

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR

Hearing Room
1:30pm Tape

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. John Watt, Chair
Rep. Lee Beyer, Vice-Chair
Rep. Kate Brown
Rep. Chuck Carpenter
Rep. Mike Fahey
Rep. Lynn Lundquist
Rep. Lynn Snodgrass

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Carpenter
Rep. Lundquist

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Felton, Committee Counsel
Paula Gilmer Purcell, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: Public Hearing and Possible Work Session on House Bill 2111
Public Hearing and Possible Work Session on House Bill 2062
Public Hearing on House Bill 2541

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

02 CHAIR WATT: Brings the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Opens Work Session on House Bill 2111

Witnesses: Christine Chute, Oregon Employment Department

08 CHRISTINE CHUTE, OREGON EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT: Gives testimony on House
Bill 2111. She passes out the information [EXHIBIT A] requested by
Representative Fahey.

10 CHAIR WATT: Lets go into a work session on this bill.

Opens Work Session on House Bill 2111

10 I want to call the committee's attention to the dash one amendments
[EXHIBIT B]. On line fifteen, please delete the 750 and insert 500.

20 CHUTE: These amendments [EXHIBIT B] are offered by the Employment
Department to make small changes.

70 Continues discussing the amendments.

82 REP. FAHEY: If a person worked at a higher job how could he met the
\$1,000 requirement?

88 CHUTE: This would give you two ways to do it.

101 CHAIR WATT: Ask for someone to propose a change in the dash one
amendments.

96 MOTION: REP. FAHEY: Moves to ADOPT HB 2111 AMENDMENTS.

106 CHAIR WATT: Discussion?

110 ORDERED: Hearing no objections the amendments are ADOPTED. All members
are present.

106 MOTION: REP. FAHEY: Moves HB 2111 AS AMENDED TO THE FLOOR with a DO
PASS recommendation.

116 VOTE: 5-0 MOTION PASSES
 AYE: Carpenter, Fahey, Snodgrass, Beyer, Brown, Watt
 NO: None

Closes Work Session on House Bill 2111

Opens Work Session on House Bill 2062

Witnesses: Christine Chute, Oregon Employment Department

140 AARON FELTON, COUNSEL: Gives overview of House Bill 2062

153 CHUTE: I have nothing further to add but to say this is for plant shut down vacation pay.

160 CHAIR WATT: I would entertain a motion to move the bill.

161 MOTION: REP. BROWN: Moves HB 2062 TO THE FLOOR with a DO PASS recommendation.

165 VOTE: 5-0 MOTION PASSES
 AYE: Fahey, Snodgrass, Beyer, Brown, Watt
 NO: None

168 CHAIR WATT: House Bill 2062 will move to the floor with a do pass recommendation. Rep. Brown will you carry?

169 REP. BROWN: I would be delighted.

Closes Work Session on House Bill 2062

Opens Public Hearing on House Bill 2541

Witnesses: Scott Aschcom, Ted Hughes and Associates
 Jack Pompei, Oregon OSHA

168 FELTON: Gives overview of House Bill 2541

187 CHAIR WATT: Let the record show that we are now in a sub-committee, this will be a informational meeting.

Informational Meeting on House Bill 2541

189 SCOTT ASCHCOM, TED HUGHES AND ASSOCIATES, REPRESENTING THE TRI-BERRY COMMISSION AND NORTHWEST CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION: Testifies in favor of House Bill 2541

201 It becomes very impractical to have a safety committee with so few employees.

208 There is usually a very informal working situation with so few employees.

217 CHAIR WATT: We want to state that safety committees are very important.

220 JACK POMPEI, ADMINISTRATOR OF OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION: Testifies in support of House Bill 2541. Submits [EXHIBIT C].

244 Agriculture is the number one high injury type of business.

259 Small farms, if they have no problems and are exempt under A, then they must still meet B.

264 CHAIR WATT: Can they still get safety information from farmers co-ops?

269 POMPEI: That is correct, we work with all of their associations.

281 CHAIR WATT: Scott, please speak to section two.

289 ASCHOM: We are approaching the time of year where employers will need to be hiring crews.

307 REP. SNODGRASS: For two months the employers could be up to fifteen employees, does this kick in for a short period of time?

314 ASCHOM: Jack Pompei would be the better person to answer this question.

316 CHAIR WATT: Will get the answer more fully next Wednesday.

Closes Public Hearing on House Bill 2541

329 MOTION: REP. SNODGRASS: Moves by unanimous consent that we allow Representative Beyer to vote on House Bill 2111 and 2062.

333 CHAIR WATT: Rep. Snodgrass, moves to suspend the rules to allow Rep. Beyer to vote on those two bills. Is there any objection? Hearing none, Chair will agree to that.

346 VOTE: Rep. Beyer votes AYE on House Bill 2111 and AYE House Bill 2062.

358 CHAIR WATT: Adjourns meeting and 2:28pm

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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Committee Assistant	Committee Counsel

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Benefit earnings chart, submitted by Christine Chute
- B - Proposed amendments to House Bill 2111, submitted by the Employment Division.
- C - Testimony on House Bill 2541, submitted by Jack Pompei