

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR

June 23, 1993 Hearing Room D 8:30 a.m. Tapes 143 - 144

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Watt, Chair

Rep. Lee Beyer Rep. Michael Payne

Rep. Charles Starr

Rep. Bob Tiernan

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Johnston, Committee Administrator Kristina
McNitt, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2348

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002 CHAIR WATT: Calls the meeting to order. (10:30 a.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING HB 2348 Witnesses: Geoff Guilfooy, Worker's Comp. Larry
Young, Worker's Comp. Irv Fletcher, Oregon AFL-CIO Peter Kohler,
President OHSU Dr. Kent Anger, Assoc. Director, CROET

007 MARILYN JOHNSTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Gives overview of bill
and submits preliminary staff measure summary, -2 LC and machine
engrossed amendments (EXHIBIT A).

027 GEOFF GUILFOY AND LARRY YOUNG, WORKERS COMP. DIVISION:
Summarizes changes in bill encompassed by the -2 amendments. The new
amendments incorporate the -1 amendments, some housekeeping changes,
and repeals current funding for CROET program, July 1, 1995. Deletes
the emergency clause.

060 REP. WATT: Have you seen the language proposed by the Health
Sciences University?

062 GUILFOY: We have discussed the report. We want one that is
detailed enough to show where the cents-per-day funding is being
utilized.

073 REP. TIERNAN: Is the money you will receive going to
increase from last year?

077 YOUNG: It looks like it will be less.

089 PETER KOHLER, KENT ANGER, & LOIS DAVIS ALL REPRESENTING CROET:
Explains program and supports bill.

103 DR. ANGER: Passes out information on program (EXHIBIT B) and speaks to agency. Sketches employee numbers and educations, facilities, grant request programs, and current research and field study programs.

163 REP. WATT: When you say you are using new methods to predict toxicology, are you speaking of new chemicals being introduced to industry or of those already being used?

175 DR. ANGER: We have information on only a fraction of the chemicals being used throughout the world today.

182 REP. WATT: Is there a duplication of service between the federal programs and this state one?

189 DR. ANGER: I've worked at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and know the funding is so low that there isn't really even any basic research programs. There has been a study identifying areas that should be researched and target goals, however.

202 DR. ANGER: Continues overview of CROET programs and research.

268 REP. WATT: Knowing that carpal tunnel is a major contributor to worker's comp. claim injuries, how far along are you there?

279 DR. ANGER: We are just starting with a questionnaires.

280 REP. TIERNAN: I've been to the national trade shows and NIOSH functions where all this research information is made available. Aren't there a lot of different types of organizations researching this same issue?

296 DR. ANGER: That is true. We are studying the medical treatment with people who have developed carpal tunnel. We don't believe there is any other program that is looking at this issue from this angle.

310 DR. ANGER: Continues outlining programs.

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003 DR. ANGER: Continues testimony. 022 REP. WATT: There are some conceptual amendments proposed. On page 7, line 33 delete "the director" and insert the language, "the Board of Higher Education with a copy to the director describing the activities in sufficient detail for which monies received under the this section during". You've seen the conceptual amendments proposed today? And you agree with them?

037 DR. ANGER: Yes.

038 REP. TIERNAN: Please give us some actual success stories you've experienced in the last few years.

045 DR. ANGER: Early onset of Parkinson's disease, development of baseline data, ... (see exhibit b)

057 IRV FLETCHER, OREGON AFL-CIO: Proud to support the 1985 Session legislation that created this program and supportive of this bill today. Need more research dedicated to these questions.

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MOTION: REP. BEYER: Moves -2 amendments with conceptual changes.

MOTION: REP. BEYER: Moves bill as amended to the full House Commerce Committee with a due pass recommendation.

VOTE: IN A ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Kristina McNitt,
Committee Administrator

Marilyn Johnston, Committee Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG

A - HB 2348 preliminary staff measure summary, -2 LC and machine engrossed amendments, revenue impact statement submitted by staff, pp. 14.

B - HB 2348 written testimony presented by Dr. Anger, pp. 15.