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Work Session SJR10
SB 357

- SB 9

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE
FEBRUARY 8, 1993 1:00 AM HEARING ROOM A STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Senator Shirley Gold, Chair
Senator Brady Adams
Senator Ron Cease (depareure 3:00)
Senator Rod Johnson
Senator Paul Phillips
Senator Tricia Smith (arrival 1:30)
Members Excused: Senator Peg Jolin
Witnesses Present: Mike Thorne, Coalition to Restore Urban
Renewal
Steve Bryant, City of Albany
Gary Grossman, Albany Resident
Patrick Lacrosse, Portland Development
Commission
B.J. Smith, League of Oregon Cities
Jeanette Launer, Association of Oregon
Redevelopment Agencies
Ralph Groener, American Federation of State,
County, and Municipal Employees
Rich Peppers, Oregon Public Employees Union
Gary Conkling, Coalition to Restore Urban
Renewal
Jim Manary, Legislative Liaison for the
Department of Revenue

Staff: Steve Meyer, Legislative Revenue Office
Jennifer Belkle, Committee Assistant

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015 CHAIR GOLD called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

020 STEVE MEYER directed members' attention to the Urban Renewal court case. Exhibit 1.

027 MIKE THORNE testified on behalf of the Oregon Urban Renewal Coalition regarding SJR10 and SB 357. Exhibits 2-5.

125 MIKE THORNE stressed that Urban Renewal works successfully towards economic development.

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140 STEVE BRYANT testified regarding SJR10. Exhibit 6. He spoke of the negative impact of the tax court decision on his community's ability to generate money for Urban Renewal.

245 STEVE BRYANT explained that there is a sense of urgency in his community in terms of infrastructure development.

270 GARY GROSSMAN testified regarding SJR10 and SB 357. He expressed his disappointment over the court case decision. He explained the need for local control over economic development.

320 PATRICK LACROSSE testified regarding SJR10 and SB 357 on Urban Renewal. Exhibit 7. -7 '

Questions and discussion.

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001 PATRICK LACROSSE continued his testimony on Urban Renewal.

Questions and discussion.

087 B.J. SMITH testified with Jeanette Launer regarding Urban Renewal and SJR10.

097 JEANETTE LAUNER responded to earlier questions regarding local priorities for using urban renewal funds. She stated that some communities have successfully used the funds for housing projects.

112 JEANETTE LAUNER confirmed that property taxpayers within the municipality pay for the urban renewal projects.

Questions and discussion.

130 B.J. SMITH expanded on the nature of this legislation and its impact on cities throughout the state.

Questions and discussion interspersed.

185 SEN. SMITH inquired whether this measure would affect taxpayers in areas that do not currently have an urban renewal district.

195 B.J. SMITH responded that this measure does not impact communities that do not have an urban renewal district, it does however, affect the future development of such a district.

202 SEN. GOLD inquired about opposition to this bill.

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200 B.J. SMITH stated that they were aware of no opposition at this time.

Questions and discussion.

225 JEANETTE LAUNER explained that the controversy surrounding urban renewal comes from pending court cases regarding taxpayers who are attempting to recoup taxes paid that were collected outside the urban renewal cap.

Questions and discussion.

250 B.J. SMITH stressed that this bill only gives local communities the discretion to decide on issues.

268 B.J. SMITH explained that this bill is an amendment to Article 9. She elaborated on the methods of issuing General Obligation bonds vs. amending Article 9 or Ballot Measure 5.

325 B.J. SMITH reassured the committee that this measure has no direct revenue or fiscal impact on local taxes.

353 B.J. SMITH informed the Committee that there are a number of previously issued bond obligations due which are being paid by taxes subject to Measure 5 limits. She explained that this proposal would allow local communities the option of referring to the voters alternative options to deal with the financial situation in their community.

Questions and discussion.

TAPE 32 SIDE B

001 B.J. SMITH continued her testimony regarding Urban Renewal.
Questions and discussion.

025 SEN GOLD inquired about the agenda for the Statewide Ballot.
Questions and discussion.

098 RALPH GROENER testified in support SJR10 and SB 357.

145 RICH PEPPERS testified in support of SJR10 and SB 357. He stated that while he is in support of this bill, there were some areas of concern.

185 STEVE MEYER summarized the progress made on SJR10 and SB 357 and the remaining issues that need to be addressed by the Committee.

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230 GARY CONKLING testified regarding section nine of SB 357. He stated that there was no objection to having other measures on the ballot. He stated that there was a preference for a "mail" ballot.

300 SEN PHILLIPS inquired of the wisdom of putting this measure on the ballot in May.

320 GARY CONKLING testified his belief that May is a viable date for a successful campaign for this measure.

350 CHAIR GOLD outlined what is necessary for this committee to make a decision on this issue.

Questions and discussion.

TAPE 33 SIDE B

001 GARY CONKLING continued clarification testimony on SJR10 and SB 357.

025 CHAIR GOLD opened the Work Session on SB 9;

030 STEVE MEYER testified regarding the nature of the work session on SB 9.
Questions and discussion.

050 JIM MANARY testified on behalf of the Department of Revenue on SB 9.
Questions and discussion.

175 STEVE MEYER clarified the low income limits for the elderly to participate in this program.

Questions and discussion.

292 CHAIR GOLD adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Jennifer Belkle, Committee Assistant
Kimberly Taylor, Office Manager

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Exhibit Summary

1. Meyer, Oregon Tax Court Order, City of Portland V. Smith
2. Thorne, Senate Revenue Committee Testimony, 2-8-93
3. Thorne, Urban Renewal Coalition Members
4. Thorne, Oregon Downtown Development Association Letter to the Senate Revenue Committee, 2-8-93
5. Thorne, Portland General Electric Testimony, 2-8-93
6. Bryant, Senate Revenue Testimony on SB 357, 2-8-93
7. Lacrosse, "Renewing" Urban Renewal in Portland

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