

HB 3402A - PH & WKS HB 2459 -

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

July 27, 1993 HRC, State Capitol 8:00 a.m. Salem, OR

Tapes 152-153

Extension of Structural Unemployment Compensation Benefits JOBS Plus

MEMBERS PRESENT: SEN. JOYCE COHEN, CHAIR SEN. JEANNETTE HAMBY
SEN. KARSTEN RASMUSSEN SEN. BILL KENNEMER SEN. JOHN LIM, VICE CHAIR SEN.
CATHERINE WEBBER

MEMBERS EXCUSED: SEN. SHIRLEY GOLD

STAFF PRESENT: JOSEPH CORTRIGHT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER JERI CHASE,
OFFICE MANAGER

WITNESSES: REP. LEE BEYER, HOUSE DISTRICT 42 PAM MATTSON,
DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT STEVE TEGGER, EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT
KEVIN CONCANNON, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES JIM NEELEY,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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summarizes statements made during this meeting. Only text enclosed in
quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents
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000 CHAIR COHEN: Convenes meeting at 8:00 a.m.

HB 3402A - Extends Benefits for Structural Unemployment Compensation -
Public Hearing

009 REP. LEE BEYER: Testifies in support of HB 3402.

CHAIR COHEN: Is this bill limited to dislocated timber workers?

BEYER: No.

CHAIR COHEN: Are these people required to be in training.

BEYER: Yes.

054 PAM MATTSON: Testifies regarding HB 3402. Submits Statement
(EXHIBIT A).

067 SEN. KENNEMER: Does the timeframe allow for retraining?

MATTSON: Yes. We have an initial report on our first year's experience. It can vary from person to person. The option to extend eliminate the times training is interrupted because of food, clothing, shelter needs.

086 STEVE TEGGER: The report that we submitted on the first year's operation of this program determined that approximately 40 percent are enrolled in a skilled technology courses and others were scattered in other occupational training courses. One requirement is that the occupation has the demand and the potention for employment.

Continued discussion.

140 SEN. KENNEMER: Will this bill compromise the unemployment trust fund.

145 MATTSON: We don't believe so.

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MOTION: SEN. RASMUSSEN MOVES HB 3402 to the Senate Floor with a Do Pass recommendation.

170 VOTE: PASSES, 6-0. EXCUSED: SEN. GOLD.

HB 2459B - JOBS PLUS - WORK SESSION

188 CORTRIGHT: Overviews HB 2459 Proposed Reorganized Section 16 (EXHIBIT B); HB 2459B Comparison of Provisions in Section 16 and Proposed Amendments (EXHIBIT C); and HB 2459B: JOBS PLUS Major Issues (EXHIBIT D).

CHAIR COHEN: Begins discussion on Item 1 of EXHIBIT D.

275 SEN. WEBBER: I don't know why unemployment compensation recipients are included in this.

CHAIR COHEN: I don't either.

300 Continued discussion.

320 CHAIR COHEN: Begins discussion on Item 2 of EXHIBIT D.

338 CORTRIGHT: Discusses EXHIBIT D and EXHIBIT B.

357 Discussion regarding clients receiving food stamps.

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040 Continued discussion.

CORTRIGHT: Discusses Section 16, page 4, lines 16 - 27.

(continued discussion)

175 CONCANNON: The principal role of the councils is to locate placements.

CHAIR COHEN: Then we need to say that.

211 CHAIR COHEN: Begins discussion on Item 4 (EXHIBIT D).
Committee discussion.

236 CHAIR COHEN: Begins discussion on Item 5 (EXHIBIT D).
Committee discussion.

SEN. KENNEMER: Regarding Item #5, I see potential substantial administrative expenses.

436 SEN. HAMBY: Is there an evaluation of the program?

CONCANNON: Responds.

460 Discussion on Item 6 (EXHIBIT D).

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030 Continued committee discussion.

073 SEN. KENNEMER: What will be the impact on JOBS inc the six pilot counties?

078 CONCANNON: JOBS would be operated at their current level. Approximately 21 percent of AFDC families currently now go through JOBS. With this proposal, all families would go through JOBS/JOBS Plus except those exempted.

101 SEN. WEBBER: Why would we start this program, rather than increasing the JOBS program.

109 CONCANNON: The JOBS program is a federal - state partnership with state match and we are already above our maximum. JOBS Plus gives the people enrolled some of the benefits, but not all, because it is not as richly financed.

124 SEN. WEBBER: So we have maxed out our ability to get more federal funds for JOBS.

130 SEN. RASMUSSEN: What does the JOBS program have that JOBS Plus does not?

NEELEY: The principal things are extended education and training.

144 CHAIR COHEN: Begins discussion on Item 7 (EXHIBIT D).

SEN. WEBBER: Can we legally do this?

CHAIR COHEN: We need more technical information to discuss this. Begins discussion on Item 8 (EXHIBIT D).

179 CORTRIGHT: Discusses provision in Section 14 (B-12) relating to DHR.

274 CONCANNON: Six months in individual job placement is our goal.
Committee discussion.

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057 CHAIR COHEN: Begins discussion on Item 10 (EXHIBIT D).

SEN. KENNEMER: Is it a viable option to increase employer participation.

135 SEN. WEBBER: I have two concerns: 1) voluntary participation; 2) criteria for participation/non-participation.

CHAIR COHEN: I agree with these concerns.

158 SEN. WEBBER: I also have concerns about transportation; child care; shift work requirements; and the issue of supplanting jobs.

Committee discussion.

201 SEN. WEBBER:

241 CHAIR COHEN: Adjourns meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jeri Chase

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

EXHIBIT A - HB 3402A - Written testimony, submitted by Pamela Mattson, 2 pages

EXHIBIT B - HB 2459B - Proposed Reorganization of Section 16, submitted by Joseph Cortright, 7 pages

EXHIBIT C - HB 2459B - Comparison of provisions in Section 16 and Proposed Amendments, submitted by Joseph Cortright, 3 pages

EXHIBIT D - HB 2459B - JOBS Plus Major Issues, submitted by Joseph Cortright, 1 page