

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR

January 22, 1993 Hearing Room D 8:30 a.m. Tapes 9 - 10

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Watt, Chair Rep. Lee Beyer Rep. Michael Payne Rep. Charles Starr Rep. Bob Tiernan

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Johnston, Committee Administrator Rick Gaupo, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2175 - Public Hearing

HB 2179 - Public Hearing

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TAPE 9, SIDE A

006 Chair Watt: Calls the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and open Public Hearing on HB 2175

HB 2175 - Clarifies provisions on contributions to qualified football coaches plan.

WITNESSES: Ron Anderson, Oregon State System Of Higher Education (OSSHE)

014 Administrator Johnston: Summarizes HB 2175 - Exhibit A

020 Ron Anderson: Ron Anderson, of Higher Education Personal Division, speaks from written testimony - Exhibit B.

040 Chair Watt: Does the board make matching contribution?

046 Ron Anderson: No. There are no matching contributions. The coach allows the state to reduce his/her salary by a given amount. That amount goes to the football coaches' association pension fund in the coach's name.

052 Chair Watt: If a coach's contribution was \$1,000 a year, the coach's salary is then reduced by \$1,000 and the state contributes \$1,000 to the designated qualified coach's plan?

060 Ron Anderson: That is correct.

063 Rep. Beyer: Is the Attorney General comfortable with the proposed bill?

065 Ron Anderson: Yes. This language represents consensus amongst all concerned.

070 Rep. Beyer: Is this a trend among coaches for all sports?

073 Ron Anderson: This is not clear. We don't know of any other

efforts.

081 Chair Watt: Closes Public Hearing on HB 2175 and Opens Public Hearing on HB 2179

HB 2179 - Allows employee or contractor of utility company or energy service provider to install low-flow water conservation fixtures in existing plumbing fixtures.

WITNESSES: Mike Grainey, Department of Energy Bev Hayes, Department of Energy Greg Teeple, Building Trades Greg Wright, Plumber Paul Raab, PHCC Tom O'Connor, Oregon Municipal Electrical Utilities Sandy Flicker, Rural Electrical Association

087 Administrator Johnston: Summarizes HB 2179 - Exhibit C

092 Chair Watt: Calls Mike Grainey and Bev Hayes.

094 Mike Grainey: Reads testimony - Exhibit D.

143 Bev Hayes: Our department does support this bill.

150 Rep. Tiernan: Why is this bill necessary?

153 Mike Grainey: Under current law, utility personnel, if they are not a license plumber, cannot install any plumbing fixtures.

156 Rep. Tiernan: Does the utility's liability cover the worker and protect the home owner?

160 Mike Grainey: Yes, but there are still Building Code laws that prohibit unlicensed professionals from certain type of work.

169 Rep. Tiernan: Is there not a law that requires a bond to cover this type of activity?

174 Mike Grainey: The issue here is not the bond but the licensing.

177 Rep. Tiernan: Would a utility company have to get a \$25,000 bond to install a fixture on your shower.

183 Mike Grainey: Current building laws preclude them from doing this, unless the person is a licensed plumber. This is the problem.

196 Rep. Tiernan: What type of bodily injury can occur in installing a toilet?

199 Mike Grainey: Usually none. The concern is that the non-licensed plumber would work beyond their scope of knowledge.

212 Chair Watt: Calls Greg Teeple, Gary Wright and Paul Raab.

216 Gary Teeple: What questions do you have?

232 Chair Watt: What concerns really are there?

237 Paul Raab: We are in favor of energy conservation, but there does not need to be new legislation. You must be a plumber to install water devices. There is always the danger of contamination if code

is not followed.

269 Rep. Starr: What would be the added cost to the public if only plumbers were allowed to install these fixtures?

280 Paul Raab: If our contracts were given access to these low-flow shower heads, our contractors could install them in five minutes. We could act as salesman. And we could install them for free.

317 Rep. Beyer: How could there be no additional cost when a utility operators suggest the new faucets? Would plumbers install theses fixtures for free?

330 Paul Raab: This is one of the points that need to be negotiated with the utilities.

338 Chair Watt: Calls Tom O'Connor and Sandy Flicker.

340 Tom O'Connor: Four mega watts of conservation will come through the shower head program in our territories.

390 Chair Watt: How much is four mega watts in terms that we an understand? 392 Tom O'Connor: Trogen outputs 600-700 mega watts. The shower head program is one of the most efficient ways to save energy.

443 Rep. Payne: Would volunteers still be precluded form applying theses low-flow shower heads?

445 Tom O'Connor: This bill would not cover volunteers. Volunteers should curtail their services to surveying and allow licensed professionals or the homeowners to install the fixtures.

TAPE 10, SIDE A

042 Sandy Flicker: We use volunteers to distribute to homeowners who then install the new shower head themselves. We would like utility workers to also be able to install these shower heads.

062 Chair Watt: Calls back Greg Teeple and Gary Wright.

085 Gary Wright: The real concern is in the older places - rusty pipes break, leaky faucets cause rot and flow restricters cause back pressures that could burst out hot or cold water at unexpected times. This really is really a matter of education. The trades could do a full service water conservation program going far beyond the incomplete shower-head program.

120 Rep. Tiernan: If this law is passed could you install a shower without a \$25,000 bond in to your mother's house?

128 Gary Wright: Yes, because of the exemptions of family members. Third parry volunteers however, could not.

137 Rep. Tiernan: If this law was passed in some rural counties it would cost \$75 to call a plumber to install this shower head.

147 Chair Watt: Calls back Mike Grainey.

152 Mike Graine: In the average home space heating is 1/2 of the energy bill. Hot water heating is second with 1/4 of the energy bill. A low-flow shower head saves 30 gallons a day, reducing flow by a 1/3 to a 1/2. Faucets restricters could add an additional four gallons a day. This is a saving of around 10% of the energy out put by Trogen.

This law was not drafted to address the volunteer question.

199 Rep. Tiernan: Cost of shower head?

201 Mike Graine: \$1-5. 202 Rep. Tiernan: Cost of plumber?

203 Mike Graine: Much larger.

207 Rep. Payne: What is 40 mega watts in terms of Salem?

212 Mike Graine: It would not cover Salem, but it would sure help out.

233 Chair Watt: Calls Paul Raab.

234 Paul Raab: As long as the work is volunteer, the work is not against the law.

243 Chair Watt: Would not the volunteer still be liable?

244 Paul Raab: Yes.

246 Chair Watt: Closes Public Hearing on HB 2179 at 9:17 a.m.

Submitted by Reviewed by

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Exhibit Log:

A - HB 2175 Staff B - HB 2175 Ron Anderson C - HB 2179 Staff D - HB 2179
Michael Graine