SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS March 22, 1993 Hearing Room B 8:00 a.m. Tapes 63-66 MEMBERS PRESENT: MEASURES HEARD: SB 221-WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS-PUBLIC HEARING WITNESSES: Chris Moore, Oregon State Bar Sara Harmon, Department of Insur TAPE 63, SIDE A 006 CHAIR SMITH: Calls the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. (Tape 63, Side A) SB 221- PUBLIC HEARING 034 CHRIS MOORE, REPRESENTING THE OREGON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION: Submits and summarizes written testimony in support of SB 221.(EXHIBIT A Moore: In most instances, we are going to request discovery from the insurer and if a hearing is requested begin preparation within 136 160 Joan Van Almen: How does this benefit the worker? 161 Moore: The hearing is sooner therefore the disability questions are resolved sooner. 165CHAIR SMITH: Aside from the time factor what 230 SENATOR RASMUSSEN: This tightens the time frame so we are less likely to get into this situation. 239 Moore: Correct - refers to EXHIBIT A-4. 247 Joan Van Almen: Is there ever a situation where a delay would benefit the worker? 25 TAPE 64, SIDE A 004 Moore: Continues with testimony. 008 Rasmussen: Would you agree that what this bill really does is prioritize dispute resolution These miliutes contaili materials which paraphrase and/or summarize statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation mar Joan Van Almen: Why should the worker have faith in the new procedure? 037 Moore: Everyone has to follow the administrative rul 035 TAPE 63, SIDE B 020 Moore: Continues with review of proposed amendments to SB 221. 033 Moore: Answers questions from members. - Medical arbitrator -reconsideration process CHAIR: WELCOMES SENATOR SPRINGER TO COMMITTEE REPLACES SENATOR KERANS. 171 Chair: We are going to have further review this proc 156 Tape 64, Side B 010 Moore: Continues with summary of amendments to page 9. - appeal provision - elimination of reconsideration order - time restraints f . Senate Labor and Government Operations March 22,1993 - Page 5 the effective date. 12 i Moore: Answers questions from members about proposed amendments. 205 SARA HARMON, ADMINISTRATOR OF WORKERS COMPENSATION DIVISION Tape 65. Side A 010 Joan Van Almen: What aspect of evaluation is it these companies do not get that they are having you close their claims? 012 Harm Tape 66, SIDE A Sen. te Labor and Government Operations March 22, 1993 - Page 6 Welch: Continues with testimony Responds to questions from members. 103 MAX RAE, ATTORNEY AT LAW: Submits & summarizes written testi 080 EXHIBIT LOG: A -1 Testimony on SB 221 - Chris Moore - 9 pages A -2 Amendment on SB 221 - Chris Moore - 1 page A -3 Amendment on SB 221 - Chris Moore - 1 Submitted by: Reviewed by: Pamela Stefani Stasi Kitchen Committee Clerk Comm

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