

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REORGANIZATION

May 21, 1993            Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m.    Tapes 63 - 64

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

EXCUSED:                    Rep. Michael Payne

STAFF PRESENT:            Adrienne Sexton, Administrator Betina Rothauser,  
Coordinator

MEASURES CONSIDERED:            HB 2459 - Relating to JOBS Plus Program.

WITNESSES:                    Chuck Sheketoff, Oregon Human Rights Coalition  
Ted Abram Steve Minnich, Adult and Family Services [--- Unable To  
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These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize  
statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in  
quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents  
of the proceedings, please refer to the tapes. [--- Unable To Translate  
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PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2459

002    CHAIR WATT: Calls meeting to order at 1:43pm.

004    ADRIENNE SEXTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Summarizes and  
explains HB 2459 with -1 amendments.

024    CHUCK SHEKETOFF, OREGON HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION: Testifies in  
opposition to HB 2459-1. - Submits suggested amendments (EXHIBIT A)

068    REP. ELDON JOHNSON:

069    SHEKETOFF: Responds.

079    REP. FRED GIROD: Are you opposed to ballot measure 7 as it stands.

080    SHEKETOFF: Yes.

081    WATT: Closes public hearing on HB 2459. Opens works session.

WORK SESSION - HB 2459

110    STEVE MINNICH, ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES: Presents  
testimony on HB 2459 as pertaining to the -1 amendments. (EXHIBIT B) -  
Reviews amendments.

129 REP. LONNIE ROBERTS: What do you mean about no net loss? Gives example

134 MINNICH:

140 WATT: This isn't meant to apply to the truck driver making \$14/hour.

155 REP. AVEL GORDLY: Will you respond to statement...

163 MINNICH: Hopefully this is an experience that leads to permanent job. - Certain guidelines that need to be followed.

180 GORDLY: Will you identify provisions as we go along.

189 JONES: What is the mission of this project?

200 WATT: Let's let everyone give their perspective.

205 TED ABRAM: Speaks in support of HB 2459. - Want a public/private partnership.

220 MINNICH: Tried to follow C-WEP track. - Training with employment provides good results. - May be able to develop more jobs.

252 WATT: Comments of prior meetings on this bill. - Let's deal with people who are in the middle. Those out of work that couldn't control it.

294 JONES: It would be good to have a mission.

298 MINNICH: Have honest disagreement on number of jobs created.

318 ROBERTS: Is that the same as Measure 7 that passed.

323 MINNICH: No it takes out,, - Exemptions for JOBS Plus were important for us.

345 HAYDEN: Will you explain about food stamp in college law? 350  
MINNICH: Describes law pertaining to food stamps for students.

363 HAYDEN: Is it work study?

369 MINNICH: No

373 HAYDEN: Are these federal dollars?

381 WATT: Would it be helpful for committee to know qualifications?

389 ABRAM: Has no knowledge as to the population affected by this.

411 HAYDEN: They wouldn't qualify for unemployment?

421 WATT: Do you question why getting food stamps?

434 MINNICH: Explains further the food stamp program.

447 WATT: Wasn't intent to make students part of JOBS Plus.

455 MINNICH: Responds.

038 MINNICH: Bill must still get federal waivers. - Still have sunset. - Advisory board would be appointed in \*\*\* days.

050 MCTEAGUE: Could you give basic terms what's happening with this bill.

067 MINNICH: Explains JOBS Plus program.

073 MCTEAGUE: Who pays wage.

076 MINNICH: Employer.... - They get a labor exchange.

083 MCTEAGUE: How temporary is this? - Does this pick up child care. - Who makes decision who in this. - 088 MINNICH: Explains on and off as MCTEAGUE continues questioning. - Want workers "job ready" -- ready to work and be a good employee. - Is some merit to on-the-job-placement.

