

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

February 22, 1993 Hearing Room 50 8:30 a.m. Tapes 37 - 39

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bob Repine, Chair Rep. Hedy Rijken, Vice-Chair
Rep. Lisa Naito Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen Rep. Cynthia Wooten

STAFF PRESENT: Janet McComb, Committee Administrator Debbie
Schieno, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2024 - Work Session Informational
Meeting Overview of rural hospital concerns

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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. [--- Unable To Translate
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003 CHAIR REPINE: Calls the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING - OVERVIEW OF RURAL HOSPITAL CONCERNS

020 SEN. EUGENE TIMMS, DISTRICT 30: Outlines issues of rural health
care and the history behind the bill. -Does not want to see the program
end under Ballot Measure 5. -Once a hospital is closed, it will never
come back to the community.

067 REP. GREG WALDEN, DISTRICT 56: Spoke to the rural health care
issues. -179 of the 223 incorporated cities and towns in Oregon have
less than

5,000 population. -More than half of the rural towns have no physician.
-Among towns with 2,000 population, almost 3/4 have no physician.
-158,000 migrant and seasonal farm workers without adequate access to

health care. -125,000 Oregonians live in 38 designated health
manpower shortage

areas.

140 REP. NAITO: Would the Oregon Health Care Plan have any effect on
this issue?

145 SEN. TIMMS: No.

158 REP. NAITO: Can telecommunications help?

167 SEN. TIMMS: The EDNET program is being used in many of the
hospitals. WORK SESSION HB 2024

213 JANET MCCOMB, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Reviews the bill.

247 JAN SULLIVAN, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE: Responds to questions and submits outline of the bill (EXHIBIT A).

276 MOTION: Rep. Rijken moves HB 2024 to the full Commerce Committee with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion carries.

REP. NAITO will lead discussion in the full Commerce Committee.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

300 ED PATTERSON, REPRESENTING OREGON ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITALS: Introduces Alan Yordy and outlines the testimony to be presented.

359 ALAN YORDY, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITALS: Submits and reviews testimony on rural health care issues (EXHIBIT B).

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001 YORDY: Continues testimony.

107 REP. WOOTEN: Uncompensated care?

126 YORDY: It is not calculated. We anticipate our area we will go from approximately 2,500 individuals covered under the state medicaid program to approximately 4,800. -If we do not see cost base reimbursement, the uncompensated care may

actually increase.

150 REP. WOOTEN: Do you support long term tax reform?

YORDY: Long term reform is needed. We stand ready to support reform.

176 CHAIR REPINE: With the changes in federal assistance in the medical arena, will there be additional burdens?

YORDY: Suggests freezing payments on medicare to hospitals, although this could add other burdens, including increased uncompensated care.

224 PATTERSON: Speaks to cost shifting.

236 JIM CARLSON, OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Submits and reviews testimony on the rural health care issues (EXHIBIT C).

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024 TOM TURNER, STATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION: Explains the loan repayment program.

077 BRIAN DELASHMUTT, OREGON NURSES ASSOCIATION: Introduces Kathleen Puffenbarger, Family Nurse Practitioner.

082 KATHLEEN PUFFENBARGER, FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER: Submits and reviews testimony (EXHIBIT D).

202 REP. NAITO: What percentage of children get primary care in the

first years of life?

210 PUFFENBARGER: The well child program is excellent.

235 DELASHMUTT: Spoke to the rural health care program.

335 KAREN WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH, OREGON HEALTH SCIENCE UNIVERSITY: Speaks to Rep. Naito's question regarding the Oregon Health Plan and the impact on rural communities. -Submits and reviews testimony (EXHIBIT E).

399 DR. J.S. RIENSCHMIDT, ASSOCIATE DEAN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DIRECTOR, AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAM: Describes the Area Health

Education Center Program.

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035 RIENSCHMIDT: Funding for the program is a three to one match of federal programs to state and local funds. -Examples of the program. -Refers to maps in packet regarding distribution of nursing, medical and resident positions throughout the state.

095 REP. NAITO: What are the living accommodations for the six week rotations?

RIENSCHMIDT: The AHEC program pays for the lodging and the individual AHEC's search out the places, making all of the arrangements.

117 DR. LESLIE HALLOCK, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, OREGON HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY: Outlines the BICC (Biomedical Information and

Communication Center) program. -Five examples of services BICC is delivering to rural areas.

254 WHITAKER: Summarizes issues of inadequate supplies of rural practitioners, fragile nature of rural hospitals, and lack of health

care resources for small rural communities. -Focuses on resources provided to the office of rural health (See

Exhibit E). TAPE 39, SIDE A

001 WHITAKER: Continues testimony.

018 CHAIR REPINE: How does Oregon rank among other states regarding rural medical concerns?

025 WHITAKER: Oregon has a good reputation nationally as a leader in innovative rural health care programs.

050 JEFF BUTLER, PRESIDENT, OREGON RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION: Submits and reviews testimony on rural health issues (EXHIBIT F).

172 FRANCINE BOULLOSA, OREGON SOCIETY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS: Submits and reviews testimony on the rural health issues (EXHIBIT G).

275 CHAIR REPINE: Adjourns the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Debbie Schieno
Administrator

Janet McComb Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

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