HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM Hearing Room Tapes - 33 MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bob Tiernan, Chair Rep. Mike Lehman, Vice-Chair Rep. Jerry Grisham Rep. Bryan Johnston (Arr. 1:18) Rep. Bill Markham Rep. Lonnie Roberts Rep. Barbara Ross (Arr. 1:30) Rep. Charles Starr Rep. Ken Strobeck Rep. Sharon Wylie MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Ron Adams Rep. Cedric Hayden STAFF PRESENT: Greg Moore, Committee Counsel Annetta Mullins, Committee Assistant MEASURES HEARD: HB 2157 Public Hearing & Work Session HB 2118 Public Hearing 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 , A 004 CHAIR TIERNAN: Calls meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. > announcements 023 CHAIR TIERNAN opens public hearing on HB 2157 HB 2157 - PUBLIC HEARING Witnesses: Carol Ann Kirby, Secretary of State's Office The Preliminary Staff Measure Summary is hereby made a part of these minutes (EXHIBIT A). CAROL ANN KIRBY, CPA, Business Manager, Secretary of State's Office, 025 submits and reviews a prepared statement (EXHIBIT B). 051 CHAIR TIERNAN: What do you anticipate this bill to save in dollars or employee time? MS. KIRBY: We spend, assuming there are no problems or interruptions, probably two days every month reconciling all the cash accounts. The State Financial Management System (SFMS) is scheduled for operation on March 17 and once I fully realize the full capability of the system next biennium, I want to further reduce my cash accounts to reduce that.

063 CHAIR TIERNAN: Do you need legislation to do this?

065 MS. KIRBY: Yes, because all the accounts are statutorily required.

078 CHAIR TIERNAN: Requests Ms. Kirby provide a list of other agencies that

could benefit from this legislation.

078 REP. ROBERTS & Ms. Kirby: Discuss implementation of the SFMS.

REP. JOHNSTON : Arrives at 1:18 p.m.

106 REP. MARKHAM: Why not combine this bill with SB 181.

108 MS. KIRBY: SB 184 reduces cash accounts, but it also deals with voting machine acquisitions. It streamlines the process and makes accounting more

simplified for the counties and the Secretary of State's office. We felt it was more appropriate to keep that bill with the Elections Division.

138 CHAIR TIERNAN: Closes the public hearing and opens the work session on HB 2157.

147  $$\rm MOTION:\ REP.\ MARKHAM\ moves that HB 2157\ be\ sent\ to\ the\ Floor\ with\ a\ DO\ PASS\ recommendation.$ 

 $$\rm VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE. REPS. ADAMS, HAYDEN AND ROSS ARE ABSENT.$ 

154 CHAIR TIERNAN: Declares the motion PASSED. REP. JOHNSTON will lead discussion on the Floor.

158 CHAIR TIERNAN: Opens the public hearing on HB 2118.

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161 GREG MOORE, Counsel, reviews preliminary staff measure summary and proposed amendments (EXHIBIT C).

202 REP. LEHMAN: Will the amendments make the bill propspective only?

204 MR. MOORE: The amendment would only apply to rule making in the future,

after the effective date of the act.

JACK POMPEI, Administrator, Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA), Department of Consumer and Busienss Services: I feel strongly both ways on this bill. During my tenure at OSHA I have tended to

adopt rules as is so as not to burden our employers, especially those who have businesses in other states; they are then know the rules in every state.

245 > with amendments the bill is more acceptable

> I have white paper to give committee on rules that have been developed over the years (EXHIBIT D)

 $\,>$  how would we handle OSHA bills when our mandate from federal OSHA is to be more stringent or as effective as.

 $\,>\,$  if I were to adopt federal rules, we would have higher penalties in this state.

> because of small employers, have opted to have a low penalty of \$300 instead of \$1,200 which federal OSHA mandates

>the logging rule the federal government promulgated is more stringent and OR-OSHA has worked with Association of Oregon Loggers; parts of the federal

bill are more stringent and parts of Oregon's bill is more stringent >as administrator, has told federal OSHA we will keep our logging bill

Rep. Ross: Arrives at 1:30 p.m.

285 CHAIR TIERNAN: The intent of the bill was not to put you beyond the federal standards. If you choose to go under a federal standard for a reasonable purpose, I don't that that is what this bill is addressing.

289 MR. POMPEI: I think "as effective as" would be in the eyes of the beholder. I tend to not be more stringent and that was my commitment to

both labor and management eight years ago. I do rework a lot of bills and I put a little bit of Oregon addendums to the federal bills to make them effective for Oregon. I tend to keep our bills but tend to go through this

justification. 330 You are toward more of a palatable bill for me by excluding Section 3 and I have no problem working out Section 2. My question is "as effective as".

332 CHAIR TIERNAN: The amendments have been suggested by people who testified and may not see the light of day. We have the original bill and anybody can propose amendments to it.

340 MR. POMPEI: I think Section 3 of the original bill is absolutely terrible. The white paper (EXHIBIT D) shows that OSHA has many rules and regulations that were accomplished by labor/management cooperation, firefighters, agricultural rules, farm labor camp rules--and these were done over the years by a consensus committee. By doing this, you might be getting rid of rules that there are no federal rules for that Oregon has decided over the years to do.

