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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

January 23, 1991 Hearing Room D 1:30 p.m. Tapes 9 - 10

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mary Alice Ford, Chair Rep. Beverly Stein, Vice-Chair Rep. Jerry Barnes Rep. Cedric Hayden Rep. John Meek Rep. Hedy Rijken Rep. Jackie Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Committee Administrator Pamela Berger, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Informational - Overview of Adult and Family Services HB 2247 - Prescriptive Privilege Council - PH/WS HB 2299 - Food Service Facilities - WS

WITNESSES: Joan Bachard, Oregon State Board of Nursing Rick Wilson, Oregon State Board of Nursing Steve Minnich, Adult & Family Services Victor Merced, Adult & Family Services

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010 CHAIR FORD: Calls the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING OVERVIEW OF ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES

010 STEVE MINNICH, ADULT & FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION (AFS): Introduces Victor Merced. - Gives personal background. - Submits and presents an overview of AFS (EXHIBIT A). 042 - Describes AFS' mission, goals, and values (See: page 1, Exhibit A). 064 - Describes programs administered by the agency: Aid to Dependent Children (See: pages 2-5, Exhibit A). Food Stamps (See: page 6, Exhibit A). 100 Medical Assistance (See: page 7, Exhibit A). Employment Related Day Care (See: page 8, Exhibit A). Emergency Assistance (See: page 9, Exhibit A). 200 Welfare Reform (See: pages 10-14, Exhibit A). Other programs (See: page 16, Exhibit A). 250 - Describes agency organization (See: pages 17, Exhibit A). - Provides AFS Branch Offices' locations (See: pages 18, Exhibit A). - We will be requesting funds to expand our information system. 358

- Describes AFS' budget: 1991-93 Governor's recommended budget (See: page 19, Exhibit A). Comparison of benefits and administration costs (See: page 20, Exhibit A).

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040 - Although there will be many budget cuts, we will keep the teen parent programs in tact.

055 REPRESENTATIVE HAYDEN: In another hearing, I heard testimony that a diploma has no economic value to the employers of the state.

MINNICH: Information that I have heard is contrary to that statement. - Continues describing AFS' budget.

120 REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: How often is the federal poverty level updated?

MINNICH: Annually.

150 MELANIE ZERMER, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: When will your required report on standard of need be furnished to the federal Health and Human Services Department?

MINNICH: October 1, 1991.

220 REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Likes flattening of organization but concerned about trainning branch staff to take over regional staff functions. What are your plans for regional staffing levels in view of the budget cuts?

MINNICH: During the next two years, I would propose, that the remaining regional managers and staff are retained because they will become the facilitators and trainers who guide the policy of the empowerment of the branches. They will be needed to "take over" the branch reporting and management functions.

- We did select 15 branch managers as lead people in our welfare reform planning who rose to the occasion.

284 REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Will you be able to pass federal audits if you go forth with budget reductions?

MINNICH: Explains progress in cutting error rates. 365- Continues describing the comparison of benefits and administration costs (See: page 20, Exhibit A). - Illustrates the monthly ADC assistance in Oregon -- actual and in 1967 dollars (See: page 22, Exhibit A).

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- Describes how budget cuts were developed. 110 - Continues describing comparison of benefits and administration costs (See: page 20, Exhibit A).

169 VICTOR MERCED, AFS: Gives personal background.

CHAIR FORD: Recesses the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

- Re-convenes the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING HB 2247

Staff submits a SMS (EXHIBIT B), a fiscal analysis (EXHIBIT C), and statutes (EXHIBIT D) on HB 2247.

189 JOAN BACHARD, OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING: Submits and reads written testimony on HB 2247 (EXHIBIT F). - The fiscal impact on HB 2247 is included in the governor's proposed budget.

CHAIR FORD: The Ways and Means committee has requested that HB 2247 be referred to them.

WORK SESSION HB 2247

265 MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE STEIN MOVES TO REFER HB 2247 TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION.

REPRESENTATIVE MEEK: Feels that the committee should send a letter to Ways and Means asking that this not be an appropriated dollar amount but one that would come out of the AFS' budget and/or require a fee increase.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Feels that the bill should state "per diem" instead of "expenses".

CHAIR FORD: This language is consistent with language in similar statutes.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Withdraws suggestion.

322 REPRESENTATIVE HAYDEN: Suggests sending HB 2247 to Ways and Means without a recommendation. - How will funds be collected that were inadvertently dispensed without authorization?

330 RICK WILSON, OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING: Since it was brought to our attention from the Executive Department that we did not have the statutory authority, there have been no expenses paid for per diem. Discussions will need to be held regarding collection of inadvertently dispensed funds. The funds to pay per diems have been included in our proposed base budget.

VOTE: THE MOTION FAILED 4-3. REPRESENTATIVE RIJKEN, REPRESENTATIVE STEIN, REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR AND CHAIR FORD VOTE NAY. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES, REPRESENTATIVE HAYDEN, AND REPRESENTATIVE MEEK VOTE AYE.

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE HAYDEN MOVES HB 2247 TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS WITH A DO NOT PASS RECOMMENDATION.

VOTE: THE MOTION FAILED 6-1. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES, REPRESENTATIVE MEEK, REPRESENTATIVE RIJKEN, REPRESENTATIVE STEIN, REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR, AND CHAIR FORD VOTE NAY. REPRESENTATIVE HAYDEN VOTES AYE.

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE STEIN MOVES TO REFER HB 2247 TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

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REPRESENTATIVE HAYDEN: I will be voting against the motion because of the high fiscal impact to provide funding for all of the boards and commissions in the state.

REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Most boards and commissions are allowed a per diem however and Oregon government is based on a high level of citizen involvement; often driving long distances to help the government make crucial decisions.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: I intend to vote against this motion and let Ways and Means determine the outcome.

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES 4-3. REPRESENTATIVE RIJKEN, REPRESENTATIVE STEIN, REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR, AND CHAIR FORD VOTE AYE. REPRESENTATIVE BARNES, REPRESENTATIVE HAYDEN, AND REPRESENTATIVE MEEK VOTE NAY.

WORK SESSION HB 2299

Staff submits a SMS (EXHIBIT E) on HB 2299.

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE BARNES MOVES TO REFER HB 2299 TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS.

VOTE: IN A VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Pamela Berger

Melanie Zermer

EXHIBIT LOG: A - AFS Overview - Minnich - 25 pp. B - HB 2247 SMS - staff - 1 p. C - HB 2247 fiscal analysis - staff - 1 p. D - HB 2247 statute - staff - 1 p. E - HB 2299 SMS - staff - 1 p. F - HB 2247 testimony - Bachard - 2 pp.