

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

February 8, 1993 Hearing Room E 8:30 a.m. Tapes 31 - 32

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mary Alice Ford, Chair Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Dennis Luke Rep. John Meek Rep. Frank Shields

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Beverly Stein Rep. Marilyn Dell

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Committee Administrator Barbara Porter, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Informational Meeting Vocational Rehabilitation Division Overview Commission for the Blind Overview

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

Overview - Vocational Rehabilitation Division

JOIL SOUTHWELL, ADMINISTRATOR, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DIVISION:

Presents overview of VRD, including: -mission statement -rehabilitation services -disability determination services -budget summary Vocational Rehabilitation Division Overview, continued

-collaborative efforts -rehabilitations services program Submits written overview (EXHIBIT A)

LYNNAE RUTTLEDGE, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, REHABILITATION SERVICES:
Summarizes Rehabilitation Services -reviews goals

The committee views a video, Making Changes, outlining six step program

170 RUTTLEDGE: Continues overview.

-partners with IBM and Goodwill Industries in Portland Area -DHRservice integration projects -school to work transition programs in twelve school districts -strong focus on community based services

-collaborative effort with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Benchmarks related to work and living wages and school to work transition are very important

Proposed reductions in budget will cut the Sheltered Services Program (SSP) (see page 5, exhibit A) -100 percent general funding -explanation of SSP -The program serves a very focused population that does not receive

other support -Responds to questions from the members

340 BILL BROWN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DIVISION:

-budget concerns -options considered

380 RUTTLEDGE: Explanation of difference in programs between Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division (MHDDSD) and Vocational

Rehabilitation Division. -budget reduction effects

BROWN: Disability Determination Services Program (DDS) -100 percent federally funded -eligibility

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BROWN: continues DDS overview -caseloads 040 -discussion of budgets 070 RUTTLEDGE: Explanation of decision package #22

085 SUSAN SRNEC, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, VRD: Explanation of decision package numbering system

RUTTLEDGE: Discussion of Workman's Compensation

BROWN: Discussion of budget

150 SOUTHWELL: Administrative costs have been minimalized

210 BROWN: Reduction in training costs -elimination of positions -Prioritization of clients

300 RUTTLEDGE: Elimination of Sheltered Services Program

Overview - Commission for Blind

360 CHUCK YOUNG, ADMINISTRATOR, COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND: Presents overview of Commission for the Blind -mission statement -benchmarks

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The committee views a video tape of news clips relating to the commission's programs

050 YOUNG: Continues overview -description of programs -programs for the visually impaired elderly

9:45 Rep. Dell arrives

190 YOUNG: Explanation of technological improvements

Summary of programs for persons with multiple disabilities

Discussion of benchmarks: -small business start ups -school to work transition -volunteer program

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YOUNG: Discussion of budget reductions -privatizing Oregon industries for the blind -Blind Enterprises of Oregon YOUNG: Budget reductions, continued -increase focus on transition from school to work -budget matching -lottery funds

CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Barbara Porter
Administrator

Melanie Zermer Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

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