359 CHAIR TIERNAN: If there is no federal rule, this would not apply. The questions is whether the rule is reasonable as compared to the federal equivalent. I believe this bill says if it goes higher than the federal standard, then you must justify it. How the rule got there is one question; the reasonableness is something else. What are some of the reasons you don't like the bill?

376~ MR. POMPEI: I had concern with Section 3 going back over the years and diluting or reducing the protection we already have for the workers in this

state. I don't think we are overly punitive or regulatory. Cites examples

of more stringent rules for firefighters and agriculture.

402 MR. POMPEI, IN RESPONSE TO CHAIR TIERNAN: Cites the pulp and paper mill

rules as an example of Oregon rules chosen over federal rules. Some parts of our rules are stricter and some part of the federal rules are stringent.

Under the term, "as effective as", we negotiate with the federal Department of Labor, OSHA, and say we are going to keep our rules.

435 CHAIR TIERNAN: Does OR-OSHA have a general duty clause?

435 MR. POMPEI: Yes, we do. That is the clause we use for citations when there are no specific rules.

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004 CHAIR TIERNAN AND MR. POMPAI: Continue to discuss the "general duty" clause.

013 CHAIR TIERNAN: How do you make decisions on fines. Where do fines go to?

MR. POMPAI: We have the lowest amount of fines in the 50 states; we average approximately \$400 per major violation. A low is \$300 and a high \$7,000. When you take the \$7,000 and \$300 minimum, I did not adopt the federal matrix in beetween. Because we are a small employer state, I told them we are not going to use their matrix. We have their maximums and mini

ums in law, but we used a lower matrix and our penatlties are lowest in country.

037 REP. MARKHAM:

MR. PONPAI: discusses fines.

074 REP. MARKHAM AND MR. POMPAI: Discuss penalties against employers.

133 Discussion continues on ORSHA rules, fines and enforcement.

140 REP. STROBECK:

MR. POMPAI:

161 REP. ROBERTS:

191 chair tiernan: HAVE inspector come in next Wednesday and have report in

by Friday.

240  $\;$  IRV FLETCHER: Amy Clair's comments should be made a part of the committee records on family leave.

214 EUGENE ORGAN, Oregon Disabilities Commission, submits and paraphrases a prepared statement (EXHIBIT D).

342 REP. LEHMAN:

MR. ORGAN:

TIM RAPHAEL, Program Director, OSPIRG, submits and reads a prepared statement (EXHIBIT F).

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041 KEN MILLER, Director of Program and Finance, Department of Human Resources, summarizes a prepared statement previously submitted by Mr. Concannon (EXHIBIT G)

090 chair tiernan: Get back

JOHN O. HILDNER, Oregon Health Division, AND DIRECTOR OF DHRFOR CLACKAMAS

COUNTY: This legislation was not drafted looking at human resources, but I

appaud the efforts. The amendments in -1 get us to where local government officials want to go. The real key is that any agency imposing additional restrictions or creating a new federal gbrant progrm. If read it to say, we have great discretion at state level in designing a program that is effective for Oregon. I think it mke s lot of sense to explain what and why we are doing something differently. That allos those affect to challenge what we are saying. I thinkin the hjman resources area we can live with the -1 amendments, but it could be simplified by saying what is different nd why.

130 CHAIR TIERNAN: they would have to explain it.

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{MR}}$  . HILTNER: The idea of saying why it is going to be differe and what is different makes total sense.

159 REP. JOHNSTON:

176 REP. ROSS: Who should decide whether our standards should be higher?

MR. HILDNER:

193 CHAIR TIERNAN:

200 JOHN CHARLES, Oregon Environmental Council, asks what the problem is that the bill is trying to solve. line 8, where it says "impose or recomment" I don't know why you would want the state bound by the recommendatin

"unique" is one of a kind; that is a pretty high standard

so differrent -differrent from what line11, federal law or rule may miss the point 289 Section 3, SIP is an unbelievabley convoluted process.

325 CHAIR TIERNAN AND MR. CHARLES: Discuss rules adopted for implementatin of SIPs.

345  $\,$  DENISE MCPHAIL, PGE: GOING AHEAD WITH SECTION 2WITHOUT SECTION 3 IS A CONCERN.

371 rep. johnston:

ms. mcphail

413 MS. MCPHAIL:

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014  $\,$  JANE MEYER: Amendment -1would take care of our concerns. The bord is allowed (EXHIBIT H)

033 LIZ FRENKEL, Oregon Chapter, Sierra, opposed to HB 2118 but have not seen amendments. (submits prepared stateemnt (EXHIBIT i).

067 MS. FRENKEL:

FISH AND WILDLIFE (EXHIBIT J)

BOB ALBERS, STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE:

216 REP. MARKHAM:

268  $\,$  CHAIR TIERNAN: Rep. Lehman and Strobeck will work together to achedve the goal of the state as this started out.

283 CHAIR TIERNAN closes the hering on HB 2118 and declares the memeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.