

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Hearing Room
Tapes - 59

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Gene Derfler, Chair
Sen. Neil Bryant
Sen. Bob Kintigh
Sen. Bill McCoy
Sen. Randy Leonard

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Sen. Brady Adams, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Rita Thomas, Committee Counsel
Amy Baker, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

SB 339 Public Hearing
SB 340 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.

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002 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 339.

003 RITA THOMAS: Gives background on SB 339.

010 SEN. HAMBY: Testifies on the value of SB 339.[EXHIBIT A]

050 SEN. HAMBY: Continues testimony on SB 339. Describes how this programs is different from current related programs.

052 SEN. MCCOY How long do you intend to keep the youths in this program?

054 SEN. HAMBY: The length of their participation in the program is totally up to the courts.

070 CHAIR DERFLER: We already do this in Marion county, do you think that

we need a law?

073 SEN. HAMBY: This program would hopefully encourage judges to assign youths to do there required community serve through this program.

093 SEN. KINTIGH: Can the counties have these youths go out on state lands to perform these services?

096 SEN. HAMBY: The state is willing to be involved. The Department of Forestry is willing to be involved.

106 CHAIR DERFLER: Do you have an idea of the number of children who would be involved?

110 SEN. HAMBY: Numbers are hard to come by, there has been a investigation into the number of adults involved in Oregon's justice system. He will also be reporting today the number of juveniles involved.

132 SEN. KINTIGH: The youths providing restitution do not get compensated?

133 SEN. HAMBY: If there is compensation available, restitution to the injured party would be appropriate, however this can serve as a community service fulfillment.

141 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 339.

143 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 340.

148 RITA THOMAS: Gives background on SB 340.

155 GROVER SIMMONS: Representing the Independent Employer Association, Inc.
Gives testimony in favor of SB 340.[EXHIBIT B]

205 GROVER SIMMONS: Continues testimony on SB 340.

240 SEN. KINTIGH: How was there a general fund impact in related bills in the past?

245 GROVER SIMMONS: I simply do not know the answer.

295 SEN. LEONARD: Does this bill impact the benefit level of unemployment compensation at all?

298 GROVER SIMMONS: Not that I am aware of.

308 CHRIS APGAR: Representing the Employment Department.[EXHIBIT C]

340 DICK VAN PELT: Supervisor of Unemployment Programs Discusses the Department's focus in investigation of unemployment benefits claims

398 CHAIR DERFLER: For those your department finds don't qualify for benefits, your department doesn't get paid?

401 DICK VANPELT: No, only the ones we don't make a decision for .

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010 SEN. BRYANT: Do you have a suggestion to alleviate the problem which is trying to be resolved by SB 340, without effecting the general fund?

015 CHRIS APGAR: The issue here relates to retroactive investigation, therefore, additional workload and the need for additional employees.

050 DICK VANPELT: Discusses the funding of this bill.

085 GROVER SIMMONS: Clarifies the cases which would have to be investigated under this law.

112 CHAIR DERFLER: Questions which employers would be involved in these type of cases.

131 DICK VANPELT: Mr. Simmons, was correct when describing his particular case, but the employer, unlike his example does not usually submit such extensive information.

169 CHRIS APGAR: References page 2 of SB 340.

195 MIKE MCCOLLUM: Representing Oregon Restaurant Association. Testifying in favor of SB 340.

204 MIKE BENNET: Representing Shari's Corp. Testifying in favor of SB 340.

250 MIKE BENNET: I know that the state of Washington does operate a program like the one we are suggesting. It appears to work.

287 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 340.
Adjourns meeting.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Testimony on SB 339 - Sen. Jeannette Hamby - 1 page
- B - Testimony on SB 340 - Grover Simmons - 2 pages
- C - Testimony on SB 340 - Chris Apgar - 4 pages