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WORK SESSIONS HB 2634A & SB 329
PUBLIC HEARING HB 2634A
TAPES 038-039, A/B

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
FINANCE AND TAX POLICY

FEBRUARY 21 1995 - 1:00 P.M. - HEARING ROOM A - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present:

Sen. Paul Phillips, Chair
Sen. Shirley Gold, Vice Chair
Sen. Tom Hartung
Sen. Cliff Trow
Sen. Greg Walden
Sen. Eugene Timms

Witnesses:

Scott Tighe, Elections Division/Sec. of State
Genoa Ingram-Read, Oregon Association of Realtors

Staff:

James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer
Steve Meyer, Legislative Revenue Office
Janice DeVito, Committee Assistant

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005 Acting Chair Gold -calls the meeting to order at 1:08 pm
HB 2634A PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION
010 Jim Scherzinger -explains HB 2634A which creates a special election and
specifies the ballot title for HJR 15A
-in order for special election to be scheduled in May, HB 2634A must pass
the Senate and House and have Governor's signature by
February 27, 1995
026 -distributes (A6) amendment (Exhibit A) which adjusts HB 2634A to rewrite
the ballot title reflecting amendments to HJR 15A
061 -questions and discussion about the time line for measure passage
068 Scherzinger -explains (A7) amendment (Exhibit B) which creates the
estimate of financial impact for the ballot and explanatory statement for
voters - this extends deadline for Governor's signature by 8 days
-discussion of how this measure relates to HJR 15A
95 Chair Phillips -arrives at meeting and describes committee work plan for
the day
112 Scott Tighe -Elections Division, Secretary of State

-introduces Tami Dettwyler of Elections Division, Secretary of State
-answers questions about the election time line, options available to the
committee and effect on the appeals process
165 Ted Reutlinger -Legislative Counsel
-explains that the (A6) amendments change the ballot title to reflect
action on HJR 15A
-questions and discussion about time line
195 Scott Tighe -explains options of 54, 60, 70, and 74 day processes for
election day scheduling
250 Chair Phillips -draws committee attention to (A6) amendment (Exhibit A)
which generally parallels HJR 15A
-suggests insertion of language in (A6) amendment that "the legislative
assembly may appropriate other moneys to the educational endowment fund"
-questions and discussion of language granting legislative authority, and
timeline for measure passage
345 Sen. Trow -states that the other issue hasn't yet been resolved on the
Senate floor , making it difficult to vote on acceptance of HJR 15A
-ask Chair Phillips about waiting one day before action on this measure
360 Chair Phillips -states reasons for moving measure out of committee today
-MOVES TO ADD LANGUAGE TO THE (A6) AMENDMENTS OF HB 2634A AT LINE 6 AFTER
1997: "AND ANY OTHER MONEYS APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE"
-THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR SO ORDERS
390 Chair Phillips -initiates discussion of (A7) amendments to HB 2634A
regarding fiscal impact and explanatory statements
400 Scott Tighe -comments that the (A7) version does not allow for an appeal
period for the fiscal impact or explanatory statement
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10 Tighe -states that for good public policy, he favors appeal process
WORK SESSION HB 2634A
025 Chair Phillips -confirms that committee is in work session
-apprises Sen. Timms of committee action on measure amendments prior to his
arrival at the meeting
RESTATES MOTION TO ADD LANGUAGE TO THE (A6) AMENDMENTS OF HB 2634A AT LINE 6
AFTER 1997, "AND ANY OTHER MONEYS APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE"
-THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR SO ORDERS
-calls for additional public testimony on HB 2634A (there was none)
058 Chair Phillips MOVES ADOPTION OF THE (A6) AMENDMENTS TO HB 2634A
-discussion
065 -ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSES 4-2
SENATORS VOTING AYE: HARTUNG, TIMMS, WALDEN & PHILLIPS VOTING NAY: TROW
& GOLD
080 Chair Phillips -introduces (A7) amendment to HB 2634A
085 Ted Riley -Legislative Counsel
-explains (A7) amendment which changes the ballot title, and inserts
estimate of financial impact on the ballot and voters pamphlet
100 -discussion of timeline as it relates to public involvement and who
originated explanatory and fiscal impact statements
115 Sen Trow -objects to the fiscal impact statement from the standpoint that
budgeting is done on a biennial basis and the moneys described in impact
statement are stated on a yearly basis
130 Scherzinger -explains staff rationale behind (A7) amendment
-suggests removal of lines 22-24 on page one and first line of page two
150 Chair Phillips -states two options for committee consideration, and
reiterates position of Secretary of State
SB 329 WORK SESSION
190 Chair Phillips -summarizes work on SB 329 to date
193 Steve Meyer -presents staff overview of measure with proposed (-2)
amendments (Exhibit J on 2/2/95) and (-1) amendments (Exhibit H on 2/1/95)
229 -questions and discussion about use of emergency clause provision and
impelling reason for legislation
246 Genoa Ingram-Read -Oregon Association of Realtors
-states that City of Eugene is currently considering a real estate transfer
tax and cites current statute

-discussion about sunset clause and measure's similarity to HB 2883 which was passed/vetoed last session

COMMITTEE RECESS 1:58 -2:07 PM

333 Chair Phillips MOVES (-2) AMENDMENTS TO SB 329 BE ADOPTED

-ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSES 4-2

SENATORS VOTING AYE: HARTUNG, TIMMS, WALDEN & PHILLIPS VOTING NAY: TROW

& GOLD

343 Chair Phillips MOVES SB 329 AS AMENDED TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

356 Sen. Trow -states opposition: he sees a pattern in this committee to preempt local government authority

-thinks policy is mistaken - wise policy would be decentralizing authority and respecting authority of local government

-"so, I just want you to know that I think we're off base on this one"

370 Sen. Gold states opposition: because of uncertainties about how budgets will be resolved "I find it really impossible at this point in the session to consider this"

390 Chair Phillips -states support: believes that measure is consistent with public calling to "get your tax house in order - don't hit us with niche taxes, don't hit us with special taxes - make sure that there's rhyme and reason to how you finance things on a statewide basis, and there'll be plenty of opportunity in the future for those who don't support this particular type of fashion to cast and craft tax policy that they do in that case support"

403 Chair Phillips -ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSES 4-2

SENATORS VOTING AYE: HARTUNG, TIMMS, WALDEN & PHILLIPS VOTING NAY:

TROW & GOLD

412 Senators Gold and Trow give notice of possible minority report

HB 2634 WORK SESSION RESUMES

012 Chair Phillips -reminds committee that this measure has been amended only

by (A6) amendments

-reviews time line and recommends preference for action by the committee

466 Chair Phillips -MOVES HB 2634A ENGROSSED AS AMENDED TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO

PASS RECOMMENDATION

-discussion

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050 -ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION PASSES 4-2

SENATORS VOTING AYE: HARTUNG, TIMMS, WALDEN & PHILLIPS NAY: TROW &

GOLD

-Senator Hartung will carry the bill on the Senate floor

060 Chair Phillips -adjourns meeting at 2:15 pm

Janice DeVito
Committee Assistant

Kimberly Taylor James
Office Manager

Exhibits Summary:

A. HB 2634, Scherzinger, (A6) Amendments, 2/21/95 (TR/ng)

B. HB 2634, Scherzinger, (A7) Amendments 2/21/95 (TR/ng)