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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

March 27, 1991Hearing Room D 1:30 p.m.Tapes 93 - 95

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: SB 527-A - Family Support Services in DHRfor Chronically Ill or Disabled Individuals and their Families - PAW HB 2960 - Mentally Disabled Services in Community-Based Setting and Closure of Fairview Training Center - PUB Measure 5 - affects on MR/DD population - PUB

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010 CHAIR FORD: Calls the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., as a subcommittee.

PUBLIC HEARING: SB 527-A - Family Support Services in DHRfor Chronically Ill or Disabled Individuals and their Families Witnesses: Rep. Beverly Stein, District 14 Kevin Concannon, DHR Kathryn Weit, ARC Phil Ferguson, Parent of Disabled Child/Families as Leaders Jim Davis, United Seniors Bill Greb, Parent of Disabled Child

020 KEVIN CONCANNON, DHR: Testifies in favor of SB 527-A. - Tells of a visit to Fairview with an employee who has a child at Fairview and stressed needed improvements of services for the MR/DD and their families.

(REPRESENTATIVE STEIN arrives)

044 CHAIR FORD: In view of Measure 5, will DHR be advocating for replacement funds for family support?

CONCANNON: Currently, we are advocating for additional state general funds for family support. - We do have a better record with seniors to keep them in their own homes.

062 REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Do you envision any requirements for reorganization if this bill passes?

CONCANNON: Don't think we will fundamentally have to reorganize. We will need to make sure that we take affirmative action in terms of our policies in examining our programs from a family point of view.

(REPRESENTATIVE MEEK arrives) (FULL COMMITTEE)

090 REPRESENTATIVE STEIN, DISTRICT 14: Testifies in support of SB 527-A. - Want to help family members care for their disabled family members at home. - The Human Investment Strategy focuses on investing in all Oregonians - there is a need for partnership with government and business and families. - The best service system is flexible in order to reach the needs of families and clients. - Low cost investments in prevention areas is the best way to use our resources. - This bill is cost effective and humane. - Page 2, lines 10-32 describe the philosophy of what family support is. - Page 2, lines 31-32 is the most important language of the bill.

136 Staff submits proposed amendments to SB 527-A (EXHIBIT A) and a hand engrossed version of the proposed amendments (EXHIBIT B).

REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Explains the proposed amendments.

155 KATHRYN WEIT, ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS (ARC): Submits and reads written testimony in support of SB 527-A (EXHIBIT C).

REPRESENTATIVE MEEK: Encourages Weit to pass same message along to Ways and

Means.

233 PHIL FERGUSON, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD/FAMILIES AS LEADERS: Submits and reads written testimony in support of SB 527-A (EXHIBIT D). - Service systems offer more penalties than rewards.

310 JIM DAVIS, UNITED SENIORS: Testifies in favor of SB 527-A. - Support family and community services. - Discusses seniors with disabilities. - Community based care is cost effective. - This approach allows a person to work in and contribute to their local community, as well as leading an independent fulfilled life. - This would allow one to live and work near family and friends. - Institutionalization is the costly alternative.

343 BILL GREB, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD: Testifies in support of SB 527-A. - Daughter is in a high school education support program. - Measure 5 affects this program to the extent that it will be cut and these clients will lose their jobs. - Concerned about early intervention programs. - Concerned about funding for these needed programs. - These people will become vegetables if they remain at home

with nothing to do - they need to be out in the community. - Seen triumph for this project. - We need your support.

WORK SESSION SB 527-A - Family Support Services in DHR for Chronically Ill or Disabled Individuals and their Families

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE STEIN MOVES ADOPTION OF SB 527-A4 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (EXHIBIT A).

VOTE: THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED.

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE STEIN MOVES 527-A, AS AMENDED, TO THE FLOOR, WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

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VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. REPRESENTATIVE STEIN CARRIES SB 527-A TO THE FLOOR.

PUBLIC HEARING: HB 2960 - Mentally Disabled Services in Community-Based Setting and Closure of Fairview Training Center Witnesses: Janna Starr, ARC James Toews, MHDDSD Dr. John Agosta, HSRI Dr. Dan Close, U. of O. Gladys Podrabsky, Parent of former Fairview resident Carolyn Podrabsky, Former resident of Fairview Becky Venice, Parent of Retarded Child Mike Mallory, Fairview Employee/Advocate Gene Hoxsey, Citizen/Former Fairview Employee Bud Bretthaupt, Parent/Advocate Charles Furlow, Father of MR/DD Child Tom Clark, ARC

Staff submits proposed amendments to HB 2690 (EXHIBIT E) and a hand engrossed version of the proposed amendments (EXHIBIT F).

021 JANNA STARR, ARC: Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 296 0 (EXHIBIT H). - Submits a fact sheet (EXHIBIT G).

100 DR. JOHN AGOSTA, HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (HSRI): Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 2960 (EXHIBIT I).

240 REPRESENTATIVE MEEK: The reason why we are closing Fairview needs to get out to the public.

CHAIR FORD: Recesses the meeting at 2:27 p.m. - Re-convenes the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

240 JAMES TOEWS, MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION: Submits and summarizes written testimony on HB 2960 (EXHIBIT J).

CHAIR FORD: Due to time constraints, will you come back to complete this testimony?

TOEWS: Yes.

