

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR

March 8, 1993 Hearing Room D 8:30 a.m. Tapes 48 - 49
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
INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Overview on Workers' Compensation

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation
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proceedings, please refer to the tapes. - TAPE 48, SIDE A

003 Chair Watt calls the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Overview on Workers' Compensation

Witnesses: Sara Harmon, DIF Mary Neidig, Worker's Compensation Board

011 Sara Harmon, DIF, submits and summarizes prepared statement -
(EXHIBIT A) 126 > Rep. Tiernan and Chair Watt asks questions
about the preferred worker program 206 > Chair Watt and Rep.
Tiernan ask questions about workers' rights when working for a
non-complying employer 302 > Chair Watt and Rep. Tiernan ask
questions about why Oregon would choose to shoot for 25th in the country
and not 1st in regards to workers' comp issues 470 > Chair
Watt asks questions regarding palliative care - care which relieves
symptoms but does not necessarily heal the underlying condition

TAPE 49, SIDE A Sara Harmon continues her testimony
062 > Chair Watt asks questions about the manage care system
204 > Lists top 3 legislative bills presented this session 1)
HB 2042 - limits availability of claims information 2) Proposal to
expand the uses of the reemployment reserve 264 > Chair Watt
and Rep. Tiernan ask questions about site modification programs
322 3) HB 2045 - Raises penalties on non-complying employers
~ ~ > List of lesser proposals 354 1) HB 2038 -
Encouraging the report of fraud and abuse 2) HB 2046 - Concerning
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requirement on insurers 4) HB 2039 - Relates to third party injuries
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Sara Harmon continues her testimony 040 > Rep. Tiernan asks question
about work site modifications 072 > Sara Harmon concludes
presentation 085 Mary Neidig, Workers' Compensation Board, submits
and summarizes prepared statement - (Exhibit B) 127 > Mission,
accomplishments and goals (page 1) 259 > Benchmark and performance
measures (page 2) > Chair Watt asks questions about statutory
requirements (page 3) 338 > Productive improvements (page 3)

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Mary Neidig continues her testimony 006 > Workers Compensation
Board (page 4) 021 > Locations (page 5) 037 > Request for
hearings (page 6) > Chair Watt asks questions concerning requests for
hearings 100 > Backlog reduction plan (page 7) > Chair Watt asks
questions about board size to hear backlog request > Rep. Tiernan asks

questions about who represents the board 274 > Legislation for
this session 1) HB 2283 - elimination of board review of the crime
victim appeal cases 2) HB 2043 - re-expand the board

312 Chair Watt adjourns the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by Reviewed by Rick Gaupo Marilyn Johnston Committee
Clerk Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG: A - Sara Harmon, 4 pages B - Mary Neidig, 9 pages

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