

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

May 7, 1993 Hearing Room D 8:30 a.m. Tape 37 - 38

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Eldon Johnson, Chair Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen,
Vice-Chair Rep. Lee Beyer Rep. Lisa Naito Rep. Michael Payne Rep. Bob
Repine Rep. Hedy Rijken Rep. Charles Starr Rep. John Watt

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bob Tiernan Rep. Cynthia Wooten

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Johnston, Committee Administrator Janet
McComb, Committee Administrator Kimberly Burt, Committee Assistant

Informational meeting: Trade and Economic Development Issues

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002 CHAIR JOHNSON: Calls the meeting to order. (8:35 a.m.)

SENATOR JOYCE COHEN, SENATE DISTRICT 13: Introduces Joe Cortright.

025 JOE CORTRIGHT, ADMINISTRATOR, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE: Describes charts, (EXHIBIT A).

REP. WATT: You are assuming a single income, when referring to a
family of four?

CORTRIGHT: Yes; continues summarizing informative materials, see
Exhibit A.

070 CORTRIGHT: Summarizing annual wages and job market.

080 REP. BEYER: Does the picture show the shifting of jobs?

CORTRIGHT: There have been wage declines in a wide variety of
sectors; electronics is an industry where wages have gone up.

_ In a global economy, we don't have the opportunity to return to where
people with low skills can earn wages; that is a good example of
the kinds of pressures.

140 REP. VANLEEUEWEN: On the second page, chart one,
showing Oregon's unemployment, what is true for my district isn't true
for Oregon.

REP. BEYER: When we get outside of Portland, how does the rest of the
state compare?

CORTRIGHT: There are variations in the state in terms of economic
health; over a twenty year period, most of the state has grown.

185 SENATOR COHEN: Describes what the senate has tried to do when disBursing the lottery funds.

_ We have policy set as line items in each bill when we get to those.

225 SENATOR COHEN: Describes 1076; workforce bill; submits informative material, see Exhibit A.

_ In 1076, you will find projects that link education and training in K-12 and community colleges, along with higher education.

360 SENATOR COHEN: Describes skill centers.

_ We are trying to get a better working relationship with K-12 and community colleges; we are expecting the business community to be active.

_ There are new additions in nursing education and physician assistant training; we are also looking at some apprenticeships going into the medical field.

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040 SENATOR COHEN: Discusses displaced worker program; there is six million dollars dedicated to that area.

_ Describes key industry training and industrial modernization.

_ Part of what we demand is outcomes; the information system in Employment Division will give us an indication.

100 SENATOR COHEN: The Workforce Quality Council is to coordinate dollars, managing them appropriately, so that all those delivering workforce training are coordinating.

REP. BEYER: How many regions are there?

CORTRIGHT: Fifteen.

160 REP. WATT: We have numerous amounts of training programs funded; are all of them to be overseen by the Council?

SENATOR COHEN: Yes, that is the coordinating body.

220 SENATOR COHEN: Describes SB 755; submits informative materials, see Exhibit A.

REP. WATT: Is the regional strategy effective; is it being run effectively?

SENATOR COHEN: It was a creature of the Goldschmidt administration; there has been an evaluation done and it said that the performance outcomes are so loose that you can't measure the outcome well; it had been a powerful incentive for local governments to work together.

270 REP. BEYER: Have you looked at what counties are getting from video poker?

SENATOR COHEN: We didn't.

CORTRIGHT: The last number was about ten to twelve million dollars; I will get an exact number; I believe it is divided between the counties.

REP. BEYER: We need to look at the formula.

CORTRIGHT: We did look at all the forms of funding that go to local governments.

SENATOR COHEN: Continues summarizing informative material on SB 775 , see Exhibit A.

450 SENATOR COHEN: Continues describing SB 775.

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037 SENATOR COHEN: Describes light rail planning.

_ Discuss OPB funding.

145 REP. BEYER: We are caught up in the effects of Measure 5 now, but it is important that we spend time on this. REP. WATT: Has the Appropriations Committee started work on this?

CORTRIGHT: Yes.

166 CHAIR JOHNSON: We are adjourned. (9:50 a.m.)

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - Informational hearing on Trade and Economic Development issues:
Informative materials submitted by Senator Cohen, pp 10