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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
SB 152

June 8, 1995 Hearing Room H170
10:00 AM Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Stan Bunn, Chair
Rep. Kate Brown
Sen. Randy Leonard
Rep. Lynn Lundquist

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Brady Adams
Rep. Lynn Snodgrass

STAFF PRESENT:

Art Wilkinson, Administrator

Mary Gallagher, Assistant

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003 CHAIR BUNN: Calls the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

I would like to recommend to the committee the following action, and open
it up for discussion: I'd like to recommend that the committee adopt the SB

152-B35 amendment, which would have the effect of removing the issue of the

employer mandate from SB 152. The employer mandate issue is dealt with in
an identical manner in SB 1155, which passed the Senate last night and is
on its way to the House. By dealing with the employer mandate in a separate

bill, it allows us the opportunity to deal with the health care reforms in
SB 152 in a way that does not endanger the passage of those reforms. It
would be my hope that the committee could adopt those changes and limit the

changes to those that I've outlined.

016 SEN. LEONARD: Asks for clarification of the -B35 amendment. (Rep. Brown
and Chair Bunn clarify.)

019 CHAIR BUNN: It is my intent as Chair of this committee to work in such a

way that the issue of employer mandate repeal would move through the
legislative process first, so that in terms of those two bills, the
employer mandate issue would get to the Governor's desk first, and SB 152
to the Governor's desk second.

024 REP. LUNDQUIST: I'm in agreement with that, but I understand there's
word that the Senate may walk out of here at any time; I want to be assured

that the employer mandate isn't going to get sidetracked. How long does the
House have to meet before we can take action on it?

029 CHAIR BUNN: I would suggest two things: First of all, that while we
agree in Conference Committee, that we all hold off on signing this
Committee Report until I can report to all of the conferees on the status
of those things. It is my recommendation that the employer mandate bill, SB

1155, go to the Rules Committee. I have been working to try to assure that
there would be no Minority Reports. The Democratic Caucus in the Senate
cooperated with no Minority Reports. If we can get that in the House, it
should move through successfully, but by holding off on signing this
Conference Committee Report, it gives an opportunity for me to report to
you on that issue.

038 MOTION: REP. BROWN: Moves that the SB 152-B35 amendments BE ADOPTED.

040 CHAIR BUNN: Restates motion; opens discussion.

041 VOTE: CHAIR BUNN: There being no objection, motion CARRIES 4-0.
Senator Adams and Representative Snodgrass are EXCUSED.

044 MOTION: SEN. LEONARD: Moves that SB 152, as further amended by this
Conference Committee, BE REPASSED.

045 CHAIR BUNN: Restates motion; opens discussion.

046 VOTE: CHAIR BUNN: There being no objection, motion CARRIES 4-0.
Senator Adams and Representative Snodgrass are EXCUSED.

052 ART WILKINSON, SHHS Committee Administrator: Please let staff resolve
any conflict amendments. There aren't any right now, but if any develop
between now and the time the bill goes out, staff will handle them.

055 CHAIR BUNN: Is there any objection to that request on the conflict
amendments? (No objections registered.) If not, it's so ordered.

058 CHAIR BUNN: Adjourns the meeting at 10:11 A.M.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Mary Gallagher Art Wilkinson
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

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