

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER POLICY

April 1, 1993          Hearing Room 137 3:00 p.m.    Tape 29

MEMBERS PRESENT:            Sen. Bill Dwyer, Chair Sen. Wes Cooley

Sen. Tricia Smith

MEMBERS EXCUSED:            Sen. Bob Kintigh, Vice-Chair Sen. Frank Roberts

STAFF PRESENT:              Lisa Zavala, Administrator Pamella Andersen,  
Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED:            SB 782

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TAPE 29, SIDE A

004    CHAIR DWYER: Calls the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. - The public hearing on SJM5 has been postponed. - Opens the public hearing on SB 782.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 782 - EXHIBITS A through D

WITNESSES: Stephen West, Oregon Cross Connection Inspectors Regional Subcommittee Judy Grycko, Pacific Northwest Section, American Water Works Association Bob Kimes, Local 290 Plumbers Training Center Dan Bradley, Pacific Northwest Section, American Water Works Association Bob Willis, Oregon Health Division, Drinking Water Advisory Committee Tom Lindberg, Local 701, Legacy Hospitals Dave Leland, Oregon Health Division Joni Low, League of Oregon Cities Kevin Hanway, Special Districts Association

014 STEVEN WEST: (introduces EXHIBIT A) Offers testimony in support of SB 782. - This bill would reauthorize the cross connection certification

program as a self-supporting fee based program in the Health

Division's Drinking Water Program. - A voluntary program is in place through December 1993. - Without a statewide program, inspectors may have to face varying

certification requirements among jurisdictions.

027    CHAIR DWYER: Tell us what cross connection is.

WEST: Notes specifics of cross connection control. - Mentions specific instances where toxic chemicals backed up into the

public water supply.

041 SEN. SMITH: Are these the devices you put on sprinkler systems?

WEST: Yes, that is one of several types of devices. - As a voluntary program enforcement is not possible. - Oregon has been recognized as a model around the nation as a result

of the cooperation between suppliers and the Health Division.

065 SEN. COOLEY: Are cross connections different for commercial and well applications? Are the inspections to verify proper operation or just to verify installation?

WEST: Both types of inspections occur. - Some of the simpler types on lawns don't need testing. - On the more hazardous and sophisticated types, annual testing and

maintenance is required.

SEN. COOLEY: This is really to prevent water that has passed to return?

WEST: Yes.

089 BOB KIMES: We are in support of returning this program to the Health Division and making it fee funded. - If water districts made their own rules, uniformity and enforcement

would be impossible.

097 DAN BRADLEY: (introduces EXHIBIT B) Offers testimony in support of SB 782.

119 BOB WILLIS: (introduces EXHIBIT C) We recommended this program be reinstated and become a fee-based system. - We are willing to pay the added amount to get the added service.

CHAIR DWYER: You don't anticipate any problems with administrative rules?

WILLIS: No, we were very happy with the way the Health Division operated the program. - The Drinking Water Advisory Committee is concerned that the

legislation provide the necessary FTE to operate the program.

CHAIR DWYER: That would depend upon the rules adopted by the Health Division.

146 TOM LINDBERG: (introduces EXHIBIT D) Notes the number of backflow prevention devices and cross connections that are serviced in his

jurisdiction. - Notes their support of the bill.

161 DAVE LELAND: Offers testimony in support of SB 782.

CHAIR DWYER: Do you anticipate a problem administering this bill?

LELAND: No. - A fiscal impact statement has been submitted, .5 FTE, which is not

part of the Governor's mandated budget.

175 JONI LOW: Offers testimony in support of SB 782. - Our overall concern is staffing in the safe drinking water program.

187 KEVIN HANWAY: We support the position taken by the League of Oregon Cities.

CHAIR DWYER: Closes the public hearing. - Opens the work session.

WORK SESSION ON SB 782

MOTION: SEN. COOLEY: Moves SB 782 be sent to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: CHAIR DWYER: In a roll call vote all members present vote AYE.

SENATORS KINTIGH and ROBERTS are EXCUSED.

CHAIR DWYER: The motion CARRIES.

SEN. COOLEY will lead discussion on the floor.

CHAIR DWYER: Closes the work session. 192 - Adjourns the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Pamella Andersen

Lisa Zavala Clerk  
Administrator

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