

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Hearing Room
Tapes 33 - 135

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Gene Derfler, Chair
Sen. Brady Adams, Vice-Chair
Sen. Neil Bryant
Sen. Bob Kintigh
Sen. Bill McCoy
Sen. Randy Leonard

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Rita Thomas, Committee Counsel
Amy Baker, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

SB 769 - Public Hearing & Work Session
SB 464 - Public Hearing
SB 141 - Public Hearing & Work Session
SB 1134 - Public Hearing & Work Session
SB 153 - Public Hearing
SB 44 - 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.

TAPE 33, A

002 SEN. KINTIGH: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 769.

005 SEN. DERFLER: Begins testimony on SB 769.

035 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 769

038 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens WORK SESSION on SB 769.

039 MOTION: SEN. KINTIGH: Moves to ADOPT SB 769-1 and conceptual amendment .

VOTE: 4-1 MOTION PASSES
AYE: DERFLER, KINTIGH, ADAMS, BRYANT
NO: MCCOY
EXCUSED: LEONARD

050 MOTION: SEN. KINTIGH: Moves SB 769 AS AMENDED to the floor with a DO
PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 4-1 MOTION PASSES
AYE: DERFLER, KINTIGH, ADAMS, BRYANT
NO: MCCOY
EXCUSED: LEONARD

054 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes WORK SESSION on SB 769.

055 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 1134.

060 RITA THOMAS: Gives background on SB 1134.

065 JIM LOCKWOOD: Executive Assistant to the Oregon Department of Corrections. States that the department is taking a neutral position.

073 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses the purpose of this bill. The monies going into prisons should be used for the construction.

088 SEN. MCCOY: I think the art in the buildings should continue.

103 SEN. KINTIGH: Likens the situation to someone who is short on funds buying necessity such as food as oppose to buying items that are not as necessary.

115 JIM CRAVEN: Representing Oregon Advocates for the Arts. Testifying on SB 1134.. They are not in opposition of SB 1134. [EXHIBIT A]

160 JIM CRAVEN: Continues discussion of art in public institutions.

190 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 1134.

192 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens WORK SESSION on SB 1134.

196 MOTION: SEN. ADAMS: Moves SB 1134 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 4-1 MOTION PASSES
AYE: DERFLER, ADAMS, BRYANT, KINTIGH
NO: MCCOY
EXCUSED: LEONARD

205 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes WORK SESSION on SB 1134.

211 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 464.

212 BETSY BAILEY: Representing Associated Oregon Industries. Begins testimony on SB 464. Discusses the requesters deferment to HB 3282.

220 MOTION: SEN. MCCOY: Moves to TABLE SB 464.

VOTE: 1-4 MOTION FAILS
AYE: MCCOY
NO: DERFLER, BRYANT, ADAMS, KINTIGH
EXCUSED: LEONARD

230 MARSHA MARTIN: Representing the Oregon Commission for Child Care. Testifying against SB 464.[EXHIBIT B]

255 BONNIE HEITSCH: Representing the Oregon Commission for Child Care. Testifying against SB 464.

263 AMY KLARE: Representing AFL-CIO, testifying against SB 464.[EXHIBIT C]

286 CHAIR DERFLER: What is the federal policy on sick leave used for medical leave?

288 AMY KLARE: The federal law allows this to conform with the policies of the company.

292 MARY ANN GEST: Testifying against SB 464.[EXHIBIT D]

325 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 464.

328 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 141.

332 RITA THOMAS: Gives background on SB 141.

344 FRED MCDONNAL: Begins testimony on SB 141, discussing the problems that developed when OPB was privatized.

408 FRED MCDONNAL: Discusses which employees OPB would no longer be eligible for PERS.

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035 FRED MCDONNAL: Discusses the options of PERS members who will no longer be eligible for PERS in July.