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010 DR. DANIEL CLOSE, U. OF O.: Submits and summarizes written testimony in favor of HB 2960 (EXHIBIT K).

160 GLADYS PODRABSKY, PARENT OF FORMER FAIRVIEW RESIDENT: Testifies in support of HB 2960. - Tells of different schooling and group home situations her daughter was in, which turned out to be quite successful.

188 CAROLYN PODRABSKY, FORMER FAIRVIEW RESIDENT: Testifies in support of HB 2960. - Really likes being out in the community with other people.

225 BECKY VENICE, PARENT OF RETARDED CHILD: Submits and reads written testimony in favor of HB 2960 (EXHIBIT L).

255 MIKE MALLORY, FAIRVIEW EMPLOYEE/ADVOCATE: Testifies on HB 2960. At first I was going to oppose this bill but now I feel that appropriate community settings are acceptable.

280 GENE HOXSEY, CITIZEN, FORMER FAIRVIEW EMPLOYEE: Submits and reads written testimony in opposition to HB 2960 (EXHIBIT M).

374 BUD BRETTHAAPT, PARENT/ADVOCATE: Testifies on HB 2960. - Worried about the transfer of resources to the community. - The mechanism must be examined closely. - Have explored community programs and am anxious to have daughter live closer by, if the situation is right. - Let's not move hastily.

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020 CHARLES FURLOW, FATHER OF MR/DD CHILD: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT N).

CHAIR FORD: Will you come back and testify later when we address the budget?

FURLOW: Yes.

040 TOM CLARK, ARC: Testifies in support of HB 2960. - Runs three groups homes. - Community homes and Fairview cannot be one in the same. - Do support this because it is the logical extension of policy which has been already put into law. - Downsizing is nothing new - Fairview has been in the process of downsizing for a long time. - Community care givers are not making large amounts of money.

Submitted for the record, testimony from Parents of Corena (EXHIBIT T) and testimony from Russ Gurley (EXHIBIT ?).

PUBLIC HEARING: MEASURE 5 AFFECTS ON MR/DD POPULATION Witnesses:

Cary Schaye, ARC Dorianne Reinhardt Paul, Parent of Disabled Child Jean Thomas, Grandparent of Severley MR/DD Child Tricia O'Donnell, Retarded Citizen Faith O'Donnell, Parent of Retarded Citizen David Early, Retarded Citizen

110 CARY SCHAYE, ARC: Submits and reads written testimony on the impact of Measure 5 on the MR/DD population (EXHIBIT O).

180 DORIANNE REINHARDT PAUL, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD: Submits and reads written testimony on the impact of Measure 5 on the disabled population (EXHIBIT P).

280 JEAN THOMAS, GRANDPARENT OF SEVERELY MR/DD CHILD: Submits and reads written testimony on the impact on the disabled population (EXHIBIT Q).
- Suggests putting DHR in the general fund.

390 TRICIA O'DONNELL, RETARDED CITIZEN: Submits and reads written testimony

on the impact of Measure 5 (EXHIBIT R).

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FAITH O'DONNELL, PARENT OF RETARDED CITIZEN: Submits and reads written testimony on the impact of Measure 5 (EXHIBIT S).

TRICIA O'DONNELL: Submits and reads letters from co-workers on how they would feel if she lost her job (EXHIBIT V).

088 DAVID EARLY, RETARDED CITIZEN: Testifies on the impact of Measure 5. - If my program (Portland Employment Program - employed at Taco Bell) is cut, I would not be out in the community, I would be at home. - My job makes me feel good about myself and I like being with regular people. - I like my co-workers. - If this program were cut, a lot of people would not have the opportunity to go out and make it in this world.

CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Pamela Berger

Melanie Zermer

Submitted for the record, testimony from Jeff Davis, Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Program Directors (EXHIBIT W).

EXHIBIT LOG: A - SB 527-A - Proposed amendments - staff - 1 p. B - SB 527-A - Hand engrossed amendments - staff - 1 p. C - SB 527-A - Testimony - Weit - 4 pp. D - SB 527-A - Testimony - Ferguson - 2 pp. E - HB 2960 - Proposed amendments - staff - 2 pp. F - HB 2960 - Hand engrossed amendments - staff - 2 pp. G - HB 2960 - Fact Sheet - Starr - 1 p. H - HB 2960 - Testimony - Starr - 4 pp. I - HB 2960 - Testimony - Dr. Agosta - 10 pp. J - HB 2960 - Testimony - Toews - 21 pp. K - HB 2960 - Testimony - Close - 25 pp. L - HB 2960 - Testimony - Venice - 1 p. M - HB 2960 - Testimony - Hoxsey - 2 pp. N - HB 2960 - Testimony - Furlow - 4 pp. O - Measure 5 - Testimony - Schaye - 4 pp. P - Measure 5 - testimony - Paul - 3 pp. Q - Measure 5 - Testimony - Thomas - 2 pp. R - Measure 5 - Testimony - O'Donnell - 1 p. S - Measure 5 - Testimony - O'Donnell - 1 p. T - HB 2960 - Testimony for Corena - staff - 5 pp. U - HB 2960 - Testimony for Gurley - staff - 2 pp. V - Measure 5 - Testimony - O'Donnell - 2 pp. W - HB 2960 - Testimony from Davis - staff - 1 p.