

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REORGANIZATION

January 15, 1993 Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m. Tapes 3 - 4

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Watt, Chair Rep. Lonnie Roberts, Vice-Chair
Rep. Delna Jones Rep. Dave McTeague Rep. Cedric Hayden Rep. Michael
Payne Rep. Eldon Johnson Rep. Fred Girod Rep. Avel Gordly

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Sexton, Committee Administrator Edward
Klein, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Informational Meeting

WITNESSES: Doug Wilson, Legislative Fiscal Marc Overbeck,
Attorney General's Office

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TAPE 3, SIDE A

003 JOHN WATT, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Convenes meeting at 1:30 p.m.

012 ADRIENNE SEXTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Shows sunset review
and explains what it is.

056 REPRESENTATIVE CEDRIC HAYDEN: Asks if boards that have repeal
dates but aren't subject to review expire automatically.

057 SEXTON: They do not expire. -Explains. -Explains process of
sunset review.

105 REPRESENTATIVE FRED GIROD: Are most of these boards fee-driven?

108 SEXTON: Correct. -Some are other-funds driven. 118 HAYDEN: Are
there excess funds from these boards that come from fees and then go to
the general fund?

123 SEXTON: I have no personal knowledge. -At least one of these
boards can carry over the left overs.

133 HAYDEN: Mr. Chair, is this a problem?

138 WATT: We need to look into it.

147 WATT: Do we have something that tells us what each of these
boards does?

152 SEXTON: Each has a specific ORS section. -There is a senate bill that addresses this.

175 WATT: Where can we find that info?

177 SEXTON: We can get a copy before it's printed.

180 GIROD: In the governor's reorganization plan, how would these boards be affected?

184 WATT: A question was what specific legislation will do what.

189 SEXTON: Not sure yet.

197 GIROD: If that legislation passes/fails, there'll be a financial impact, and I wondered if it can be expediated . . .

202 WATT: We are trying to do that.

210 REPRESENTATIVE LONNIE ROBERTS, COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR: Speaks about sunset review. -Notes that sunset review has only taken out two boards. -Purpose of boards is for protection of public. -Some questions are very controversial & complicated. -True purpose is to eliminate unnecessary boards & commissions.

296 HAYDEN: How many boards have been added in that amount of time?

300 ROBERTS: I don't know exact numbers, but we've added more than we've taken out.

313 HAYDEN: Maybe we should set a limit to the number of boards.

316 ROBERTS: It's been suggested.

329 REPRESENTATIVE ELDON JONHSON: What you say about fees is true. -Once in boards, the fees go up suSB stantially.

369 HAYDEN: I agree. They seem to try to form monopolies. 382 REPRESENTATIVE DELNA JONES: Could staff find out what the annual fee structure is in dollars?

392 WATT: I'd like to see a five year record of that.

396 JONES: Yes, and has the quality increased?

407 JOHNSON: I can relate to that. -Some people abuse the power of fees . . .

454 REPRESENTATIVE DAVE MCTEAGUE: There's two sides to the story. -Notes that a chiropractor admitted problems with enforcement, and needed to get good appointments to their board.

480 JOHNSON: I don't think that was a valid reason.

TAPE 4, SIDE A

038 WATT: Asks question of Sexton . . . to find out in regard to reviewing agencies.

052 HAYDEN: Would the committee be interested in pursuing freezing the number of boards we have now?

059 WATT: We'd take it under advisement. -We have a very huge job here.

069 DOUG WILSON, LEGISLATIVE FISCAL: Gives questions that need to be dealt with. -Submits list (EXHIBIT A) for information. -Explains list and talks about the Alternative Service Delivery Model.

108 ROBERTS: Who suggested merging the ethics commission?

111 WILSON: I don't know.

116 WATT: I don't think it's to be merged . . . just for budget.

125 ROBERTS: If the secretary of state is going to have control of ethics, who checks on the secretary of state?

128 MARC OVERBECK: Attorney General.

134 OVERBECK: About the proposal, the Governor's proposal is to take some of the things the ethics commission does and let the secretary of state's office. -Saves money.

150 ROBERTS: Was there a discussion that an outside investigator would come in if there was a question?

165 OVERBECK: Recommended that there be no enforcement, but the Governor did not agree. -Let an outside agency do the enforcement.

180 WATT: Let's not get into individual agencies yet.

183 HAYDEN: Some of the functions of the ethics commission that would be transferred to the sec. of state's office would be on a self-sustaining basis?

188 OVERBECK: Correct. -Explains.

195 HAYDEN: Notes that too many fees will make it hard to run for office and be involved in the public process.

204 OVERBECK: Doesn't think that was the Governor's intent.

217 JONES: I'd like to hear what from Legislative Fiscal.

224 WILSON: Continues presentation . . . explaining list. -Why are some boards included and some aren't?

244 JONES: Is there criteria to decide?

247 WILSON: Yes, I'll tell in a minute. -Combining all the boards in this model, it's about 1/4 of 1 percent of all of them.

275 WATT: So, the downsizing of government doesn't have an effect on the budget?

280 WILSON: Well, it doesn't have a large effect.

283 HAYDEN: Different between 1/2 percent reduction and a 20 percent increase?

290 WILSON: They'll still be government agencies, but they'll be out of the way and not counted. -They still get paid. -No longer will there be exec. dept. or legislative oversight of budget.

302 JOHNSON: Are they paid as state employees?

307 WILSON: I don't know. It may mean that they are exempt from the state personell rules. -They just won't be counted.

330 WATT: How many in numbers?

335 WILSON: Not sure. Maybe 10 million dollars. -Lists factors for decisions.

355 WATT: Are these what you use as a performance standard?

358 WILSON: No. These were the factors of the group that put this together.

361 JONES: There's nothing that says it'll cost less, only that it'll be moving, right?

366 WILSON: Nothing requires spending less, but the assumption is that the cost will decrease.

380 REPRESENTATIVE AVEL GORDLY: Did you say that participants would be exempt from personnel rules?

392 WILSON: I don't know for sure. -Should legislature/exec. branch maintain some oversight? -Should these employees be treated differently than other state employees? -Will these agencie be able to find data processing/accounting knowledge or help? -Collective bargaining of employees?

479 JOHNSON: Are they part of the bargaining unit now?

482 WILSON: I think some are. I don't know.

488 WATT: Please supply the committee with all these questions on paper.

492 WILSON: Continues.

TAPE 3, SIDE B

042 WILSON: Continues explaining list. -What is meant by privatization? -What is transfer of assets? -Transition period? -What rules will apply to these agencies? -What's the state liability, etc? -Do state benefits stay available to the employees?

081 JONES: Are SAIF employees in this?

086 WILSON: I don't know for sure. -Continues with explanation. -Some of these transfers are functional. -Lists objectives . . . -Speaks on the possibility of interagency agreements.

185 REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL PAYNE: Do you see any negative economies

from the mergers?

191 WILSON: There's that possibility.

200 GIROD: I agree with Rep. Payne. Centralization seems wrong.

209 WILSON: Should merge things together so that fewer people are reporting directly to the government.

220 JONES: Can you come back and talk to us again?

224 WATT: He's going to be on-call now.

233 GORDLY: Quote.

266 WATT: Adjourns meeting at 3:03 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Information on Alternative Service Model - Doug Wilson - 2 pages