060 BOB MUIR: Discusses the risk factor of the PERS fund becoming taxed.

092 SEN. ADAMS: Can we get an official remark from the IRS on the risk factor of this bill?

098 BOB MUIR: Discusses problems with getting an official remark from the IRS.

128 BOB MUIR: Speaks to the privatization of agencies and the employees impression that they would receive continued public employees benefits.

162 KIM DUNCAN: Gives history of transfer of OPB to a private agency.

187 DONNA CAMERON: Attorney for Oregon Public Broadcasting. Discusses the employees retirement options at the time of the transfer to a private agency.

225 DONNA CAMERON: Goes over the proposed amendments to SB 141.

265 DONNA CAMERON: Continues discussion of the proposed amendments, section 3.

300 DONNA CAMERON: Discusses accurarilly determined costs of the SB 141.

326 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 141.

328 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens WORK SESSION on SB 141.

329 MOTION : SEN. ADAMS: Moves to ADOPT SB 141-1 amendments.

VOTE: Hearing objections the MOTION PASSES.. Sen. McCoy and Sen. Leonard are excused.

347 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 44.

357 CATHY COOPER: Representing the Employment Department. Discusses Worker Profile Program. [EXHIBIT E]

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031 CATHY COOPER: Discusses the modeling for determining individuals who are more likely to exhaust their benefits.

042 TOM LYNCH: Acting Administrator , Research, Tax and Analysis, Employment Department. Discusses training programs.

062 CATHY COOPER: Generally the evaluation interview is done in person.

075 CATHY COOPER: Details specific activities in working through the reemployment services program.

120 CATHY COOPER: This is a federally mandated pilot program.

135 CATHY COOPER: Discusses section 3 related to self-employment ventures.

155 CATHY COOPER: This program is cost neutral.

165 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 44.

167 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 153.

170 TOM LYNCH: Acting Administrator , Research, Tax and Analysis, Employment Department. [EXHIBIT F]

200 TOM BYERLEY: Manager of Benefits, Employment Department. Testifies on the Extended Unemployment Insurance for Dislocated Workers.

240 TOM BYERLEY: Gives background on the program. Worker profiling.

285 TOM BYERLEY: Discusses the prior use of lottery dollars to fund the program.

311 SEN. ADAMS: Question the testimony on SB 153 related to follow-up of success rate without using wages as a measurement?

340 TOM LYNCH: Discusses the rationale for the results of this program.

390 TOM LYNCH: Discusses the data the department is trying to gather to determine the success of the programs.

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020 TOM BYERLEY: The goal is to promote a short term training program.

036 ROGER ALERBACK: Acting director of the Employment Department. Discusses Jobs-Plus.

060 CHAIR DERFLER: Is there a need for these programs here in Oregon since the state's unemployment rate is relatively low?

062 ROGER ALERBACK: Reemployment has a lower turn around rate but the training is not as extensive.

082 ELLEN PALMER: SWPK program. Testifying in favor of SB 153. [EXHIBIT G]

150 ELLEN PALMER: Continues discussion on the reemployment/training program.

195 WAYNE GRAHAM: Dislocated worker. Testifies on his experience in retraining programs.

240 WAYNE GRAHAM: Discusses his new work experience.
255 SHERIDAN LEE: Testifies on his experience in the wood industry.
305 BRAD WITT: AFL-CIO. In support of SB 153.
331 MARY STONE: Retrained worker, testifying on the success she had with
the program.
375 MARY STONE: Continues testimony on becoming a better qualified
employee.

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027 MARY STONE: Continues testimony on retraining.
035 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 153.
036 CHAIR DERFLER: Adjourns meeting.
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - Testimony on SB 1134 - Jim Craven - 2 pages
B - Testimony on SB 464 - Marsha Martin - 1 page
C - Testimony on SB 464 - Amy Klare - 2 pages
D - Testimony on SB 464 - Mary Ann Gest - 1 page
E - Testimony on SB 44 - Tom Lynch/Cathy Cooper - 5 pages
F - Testimony on SB 153 - Tom Lynch/Tom Byerley - 16 pages
G - Testimony on SB 153 - Ellen Palmer - 12 pages