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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

March 19, 1991Hearing Room D 8:00 a.m.Tape 44 - 45

MEMBERS PRESENT:Rep. Bob Repine, Chair Rep. Judy Bauman, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Marie Bell Rep. Rod Johnson Rep. Dave McTeague Rep. Gail Shibley  
Rep. Ron Sunseri

STAFF PRESENT: Janet McComb, Committee Administrator Kimberly  
Burt, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 3377

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TAPE 44, SIDE A

005 CHAIR REPINE: Calls the hearing to order. (8:03 a.m.)

Roll Call: Representatives Bell, Shibley, Sunseri & Repine answer "present".

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3377 Witnesses:Roger Auerback, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor Barbara Roberts Rey Ramsey, Administrator, Oregon Housing Agency (OHA) Jerry Bieberle, Community Action Directors of Oregon Carolyn Landis, Community Action Agency of Yamhill County Bill Thomas, Multnomah Community Action Agency

STAFF submits SMS, (EXHIBIT A).

025 ROGER AUERBACK, SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, GOVERNOR BARBARA ROBERTS:  
Testifies in support of HB 3377.

REP. JOHNSON arrives. (8:05 a.m.)

035 AUERBACK: The Governor strongly supports the transfer of State Community Services from DHRto the Oregon Housing Agency.

REP. BAUMAN arrives. (8:06 a.m.)

050 AUERBACK: We believe that the director should be appointed by the Governor.

We believe that the existing advisory group should be maintained.

080 REP. JOHNSON: Are the programs other than housing in the state community services program?

AUERBACK: Yes; the people that do that work support this.

REP. MCTEAGUE arrives. ( 8:10 a.m.)

110 REY RAMSEY, ADMINISTRATOR, OREGON HOUSING AGENCY (OHA): Testifies in support of the merger.

We will be able to use more of the funds for programs rather than administration with the merger of the two budgets, and that is where savings will occur.

200 REP. BAUMAN: Do you feel you have the discretion to design this program?

RAMSEY: I believe that the amendments being drafted will address that.

RAMSEY: In response to Rep. Johnson; I concur in the Governor's appointment of the director.

275 RAMSEY: In response to Rep. Shibley; this merger is compatible with the notion of designating someone to be responsible for homelessness.

State Community Services has programs for homelessness, but we have a variety of financing tools that can help.

300 REP. BELL: What does this do to local entities?

RAMSEY: I support the local ability to make decisions and I feel that this merger will help.

REP. BELL: Local initiative is important in this process?

RAMSEY: It is important and we have discussed ways to give local communities options.

345 JERRY BIEBERLE, COMMUNITY ACTION DIRECTORS OF OREGON: Submits written testimony in support of HB 3377, (EXHIBIT B).

Having the Governor do the appointment of the director is the fair way to do this.

390 BIEBERLE: Line 10; it wasn't our intent to delete "community services" so that should be changed to "State Community Services Within the Housing Agency" or something similar.

Submits pamphlet showing other services offered by Community Action Agencies, see Exhibit B.

430 BIEBERLE: Local determination is critical; they are the policy making boards setting local goals and we would leave flexibility there.

CHAIR REPINE: Do your other organizations support this?

BIEBERLE: The majority are excited.

483 REP. BAUMAN: The Community Action Directors are appointed locally?

BIEBERLE: They are the directors of the entity; they are hired and fired by the local boards; in most cases they are private non-profit agencies, but in three cases they are units of county government.

TAPE 45, SIDE A

045 CAROLYN LANDIS, COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF YAMHILL COUNTY: Testifies in support of HB 3377, submits written testimony, (EXHIBIT C).

090 LANDIS: Reading written testimony, see (Exhibit C).

105 REP. BELL: Do you see this transfer having negative affects on your other programs?

LANDIS: No.

130 GENOA INGRAM, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS: Testifies in support of the concept of HB 3377.

140 PETER GRUNDFOSSEN, ASSOCIATION OF OREGON HOUSING AUTHORITIES: Submits written testimony in support of HB 3377, (EXHIBIT D).

The Association of Oregon Housing Authorities has no position on the re-organization of the State Housing Council in relationship to the administrator of the agency or the administrator in relationship to the Governor.

185 BILL THOMAS, MANAGER, MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY: Submits outline of their position on HB 3377, (EXHIBIT E) testifies in support.

The organization chart submitted, see (EXHIBIT F), shows the dual purpose in the partnership and we believe it is vital that the Governor appoint the director of the department.

Describes grants and programs based upon their partnership with the Housing Authority of Portland; we believe that partnership can work on a state level.

330 CHAIR REPINE: We expect the amendments next week and will make sure that those that testified get a copy.

345 REP. BELL: When you put people in houses they become homes, perhaps the name shouldn't be the Oregon Housing Agency.

REP. SHIBLEY: I find it curious that DHR isn't present.

370 RAMSEY: We have been working with them and they have been in support of this.

393 JANET MCCOMB, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: The amendments will specify that

the administrator is named by the Governor and it would make the Housing Council an advisory board rather than a policy making board.

CHAIR REPINE: And the name change?

RAMSEY: Yes, to the Oregon Housing & Community Services Department.

415 CHAIR REPINE: There was concern on page 1, line 10 as to the deletion of the State Community Services portion of that sentence and that will need to be changed.

465 CHAIR REPINE: The hearing is adjourned. (9:05 a.m.)

Submitted by:      Reviewed by:

Kimberly Burt      Janet McComb Assistant Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - Staff Measure Summary submitted by staff, pp 1 B - Written testimony on HB 3377 submitted by BIEBERLE, pp 3 C - Written testimony on HB 3377 submitted by LANDIS, pp 3 D - Written testimony on HB 3377 submitted by GRUNDFOSSEN, pp 1 E - Outline of CADO position on HB 3377 submitted by THOMAS, pp 1 F - Diagram submitted for the record by Blatt, pp 1