

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS

June 15, 1993      Hearing Room E 6:00 p.m.      Tapes 12 - 13

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

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Simons, Committee Administrator

Rick Gaupo, Committee Clerk

MEETING AGENDA:                      Employer Health Insurance Programs

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TAPE 12, SIDE A

Chair Walden calls the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

010 Gary Christenson, Director of the Washington Health Plan, submits and summarizes prepared testimony (Exhibit A) > Discusses how the plan works and who is eligible and how it will

change with the the 1993 Health Care Act 200 > Answers members' questions > Rep. Derfler asks about cost shifting 237 > Chair Walden asks about the cost to the employer > Employers will have to pay for the insurance but that will be phased in > Rep. Shiprack asks whether this system has worked in counties that do not have managed care systems. Yes > Rep. Shiprack asks how this is acceptable politically when the whole state is not able to benefit from the program > Rep. Shiprack asks whether there is a commission. Yes, a board of commissioners > Rep. Derfler asks whether the employer will receive tax credits. Small employers will 370 > Chair Walden asks about mandates > Rep. Derfler asks whether other medical services are eligible. Yes > Rep. Derfler asks about spouse coverage > Employers cannot accept the basic plan if it is worse than their

existing plan

TAPE 13, SIDE A

040 Bruce Bishop, Kaiser Permanente, submits and summarizes prepared testimony (Exhibit B) 075 > Rep. Derfler asks about the level of benefits, cost, and eligibility 174 > Answers members' questions > Rep. Derfler asks about funding

200 Peggy Anet, League of Oregon Cities, submits and summarizes prepared testimony (Exhibit C) 269 > Chair Walden asks whether there will be a preexisting clause. Yes, perhaps 6 months 397 > Rep. Derfler asks about federal matching funds 427 > Chair Walden asks

how this idea would affect private insurance plans. Private plans could be incorporated into a group plan

TAPE 12, SIDE B

032 Gary Weeks and Ed Nieuburt of DIF, testifying before the committee, discuss 24-hour coverage > Gary Weeks discusses the history of the subject > Discussion of hurdles to 24-hour coverage > 6 states have passed 24-hour coverage, yet none have working models yet > 24-hour coverage is trying to get away from different costs for work and recreational accidents > Only Oregon was funded by the Robert Wood foundation to study 24-hour coverage 182 > Ed Nieuburt discusses the program 233 > Gary Weeks comments on how the program has been accepted

310 Chair Walden adjourns the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Gary Christenson, 33 pages B - Bruce Bishop, 6 pages C - Peggy Anet, 4 pages