

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS

June 14, 1993      Hearing Room E 6:00 p.m.      Tapes 10 - 11

MEMBERS PRESENT:                      Rep. Greg Walden, Chair Rep. Gene Derfler  
Rep. Bob Shiprack

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Simons, Committee Administrator

Rick Gaupo, Committee Clerk

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TAPE 10, SIDE A

007    Chair Walden calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

012    Ken Rutledge, Oregon Association of Hospitals, submits and summarizes prepared testimony (Exhibit A) 030    > Dissussion of graphs 060    > Discusson of pie chart 079    > Chair Walden asks about bad debts and charity costs > Rep. Derfler asks about bad debts and cost shift > Discussion of physicians' costs 208    > Only 10% of patients pay full billing price > Chair Walden asks whether the small business will be hurt the most. Yes, and that is the argument for a capitated plan 303    > Rep. Derfler asks how doctors deal with Medicare and Medicaid patients 323    > Discussion about provider tax > Chair Walden asks about the provider tax as a means for paying for the Oregon Health Plan. The association does not like it because it means they are paying for the services while at the same time being asked to lower their prices > Rep. Derfler asks what price changes there would be under a provider tax. Small hospitals would be hit the hardest

TAPE 11, SIDE A

003    Sen. Shoemaker, testifying before the committee, discusses the employer mandate > Discusses the principals of the Oregon Health Plan > Discusses cost shifting 041    > Discusses SB 935 - the employer mandate > Rep. Derfler asks what percent of the cost shift is due to uncovered employees. That is unknown

> Shoemaker states that until we come up with a better way we should stick to the employer mandate 130    > Discussion of SB 766, forming a committee of legislators and the Oregon Health Council > Have an insurance based on their state income tax form. If it is on their tax form it should be tax deductible on their federal form 210    > Rep. Derfler asks about both spouses working 240    > Chair Walden asks about ERISA. Just because ERISA is there does not mean we should not plan > Rep. Derfler warns about the problems that would be created by circumventing ERISA > Chair Walden asks about part-time employees. SB 766 addresses the issues > Rep. Derfler asks how to deal with

people new to the state. Have a 6-month registration period

TAPE 10, SIDE B

014 Ellen Pinney, Oregon Health Action Campaign, submits and summarizes prepared testimony (Exhibit B) > Discussion of waivers > Rep. Derfler asks about the 4 states that are seeking waivers from ERISA > Chair Walden asks what waivers are being sought 110 > Discusses an all-payer fee system

214 Chair Walden adjourns the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Ken Rutledge, 7 pages B - Ellen Pinney, 5 pages