.m.
Informational Meeting -- Economic Development Commission Report to the 1995
Legislature -- Public Hearing

005 CHAIR CARPENTER: Opens INFORMATIONAL MEETING on Economic Development
Commission Report.

009 GRETCHEN PIERCE: Overviews Oregon Economic Development Commission
Biennial Report to the Legislator [EXHIBIT A].

045 PIERCE: Continues overview of [EXHIBIT A] (Brand Oregon).

073 CHAIR CARPENTER: Is the reason for the increase in rural development
dollars spent primarily due to the prisons that are being built?

082 JOSE COMPOS: Responds to committee question.

086 PIERCE: Responds to committee discussion by referring to [EXHIBIT A]
(Regional Lottery Investments).

091 CHAIR CARPENTER: What are we spending lottery dollars on in rural Oregon?

094 PIERCE: Responds to committee question.

112 CHAIR CARPENTER: Are we investing primarily in human capital rather than
factories?

118 PIERCE: Responds to committee questions relating to the creation of
manufacturing jobs in rural areas.

128 REP. WOOTEN: Do you think we could put a moratorium on investments on
special public works until development catches up with the infrastructure
that is already in place?

136 PIERCE: Responds to committee discussion relating to spending funds on
infrastructures.

153 COMPOS: Responds to committee discussion relating to spending lottery
funds.

172 CHAIR CARPENTER: What are we doing to make sure that after an individual
has been trained they will be able to find employment in rural Oregon.

184 PIERCE: Responds to committee discussion.

222 COMPOS: Overviews efforts associated with training employees and focusing
on the key industry's workforce requirements.

256 CHAIR CARPENTER: Is there anything we can do as legislators to ensure
that the Small Business Development Centers work closely with OEDD?

261 COMPOS: Responds to committee discussion.

286 REP. WOOTEN: Are there any Small Business Development Center functions or
programs that could be absorbed into OEDD?

305 CHAIR CARPENTER: Is there some way we can encourage the SB DC's to
cooperate with OEDD?

315 COMPOS: Responds to committee discussion relating to the role of SB DC's.

346 PIERCE: Continues overview of [EXHIBIT A] (The focus of OEDD).

405 PIERCE: Continues overview of [EXHIBIT A] (Economic Development Policies).

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028 PIERCE: Continues overview of [EXHIBIT A] (Return on Public Investment).

058 PIERCE: Continues overview of [EXHIBIT A] (Getting clarity in terms of what the legislature wants).

064 CHAIR CARPENTER: Overviews the need for communicating OEDD's successes and educating the legislature as to what OEDD does well.

078 PIERCE: Responds to committee discussion relating to progress of OEDD.

117 COMPOS: Overviews OEDD's move towards becoming more customer driven with the help of the Commission.

139 PIERCE: Continues overview of [EXHIBIT A] (Commission Recommendations).

159 CHAIR CARPENTER: Did you consider any other courses of action when you formulated your recommendations?

163 PIERCE: Responds to committee question relating to possibilities for OEDD.

191 CHAIR CARPENTER: Where do you get your hard data relating to OEDD?

198 PIERCE: Responds to committee question.

231 CHAIR CARPENTER: Comments the Commission is primarily hearing testimony from other bureaucrats as opposed to getting feedback from OEDD's customers.

258 COMPOS: Responds to committee concerns relating to who is invited to give testimony at Commission hearings.

296 REP. WOOTEN: What are the steps to be taken and the cost of the Commissions recommendations?

305 PIERCE: Responds to committee questions.

326 REP. WOOTEN: Do you think the ways in which the Regional Strategies Programs spend funding is somewhat unaccountable?

355 PIERCE: Responds to committee questions.

393 REP. WOOTEN: Do you think there is a way to get truly accountable results from dollars spent in Regional Strategies Programs?

413 PIERCE: Responds to committee question.

428 CHAIR CARPENTER: Overviews concerns relating to spending on questionable programs by the Regional Strategies Programs.

TAPE 10, SIDE B

034 CHAIR CARPENTER: Should the legislature be more specific as to how the money can be spent and the results we expect?

040 PIERCE: Responds to committee question.

058 Committee discussion relating to the cost effectiveness of spending at OEDD and the general atmosphere of streamlining the organization.

075 PIERCE: Responds to committee discussion relating to streamlining recommendations.

102 CHAIR CARPENTER: Do you have any recommendations as to how some of OEDD's programs could be consolidated?

108 PIERCE: Clarifies scope of question and working time frames.

120 REP. WOOTEN: Comments that OEDD is being down sized and constructive recommendations are needed as to how best to precede.

129 PIERCE: Responds to committee discussion relating to recommendation to consolidate programs.

142 CHAIR CARPENTER: Overviews the scope and type of consolidation recommendations needed as it relates to OEDD's future.

168 COMPOS: Responds to committee discussion relating to consolidating and streamlining recommendations for OEDD.

188 PIERCE: Responds to committee discussion relating to how soon the Commission can outline recommendations on what can be done about down sizing OEDD's budget.

257 PIERCE: Continues overview of [EXHIBIT A] (Commission recommendations).

304 CHAIR CARPENTER: Closed INFORMATIONAL MEETING on Economic Development Commission Report.

305 CHAIR CARPENTER: Adjourns committee meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Bobby Sullinger
EXHIBIT LOG

EXHIBIT A - Oregon Economic Development Commission Biennial Report to the
Legislator, Presented by Gretchen Pierce, 60 pages.