130 MCTEAGUE: Why not do more like Jobs Placement Administration and only pay 50%?

133 ABRAM: We want to make this attractive to employers.

146 MCTEAGUE: This may displace others in job market. How do you balance it.

167 ABRAM: Must be an expansion job, not an existing position. - Skills and training are important.

171 HAYDEN: Comments on the bill. Feels employer will lose money.

186 WATT: Realize employer has a stake in this.

202 JOHNSON: Takes two years to get a person up to speed.

209 WATT: Retaining an employer could be difficult. Do you anticipate that it will be difficult to find employers?

222 ABRAM: Will take a lot of work. - Sell them on this as community service.

221 ROBERTS: Will these people find good jobs?

234 ABRAM: People learn on the job skills that enable them to move up. Gives examples.

260 WATT: It isn't the intent to take people off of welfare and give them low paying jobs. Gives examples.

280 ABRAM: Don't want short-term temporary employers.

287 HAYDEN: Gives idea of type of jobs that could work. Gives example of how this can work.

307 WATT: Would employee be able to continue education and life skills?

314 MINNICH: We will access the employees strengths and

weaknesses.

328 JOHNSON: Will you have after hour programs for people who need them?

337 MINNICH: Life skills is needed. Mentorship will take care of some immediate problems.

359 JOHNSON: Will there be an upfront life skills program?

356 MINNICH: Yes.

366 MINNICH: Explains bill section by section. Asks that amendments be adjusted to read "JOBS Plus" and delete Subsection 3. Explains that the program is a three year pilot program. Discusses receipt of food coupons. Addresses Jones value statement.

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026 GIROD: Asks about the formation of the counties.

030 MINNICH: Explains the creation of the counties. Discusses federal department.

040 GORDLY: Discusses amendment in section 6, by human rights coalition.

047 ABRAM: Comments on the amendments.

064 MINNICH: Discusses Section 8. Committee agrees to strike references to "concurrence". Delete part of line 29 and line 30.

111 MCTEAGUE: Isn't that a huge grant of rule making authority.

117 MINNICH: This will be subject to legislative review.

123 ABRAM: Process involves negotiation in Washington D.C. to get waivers.

133 MINNICH: May need to exclude another population to get waivers. - Continues to discuss changes to the amendment. - Want a bipartisan process.

164 GORDLY: Oregon Human Rights Coalition wants to amend page 4, line 4.

178 MINNICH: We agree with that. Should read assistant to Adult and Family Services. - continues with explanation and changes to -1 amendments.

217 WATT: Bill will ask for lottery money.

226 MCTEAGUE: Ask about aid to dependent women. Clarifies intent of bill.

245 MINNICH: On this program they will receive 20-30% more money.

252 MCTEAGUE: Do you have exemptions?

257 MINNICH: Only some medical exemption.

262 WATT: Still subject to same laws as now.

268 JONES: Questions current child exemptions.

273 MINNICH: Further explains exemptions.

282 GORDLY: Asks for clarification of exemptions.

290 MINNICH:

300 ABRAM:

310 JOHNSON: Employees would have same benefits as temporary employees.

330 MINNICH: Continues with page 5, 6 changes.

360 PAMELA MATTSON, EMPLOYMENT DIVISION: Submits oral amendments. Will give list of amendments to committee administrator to fix for next Wednesday.

421 ABRAM: Discusses possible change of date on page 7.

449 MINNICH: Continues with page 8 changes.

463 ABRAM: Page 9, exclude line 25 "in that order".

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043 MINNICH/ABRAM: Discuss page 9, "in that order" language.

060 ABRAM: Page 10, line 5. We will bring details of participants on Monday.

067 MINNICH: Page 12, line 4.

081 MATTSON: Page 12, line 3 asks for insertion of their amendment.

104 HAYDEN: Asks about unemployment insurance.

107 MATTSON: Explains process.

111 HAYDEN:

114 MATTSON: Correct.

116 MINNICH: Continues with changes on page 12 and 13.

166 ABRAM: Clarifies and concurs on changes with Mr. MINNICH.

175 WATT: Explains agenda for the next week.

183 WATT: Closes work session on HB 2459. Adjourns meeting at 3:20pm.