

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR

February 1, 1993 Hearing Room D 8:30 a.m. Tapes 17 - 18

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Watt, Chair Rep. Lee Beyer Rep. Michael Payne Rep. Charles Starr Rep. Bob Tiernan Rep. Eldon Johnson, Ex-Officio

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2131 - Public Hearing

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TAPE , SIDE A

005 Chair Watt calls the meeting to order at 8:30 and opens Public Hearing on HB 2131.

HB 2131 - Modifies procedure for disclosure of information held by Employment Division.

WITNESSES: Christine Chute, Employment Division Donna Hunter, Employment Division Peter Grundfossen, Association of Oregon Housing Authorities

014 Administrator Johnston summarizes staff measure summary - (Exhibit A)

020 Christine Chute, Employment Division, reviews testimony - (Exhibit - B)

and explains handout - (Exhibit - C) > Section 1, Confidentiality  
100 > Chair Watt and Christine Chute discuss if this changes the old statute regarding the directors right of disclosure

120 > Section 2, Shared Work Plan, allows employers to reduce worker hours and allows employees to receive unemployment benefits > Donna Hunter, Employment Division, describes type of employers who use shared work plans and describes how the

employers tax rate would be affected 180 > Rep. Tiernan and Donna Hunter discuss the cost to the Employment Division 194 > Rep. Johnson supports shared work plan. Wants Employment Division to see how to expand utilization of the program.

Desires to know if the net cost is lower than if the employees went on straight unemployment?

Section 2, Shared Work Plan 240 > Chair Watt, Rep. Tiernan and

Donna Hunter discuss the time restrictions to employers use of shared work programs. > One year at a time with a one year separation of use > This is not designed for cyclical employers. 344 > Rep. Johnson ask that the Employment Division to look at how other states are using shared work programs 364 > Chair Watt and Donna Hunter discuss how the work share program is marketed 380 > Rep. Tiernan and Donna Hunter discuss how the program works > Employers do not pay taxes on unemployment wages > Employees are still working

TAPE 18, SIDE A

028 > Section 3, Local Government Benefit Trust Fund 061  
> Rep. Johnson and Christine Chute discuss payment policies

070 > Section 4-9, Determinations and Notice 102 > Chair Watt and Christine Chute discuss specific examples of notifications  
129 > Discuss time line of return on notices

182 > Section 18, Settlement Agreements

214 > Section 19, Penalty Tax Rate > 1% tax rate > 1% has the same yield as current penalties 280 > Rep. Johnson and Donna Hunter discuss penalties and the time line on which companies are in violation.

370 > Section 20, Employment Division Information Network

TAPE 17, SIDE B

017 Rep. Tiernan and Christine Chute discuss work share program (section 2) and they money the employer must pay back to the employee and to the

Employment Division. 076 > This proposed bill tries to make private and public employees pay the same amount 110 > Chair Watt ask Rep. Tiernan to meet with Employment Division 123 > Rep. Johnson and Rep. Tiernan discuss why this proposal would discourage employers to settle out of court

165 Peter Grundfossen, Association of Oregon Housing Authorities, summarizes testimony - (Exhibit - D) > Proposes an amendment to the bill - (Exhibit E)

235 Chair Watt ask Peter Grundfossen to work out the proposed change with the Employment Division.

284 Chair Watt closes Public Hearing on 2131 and adjourns meeting at 9:50

Submitted by

Reviewed by

Rick Gaupo

Marilyn Johnston Committee Clerk

Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - HB 2131 Staff B - HB 2131 Christine Chute C - HB 2131 Christine  
Chute D - HB 2131 Peter Grundfossen E - HB 2131 Peter Grundfossen1