

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 16, 1995 3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room B  
Tapes 2-3

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Stan Bunn, Chair Sen. Bill Kennemer Sen. John Lim  
Sen. William McCoy

MEMBERS EXCUSED:  
Sen. Randy Leonard

STAFF PRESENT: Art Wilkinson, Committee Administrator Mary Gallagher,  
Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

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

TAPE 2, A

001 CHAIR BUNN: Convened the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

016 JEAN THORNE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (Office of Medical Assistance Program): Began invited testimony regarding Overview of DE~ for SHHS (Exhibit A)

040 THORNE: Description of who DHR serves (i.e. elderly/disabled, people who are developmentally disabled, people who are trying to kick drug/alcohol dependency, etc.)

074 THORNE: Programs need to be brought together at an individual client level. DHR has been working on that goal for the past several years.

085 THORNE: Page 4 of Overview (Organization Chart). Introduction of DHR people present at today's meeting.

120 THORNE: Continuation of description of DHR employees from Organization Chart (Page 4).

130 THORNE: Overview, Page 5; how DHR uses funds; budget allocations

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158 THORNE: Overview, Page 11. Children's Services Division will be changing on July 1, 1995.

There are 41 offices in 37 cities around the state. CSD is concerned with cases of child abuse/neglect. They employ the Family Unity Model. Where that is not possible, the operating system is substitute care, such as foster care. The number of children needing assistance is increasing at a faster rate than monies being allocated to help those children in need.

210 THORNE: Overview, Page 14; need for positive action in the area of Juvenile Corrections.

Incidents of violent crime committed by juveniles are increasing dramatically.

245 THORNE: Overview, Page 15; Adult ~ Family Services Division. 52 offices around the state.

Agency provides assistance through education, training, and self-help classes. The goal is to get

people off of welfare, and prevent other people from needing to get on welfare. Also helps families

obtain court-ordered child support. Also helps to provide daycare for those with children who are

trying to get back into the workforce, and also provides food stamps to low-income clients.

302 THORNE: Budget issues--there is no cost of living increase, for the fourth year in a row, for

welfare recipients/providers.

312 KENNEMER: Inquires about welfare recipients attempting to find jobs through Jobs Plus

315 THORNE: Answers

322 THORNE: Services to seniors/disabled clients; services in 38 cities. Try to serve people in their

own homes or via community-based care. !

372 THORNE: Continuing with overview of services to seniors/disabled clients

402 CHAIR BILLY: Invites Sen. Truitt to join the committee on the dais (he does)

408 THORNE: Overview, Page 21. Services to mentally ill/developmentally disabled clients. Provides institutional services as well as out-patient services. Residential/vocational services are provided to developmentally disabled clients. Division has been working on opening other facilities that could better serve the mentally ill.

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000 THORNE: Continuing discussion of Overview, Page 21.

050 THORNE: Increase in need for Medicaid program

060 THORNE: Overview, Page 25; Office of Medical Assistance Programs

085 THORNE: Vocation ~ Rehabilitation Program !

108 THORNE: Still discussing Overview (Public Health Division). Additional \$1.0 million requested in

Governor's Budget (Exhibit B) to combat teen pregnancy.

139 THORNE: Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

180 THORNE: Still discussing Overview  
185 THORNE: Turns testimony over to BOB MINK (DHR Deputy Director)  
186 CHAIR BUNN: Asks committee members if they have any questions for Jean.

No  
questions.

190 MINK: Takes over testimony; Page 10 of Overview

235 CHAIR BUNN: Asks for clarification as to what happens to children whom,  
it is deemed, there  
is

no money to help.

240 MINK: Responds (aid based on a scale of 1-7)

253 CHAIR BUNN: Expresses concern that there is not enough money to provide  
help to all of  
those

who need it.

257 MINK: Responds. Talks about certain Senate and House Bills.

300 MINK: Still talking about certain bills before the Legislature

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375 MINK: Still talking about certain bills before the Legislature

TAPE 2,B

000 MINK: Still talking about certain bills before the Legislature

015 MINK: Finishes testimony

016 CHAIR BUNN: Asks for questions by committee members

020 TROW: Asks about fees (House Bill 2170)-why so large? New fees?

030 JIM WILSON (I)HR;  
IN AUDIENCE): Responds to Trow's question

060 TROW: These are existing fees, just being enhanced, rather than new fees?  
You match Federal money?

070 WILSON: Responds

090 TROW: Makes comment to Chair about a bill being introduced in the  
Revenue Committee that would put a cap on fee increases

100 CHAIR BUNN: Responds

120 CHAIR BUNN: Thanks Jean/Bob for their presentation; invites DOUG WILSON  
(LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL) to testify briefly on Summary Analysis of Governor's  
Recommended 1995-97 Budget (Exhibit C)

130 WILSON: Begins his testimony; focus is highlighting major issues that  
are important to DHR. States that a shorter version of the Summary Analysis  
was sent to the Floor today, and a more detailed version was sent as well.  
Introduces DHR staff who are present (LARRY NEISWINDER, ANN GLAZE).

160 CHAIR BUNN: States it would be helpful if Mr. Wilson could give the  
committee an idea of "where the hotspots are" in regard to the Governor's  
budget

165 WILSON: Acknowledges and continues with his testimony. Refers to page  
32 of Summary Analysis.

210 WILSON: Continues his testimony  
 215 CHAIR BUNN: Asks if the Emergency Board will need to do major  
 adjustments to the budget  
 220 WILSON: States that things will be monitored in the first 100 days of  
 the Congress; there  
 could  
 be massive changes or possibly only minor changes; continues with testimony  
 266 WILSON: Continues his testimony  
 286 GLAZE: (CSD) Takes over testimony  
 311 NEISWINDER: (Budget Analyst for Health Division) Takes over testimony  
 327 KENNEMER: Asks if county clinics are eligible for Oregon Health Plan  
 reimbursement  
 230 WILSON: Responds  
 236 CHAIR BUNN: Excuses any committee members that need to leave, as it is  
 4:15 and the meeting was slated to end at this time. Announced that Sen.  
 Leonard should be noted as excused as he is not present at this meeting.  
 249 WILSON: Addresses Chair Bunn/Sen. Kennemer: to his knowledge, there is  
 no built-in savings in the budget to offset for county reimbursements  
 263 NEISWINDER: Makes brief comments on fee increases  
 266 WILSON: Slowing or delaying implementation of the mental health  
 component, as proposed in the Governor's plan, will have a cost in the long  
 run. Makes more comments on fee increases.  
 302 WILSON: Closes his testimony

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305 CHAIR BUNN: Thanks committee members for arriving on time and asks that  
 they continue to do so. Committee will convene only when necessary. In that  
 regard, there will be no meeting on Friday. There will be a full meeting  
 (3:00-5:00) on Wednesday. Committee members need to be thinking about issues  
 they are concerned with so that they can be put into the agenda.

325 CHAIR BUNN: Recognizes Sen. Lim  
 327 LIM: Makes brief comments about increases in D~ funding  
 340 CHAIR BUNN: Acknowledges Sen. Lim's comments  
 345 CHAIR BUNN: Adjourns the meeting at 4:20 P.M.

Submitted by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A- Overview of the Department of Human Resources-Jean Thorne 33 pages  
 B- 1995-97 Governor's Budget-Jean Thorne-43 pages  
 C- Summary Analysis of Governor's Recommended 1995-97 Budget-Doug Wilson-13  
 pages