

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS

June 8, 1993 Hearing Room E 6:00 p.m. Tapes 4 - 5

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

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Simons, Committee Administrator

Rick Gaupo, Committee Clerk

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Insurance Pool Governing Board
Office of Health Policy / Employer Mandate Planning

Group

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

OFFICE OF HEALTH POLICY / EMPLOYER MANDATE PLANNING GROUP

Chad Cheriell and Bob DiPrete submit and summarize testimony (Exhibit A)
> Description of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant >
Description of the Interagency Working Group > Introduction of the five
task forces 130 > Members ask about the current stage of the
task forces, the staff, and the length of the grant 170 >
Description of the Task Force on Population, Employment and
Insurance Statistics 194 > Chair Walden asks whether these
people use the census bureau to find out the numbers of households
without insurance 234 > Rep. Derfler asks who received the
grant, who provides the information, and who will receive the
information. The state received the grant and the information will be
provided to the governor 298 > Description of the Task Force on
Economic Impacts of Mandates On Business and the Work Force 320 >
Description of the Task Force on Policy and Technical Issues in
Implementation > Chair Walden asks whether any state uses hardship as a
factor. Only Hawaii and not very much > Chair Walden asks meaning of
"adverse selection" 429 > Description on the Task Force on
Administrative and Infrastructure Issues > The pay system is relatively
understood while the pay method holds several unknowns

TAPE 5, SIDE A

> Chair Walden asks whether the task force is
seriously looking at the play-only option. The task force is
looking for direction from the legislation 085 > Chair
Walden asks about the pay-or-play option 100 > Chair Walden asks
why this task force has not yet met. This task force still needs
data before forming > Discussion of when the task forces started 150

> Rep. Derfler asks what the goal of the commission is. To assist the state in implementing a health insurance program 172 > Discussion on the Task Force On Cost Containment 195 > Finishes testimony and answers members' questions > Chair Walden asks whether these task forces are dealing with the ERISA preemption

INSURANCE POOL GOVERNING BOARD

246 Rocky King, Administrator, submits and summarizes prepared testimony (Exhibit B) > Discussion of tax credit plan > Rep. Derfler asks what would increase the involvement > Chair Walden asks why employers do not join the program > Cost > Not many benefits for the employers > Employees do not support the program 380 > Rep. Derfler asks what rates would be needed to encourage more employers to participate

TAPE 4, SIDE B

002 > Discussion of various health insurance programs' costs and benefits > Discussion of "Value of 53.33 Premium" > The numbers of companies rejecting insurance has increased 050 > Description of various rates and benefits > Craig Urbani compares SB 1076 to King's plan 124 > Rep. Derfler asks what would be needed to increase participation 180 > Most sales are for companies with one to two employees 240 > Discussion on class of those covered: management or non-management 280 > Rep. Shiprack asks why the three boards are not merged together. There is a bill to do just that 320 > Rep. Derfler asks how much of a tax credit would be needed to get more employers to sign up 380 > Chair Walden cites a Wall Street Journal article (April 15, 1993, page a14) 440 > Rep. Shiprack suggests giving the tax credit to the employees

TAPE 5, SIDE B

006 > Discussion on how the tax credit works

054 > Comparison of companies who do not provide insurance and those who do

112 King summarizes his statements > Review of principals > Combination of paying for benefits

217 Rep. Shiprack asks Cheriell about the certificate of need

Chair Walden adjourns the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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