

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Hearing Room
Tapes 46 - 147

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Gene Derfler, 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:

HB 2058 - Public Hearing & Work Session
HB 2437 - Public Hearing & Work Session
SB 783 - Public Hearing & Work Session
SB 35 - Public Hearing & Work Session

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report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE 46, A

002 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on HB 2058.

008 JACK ROBERTS: Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries. Testifying in favor of HB 2058.

025 JACK ROBERTS: Discusses the cost of the program.

045 DONNA HUNTER: Manager of the Unemployment Insurance Tax Section. [EXHIBIT A]

057 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on HB 2058.

058 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens WORK SESSION on HB 2058.

060 motion: SEN. LEONARD: Moves to ADOPT the HB 2058 A2 amendments.

VOTE: Hearing no objections motion passes. Sen. McCoy is excused.

067 motion: SEN. LEONARD: Moves HB 2058 A as amended to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 4-0. MOTION PASSES.
AYE: DERFLER, LEONARD, KINTIGH, BRYANT
NO: NONE
EXCUSED: MCCOY

075 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes WORK SESSION on HB 2058.
076 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on HB 2437.
078 REP. NAITO: Testifying in support of HB 2437.
093 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes PUBLIC HEARING on HB 2437.
096 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens work session on HB 2437.
098 MOTION: SEN. KINTIGH: Moves HB 2437A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 4-0. MOTION PASSES.
AYE: DERFLER, LEONARD, KINTIGH, BRYANT
NO: NONE
EXCUSED: MCCOY

103 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 783.
104 RITA THOMAS: Gives background on SB 783.
108 STEVEN BRYANT: City of Redmond. Gives background on SB 783.[EXHIBIT B]
155 MICHAEL DALE: Oregon Legal Services. Testifying against SB 783.
195 MICHAEL DALE: Continues testimony describing how the current rules work for employers.
245 MICHAEL DALE: Suggests to the committee to take a look at secured interest. Employers should not use future wages of an employee for secured interest, but rather property or some other material object that the employee owns.

300 SEN. BRYANT: Discusses wage assignments under current law.
328 STEVEN BRYANT: Describes the situation from which the bill came.
380 SEN. LEONARD: Asks why the waiver change is needed.
400 STEVEN BRYANT: Discusses why the change is desired for the employer and employee.

TAPE 147, A

021 MICHAEL DALE: Discusses case scenario where wages could be withheld unfairly.
056 STEVEN BRYANT: Discusses the calculation of wages and penalties owed by the former employer.
111 STEVEN BRYANT: Continues discussion of the formula to determine the penalty.
140 JACK ROBERTS: Begins testimony on SB 783. Testifies on the employer's

rights in withholding benefits.

190 JACK ROBERTS: Discusses amendments to SB 783.

235 SEN. BRYANT: Discusses advances/loans in terms of wage withholdings.

269 CHAIR DERFLER: Closes public Hearing on SB 783.

273 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 35.

279 RITA THOMAS: Gives background on SB 35. [EXHIBIT C]

320 JOE BREWER: Department of Consumer and Business Services. The conceptual amendments as described make the system a little easier for the customers.

350 JOE BREWER: The goal is to address the issue of building codes in a uniform manner.

TAPE 146, B

020 WES HARE: Describes his experience as a city administrator dealing with permits.

065 WES HARE: Discusses the positive points of having the inspectors and permits on the local level.

100 BILL BROWN: We are looking for services that can provide one stop shopping for our customers. [EXHIBIT D]

123 BILL BRANDON: Representing the City of Happy Valley. Discusses his hesitation in giving the control to the counties.

145 GLENN HAVENER: Oregon Building Officials Association. Testifies on the amendments and the conceptual amendment.

195 GLENN HAVENER: Discusses appeals at the local level and to the state boards.

235 GLENN HAVENER: It is necessary to have a statewide uniform standard.

265 CHAIR DERFLER: If you don't improve the services than the cost increase in services does not seem right.

280 GLENN HAVENER: Challenges the notion that with the -1 and -2 amendments the cost of services would be raised.

333 GLENN HAVENER: There are places where the state has been subsidizing services.

375 CHAIR DERFLER: I think the goal is put the responsibility with the accountability in inspections and permits.

TAPE 147, B

011 GLENN HAVENER: Lists all of the parties involved in the discussion and changes to building codes.

040 RAY KERRIDGE: City of Portland. Also agrees to the -1 and -2 amendments.

078 GERRY MCKEE: City of Hillsboro. Discusses the perspective of being a city of over 30,000 people.

115 LARRY PATTERSON: City Manager of Bend. Discusses his opposition to the conceptual amendments.

150 GORDON FULTZ: Discusses his favoring of -1 and -2 amendments.

190 DON WOODLEY: Building official. Discusses county building programs.

235 DON WOODLEY: Discusses the appeals in the county.

270 DON WOODLEY: I would make some changes, maybe toward a regional office for providing services.

325 DON WOODLEY: Discusses the counties and cities process of working together.

348 CHAIR DERFLER: Adjourns meeting.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Testimony on HB 2058 - Donna Hunter - 3 pages
- B - Testimony on SB 783 - Steven Bryant - 2 pages
- C - Testimony on SB 35 - Committee Staff - 1 page
- D - Testimony on SB 35 - William Brown - 3 pages