

Tapes 48-49 A/B
OREGON TAX SYSTEM
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE
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FEBRUARY 18, 1993 1:00 PM HEARING ROOM A STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Senator Shirley Gold, Chair Senator Brady Adams Senator
Ron Cease Senator Rod Johnson Senator Peg Jolin Senator Paul Phillips
Senator Tricia Smith

Witnesses Present: Bill Wyatt, Oregon Business Council Arthur O'Sullivan,
Oregon State University

Staff: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer
Steve Bender, Legislative Revenue Office
Jennifer Belkle, Committee Assistant

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001 CHAIR GOLD called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

017 BILL WYATT testified before the Committee regarding the Oregon Values
and Beliefs study. Exhibit 1.

055 BILL WYATT began his testimony on a study that his organization
conducted. He pointed out some logistical aspects of the study and then he
commenced his presentation of the summary of the information of this study.

225 BILL WYATT stressed that Oregonians recognize the changing economy and
emphasized that Oregonians rank job and employment opportunities second in
personal priorities/values.

Questions and discussion.

300 BILL WYATT drew members' attention to the fact that Oregonians did not
rank the state very high in the issue of keeping jobs. He pointed out that
averages suggest that in fact Oregon is doing better than many states. He
stated that people do not live averages, they live very specific lives.

315 BILL WYATT stressed that education is critical to the people of Oregon.

333 BILL WYATT stated that if there is going to be tax reform in Oregon, it
will most likely be linked to education.

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340 BILL WYATT related his surprise to find learning new skills for
advancement or job opportunity to be ranked third in personal activities.

365 BILL WYATT discussed the responses to what kind of changes are
necessary in the school system.

400 BILL WYATT reviewed Oregonians responses to job performances. He felt

there were very strong sentiments communicated.

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001 BILL WYATT continued his presentation on the study of Oregon Values and Beliefs.

035 BILL WYATT testified regarding findings in this study on the issue of the environment.

145 BILL WYATT spoke about the "gender gap" in this study. He asserted that no other demographic grouping distinguished itself more in the difference of position than men and women.

172 BILL WYATT discussed the profile of the voters in this state. He explained the division into three categories: motivated, registered, and non-registered.

Questions and discussion.

270 ARTHUR O'SULLIVAN began testimony regarding Oregon Tax Reform and the effects of California's Proposition 13. Exhibits 2 & 3.

345 ARTHUR O'SULLIVAN discussed two cases regarding Proposition 13, both of which went to the Supreme Court in California.

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001 ARTHUR O'SULLIVAN continued his testimony on Proposition 13.

050 ARTHUR O'SULLIVAN testified regarding the inequalities in the Proposition 13.

Questions and discussion.

090 ARTHUR O'SULLIVAN shared results of a study that compared senior citizen households compared to non-senior citizens households.

Questions and discussion.

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200 SEN JOLIN posed the question of doing away entirely with a property tax system. She expressed her view that this system as a regressive and non-productive system.

Questions and discussion.

232 ARTHUR O'SULLIVAN stated that economists don't view property tax as an entirely regressive system.

Questions and discussion.

365 CHAIR GOLD adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Jennifer Bel ~ , Committ Assistant

Kimberly Ta ~ r, Office Manager

Exhibit Summary

1. Wyatt, Oregon Values and Beliefs Summary Report 2. O'Sullivan, Oregon Tax Reform 3. O'Sullivan, Table 1, Base Year Distribution and Effective Tax Rates, Los Angeles County

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