

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 27, 1995 3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room B Tapes 45 - 46

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Stan Bunn, Chair  
Sen. William McCoy, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Lenn Hannon  
Sen. Bill Kennemer  
Sen. Randy Leonard

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Art Wilkinson, Committee Administrator  
Patricia Wehrli, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: SB 654  
SB 710  
SB 740  
SB 975  
SB 152  
SB 1075

Public Hearing Public Hearing Public Hearing Public Hearing Work Session  
Work Session

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 45, A

03 CHAIR BUNN: Calls the meeting to order at 3 06 P M  
Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 654

Witnesses:  
Sen. Jeannette Hamby  
Muriel Goldman, Children First for Oregon  
Pam Patton, Director of Government Relations, Morrison Center Child and  
Family Services

06 STATE SEN. JEANNETTE HAMBY, Dist. #5 Testifies in support of SB 654

020 CHAIR BUNN: Discusses the direction of the committee in reference to the  
Ways and Means committee.

032 HAMBY: Discusses the fiscal impact available to the Ways and Means  
committee

052 MURIEL GOLDEN, Children First for Oregon: Testifies in support of SB  
654 SEE EXHIBIT A

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137 PAM PATTON, Director of Government Relations, Morrison Center Child and  
Family

Services: Testifies in support of SB 654.

162 CHAIR BUNN: Questions the leverage available in the current model versus  
the Florida model.

177 PATTON: Our goal is to get coverage to pregnant women and children and  
if the Florida

model will do that. then we'll support that option  
183 CHAIR BUNN: Describes the process though which the committee will select  
a health plan.  
189 GOLDEN: Responds that there is a concern with the Florida Plan providing  
care for individuals who fall into the upper scale of the federal poverty  
level.  
204 CHAIR BUNN: There is no source of the funds available to pass out an  
action that doesn't have a basis of reality.  
214 ART WILKINSON, Committee Administrator: Briefs the committee on the  
measure  
summary.  
226 ELLEN PINNEY: Testifies in support of SB 654.  
244 CHAIR BUNN: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 654  
Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 740

Witnesses:

Dexter Johnson, Legislative Counsel  
Steve Bender, Legislative Revenue Department  
Steven Kafony, Physical Therapy Organization  
Karl Humiston, Citizens for Health  
Ellen Pinney, Oregon Health Action Campaign  
Jim Seagraves, Economist from Oregon City

258 ART WILKINSON: Provides the committee with the staff measure summary  
and further  
explains the direction of SB 74() and SB 71 (). (SEE EXHIBIT E)  
317 KENNEMER: Questions the revenue impact.

330 DEXTER JOHNSON, Legislative Counsel: Explains the direction and the  
issues surrounding SB 740

TAPE 46, A

023 HANNON: Questions the process under the traditional IRA account.

030 JOHNSON: If you have borrowed from it. you are subject to penalty if  
you don't pay it back by the time you collect the interest.

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038 HANNON: Questions if you have \$5000 in the account and put in \$2500 from  
a medical  
IRA and have a \$2500 deductible. then there'll be \$2500 left in the  
account. Under the current direction I will still be credited interest on  
that \$2500 that I borrow from. it How Will this effect this ?

053 JOHNSON: Explains that you pay the taxes at the time you withdraw your  
funds.

057 CHAIR BUNN: There is no borrowing account in this bill

067 HANNON: Questions the need for a trustee

070 JOHNSON: Explains that any authorized bank has a trustee as part of  
their  
staff

074 HANNON: Questions who gets the fee. that the Trustee charges.

078 JOHNSON: Explains the trustee department of most banks.

100 KENNEMER: Questions which providers are excluded.

104 JOHNSON: Explains that any provider that is medically authorized to provide medical care is considered a provider

120 CHAIR BUNN Clarifies the different medical providers available

141 STEVE BENDER, Legislative Revenue: Addresses how SB 740 affects state and federal tax treatment,

233 JOHNSON: Explains in order to make this process more like an insurance policy. you would have to make some funds available for the beneficiary to draw upon. so that there will be funds available in the account

247 BENDER: Since SB 740 allows the employee to make the contribution. then it would seem to me that if you had the 1000 dollars needed to cover medical bills due on Monday then you could deposit the thousand dollars by Monday and be exempt from federal taxes

279 STEVEN KAFONY, Physical Therapy Organization: Explains the situation in regards to

Physical Therapists.

313 7KARL HUMISTON, Citizens for Health: Testifies in support of SB 710 and SB 740.

359 ELLEN PINNEY, Oregon Health Action Campaign: Testifies in opposition to SB 740

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006 JIM SEAGRAVES, Economist: Testifies in support of SB 74() (SEE EXHIBIT G)

096 SEAGRAVES: Responds to Sen. Kenner stating that he believes that they should be treated the same as those with private insurance

CHAIR BUNN: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 740

CHAIR BUNN: Recesses the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Reconvenes the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB .975

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Witnesses:

Jane Myers, Oregon Dental Association

Hersh Crawford, Asst. Director Of Oregon Department Of Human Resources

Ellen Pinney, Oregon Health Action Campaign

108 JANE MYERS, Oregon Dental Association: Testifies by reading Exhibit G and points out

problems that this bill brings up in concerns to dental work.

172 HERSH CRAWFORD, Assistant Director, DHR: Testifies in opposition To SB 975. (SEE

EXHIBIT H)

232 ELLEN PINNEY, Oregon Health Action Campaign Testifies in opposition to SB 975.

247 KENNER: Questions what percentage of reimbursement is being considered.

248 CRAWFORD: Seventy-five percent.

264 KENNER: Questions if they have someone with extensive needs. then the needs will be

spread out over a period time.

275 CRAWFORD: That is correct.

278 MCCOY: Questions what Ms Crawford s opinion based on'

282 CRAWFORD: It is based on about a lil/o savings.

315 MYERS: Responds to Sen. McCov: If a patient has a medical emergency, its likely that a dentist will see them and not bill the state because of the emergency, then you have a devious way of maintaining the dentist.

387 CRAWFORD: There is no good way to get at that number we have considered this and there is not a great deal of savings there Whatyou ,are doing is delaying services and there may be some savings by pushing the time of service into a later date. but the services still need to be provided.

408 HANNON: Questions what the emphasis of both programs are.

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05 CRAWFORD: I don t believe there is a difference in emphasis.

08 HANNON: Under the system of needs status we are getting out of the preventive care. It s more expensive.

020 CHAIR BUNN: Explains thc direction of thc future committcc meetings.  
Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 975

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CHAIR BUNN: Adjourns the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

Submitted by,

Patricia Wehrli  
Committce Assistar,`

Reviewed by.

Art Wilkinson  
Committcc Administrator

#### EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Testimony on SB 654--Muriel Goldman--10 pages
- B - Testimony on SB 654--Pam Patton-- I page
- C - Testimon on SB 654--Frank Armstrong--1 page
- D - StaffMeasurc Summar! on SB 710--Art Wilkinson--1 page
- E - TestimonN on SB 654--Judith L Rh~kh~--1 page
- F- Testimon on SB 740--Jim Seagraves--2 pages
- G - Testimonv on SB 975--Jane Myers-- I page
- H - Testimony on SB 975--Herh Crawford--1 page