

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR

January 29, 1993 Hearing Room D 8:30 a.m. Tapes 14 - 15

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: Informational Meeting

HB 2133 - Public Hearing [--- Unable To Translate Graphic ---]

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TAPE 15, SIDE A

008 Chair Watt calls the meeting to order at 8:30 and open informational meeting on EDIN Touchscreen by the Employment Division and Public Hearing on HB 2133

HB 2133 - Authorizes Employment Division to implement special unemployment compensation programs for which federal funds are available.

WITNESSES: Pamela Mattson, Employment Division Catherine Ramsey, ED Richard Van Pelt, ED Jay Smith, Public Knowledge Garry Brodsky, Public Knowledge

017 Panel of witnesses come forward - Pamela Mattson, Catherine Ramsey, Jay Smith, Garry Brodsky > Pamela Mattson, Administrator, Employment Division, reviews prepared testimony (EXHIBIT A).

050 Jay Smith, Public Knowledge gives the history of and describes the initiatives of the project > Division wants to be seen as the employment division and not the unemployment office > Describes EDIN, Employment Division Information Network 100 Five user teams coordinating the Employment Division initiatives > Human Resources - training > Customer choice - for both job seekers and employers > Stream lining > Enhance services - aims to enrich services > Pilot program in Eugene and Springfield

174 Gerry Brodsky, General Knowledge, describes the Eugene and Springfield pilot project. > ED placed in various places to discover what area is most needed > ED will have Spanish versions > Users will be able to file unemployment on EDIN > The placement of EDIN will require training of staff to redirect their energy to find people jobs

270 Video on EDIN - 3 minutes

340 Chair Watt and Panel enter into discussion > Possibilities of other agencies use EDIN such as DMV or fishing license > Employment Division elected to first get the program going and then see how to expand to other agencies > EDIN capable of receiving input from user

TAPE 15, SIDE A

028 Vice-Chair Beyer and Panel discuss what other states are using similar programs - Hawaii and California

040 Rep. Tiernan and Panel discuss various aspects of EDIN > Cost of EDIN \$15,000 for the unit, plus tele-communications cost plus development cost > EDIN does not replace employees because the Employment Division is taped out and can now enter into new activities 100 > 15-20 EDIN machines in Eugene and Springfield. Still figuring out how many though out the state. \$3 million in the pilot project 134 > Employment Division is training staff to take over the operation of EDIN

159 Chair Watt and Panel discuss the increased number of people the Employment Division is serving

188 Chair Watt calls a recess at 9:12 a.m. to test EDIN. Chair Watt reconvening Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

200 Richard Van Pelt, Employment Division, reviews prepared testimony (EXHIBIT B). Supports HB 2131

347 Rep. Tiernan ask for a flowchart or time line on how one receives unemployment benefits. > Rep. Tiernan ask what is the necessity of extending unemployment benefits? > Richard Van Pelt states that Oregonians face a longer term of unemployment than the federal mandate allows

TAPE 14, SIDE B

022 Rep. Tiernan and Richard Van Pelt discuss if Oregon is strengthening the requirements that persons prove that they are hunting for work. > Oregon's law differs from the federal law in that a person who fail to prove that they are looking for work can be reinstated for unemployment benefits once they start to look for work again

053 Chair Watt closes Public Hearing on HB 2133 and adjourns meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by

Reviewed by

Rick Gaupo
Committee Administrator

Marilyn Johnston Committee Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - HB 2133 Pamela Mattson B - HB 2133 Richard Van Pelt