

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE AND BIO-ETHICS

DATE: January 28, 1993
Room C

TAPE: 2 PLACE: Hearing
TIME: 3:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Bob Shoemaker, Chair Senator Jeanette Hamby
Senator Gordon Smith

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Joyce Cohen Sen. Bill McCoy

STAFF PRESENT: Debi Garrigues, Acting Administrator Katy Yetter,
Acting Assistant

WITNESSES PRESENT: Rocky King, Administrator for Oregon Medical
Insurance Pool (O.M.I.P.) Jean Thorne, Director for
Oregon Medical Assistance Programs both testifying
on bills SB 46 and SB 47

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SUMMARIZE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THIS SESSION. ONLY TEXT ENCLOSED
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TAPE 2, SIDE A

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Opens hearing, introduces witnesses Rocky King and Jean
Thorne.

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: Presents testimony on SB 46 (EXHIBIT A).

Discusses monetary issues as well as dilemmas with those who can not
afford to be in an insurance pool.

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Asks about budgeting and who is served by program.

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: Replies.

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Asks why there are still openings if the program is
full

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: Waiting list and also those who can not afford
health care--not too much information to the people as well as those who
can not afford it, basically.

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Asks about weaknesses in the program

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: Speaks of weaknesses in the program such as lack
of public information available in the past and not being able to afford
premiums. Also, conditions do not receive proper preventative

treatment, they worsen, and death may result.

SENATOR HAMBY: Would like to see some changes in medical provider issues- -for routine or common problems that can be handled by, say, a nurse

practitioner should be.

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: Has established some of these changes in terms of such a plan.

SENATOR HAMBY: Comment regarding cost effectiveness.

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Asks about King's plan to launch managed health care.

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: Preventative medicine. Not exactly a Health Maintenance Organization (H.M.O.) plan, but quite similar. Describes his provider network. Management share, but not risk share. -Foresees large future expenses.

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: SB 46?

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: An (H.M.O.) look-a-like. Involves people who find out they have a condition that requires major medical expenses and those who purchase high-risk pool premiums for them. A preventative bill.

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Asks Jean Thorne for her testimony.

JEAN THORNE, OREGON MED. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: In favor of SB 46, and presents testimony (EXHIBIT B).

SENATOR SHOEMAKER CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 46 AND OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 47

ROCKY KING, O.M.I.P.: Discusses Medicaid program and problems with eligibility as well as levels of coverage for individuals. Proposes amendments (EXHIBIT C).

TAPE 3, SIDE A

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Asks for questions. Seeing none, asks for Thorne's testimony.

JEAN THORNE, OREGON MED. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: Presents testimony (EXHIBIT D)

CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Closes Public Hearing on SB 47

WORK SESSION ON SB 47 MOTION: Senator Hamby moves SB 47 with
recommendation of adopting

amendments.

VOTE: Aye 3-No 0 Shoemaker, Hamby, and Smith voting SB 47 passes
with amendments.

CHAIR SHOEMAKER ADJOURNS MEETING AT 3:45 P.M.

Submitted by:

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Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

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