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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 2084

June 27, 1991Hearing Room 137 9:00 a.m.Tapes 1 - 2

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. L Hill Sen. Kerans

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Derfler, Chair Rep. Shiprack

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Kintigh

STAFF PRESENT: Victoria Dozler, Committee Administrator
Johanna Klarin, Committee Assistant

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TAPE 1, SIDE A

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, HB 2084 (Exhibits A, B and C)

Witnesses:Pamela Mattson, Employment Division

003 CHAIR DERFLER: Opens conference committee on HB 2084.

006 DOZLER: Describes the two major components of the bill and the purpose of the fund. Outlines the three major component differences between HB 2084 and SB 1191,

Exhibits A and B.

047 SEN. KERANS: We need the benefit trust language in sections 2 and 3. Refers to lines 15 - 18 regarding the appropriate wording with regard to the investment of the funds.

062 MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves to adopt sections 1, 2 and 3.

-The committee has no objections to the above motion.

066 SEN. KERANS: Discusses the extended benefits with regard to the additional weeks. Our proposal was an additional 39 weeks.

CHAIR DERFLER: Has discussed this issue with the community colleges. Doesn't favor using unemployment benefits for other purposes than extended benefits. Does not favor using those benefits for training.

-Chair Derfler and Sen. Kerans discuss this issue further.

083 PAMELA MATTSON, Administrator, Employment Division: We will know in the next few days whether the Oregon additional benefits would trigger back on. There is no guarantee that we will be into any period of extended benefits after July 1.

SEN. KERANS: Discusses the need for additional weeks.

CHAIR DERFLER: Does not see any purpose for those additional weeks. If there is less than 4.5% unemployment in Oregon the training would not be used.

115 REP. SHIPRACK: Who will receive these additional benefits, is there a definition?

DOZLER: Page 9 defines who the dislocated eligible worker is. Describes them.

142 REP. SHIPRACK: Has a problem in the supplemental benefits area. Would like to see additional weeks beyond the 13.

163 DOZLER: Discusses HB 2252 and the funds available from that fund to the unemployed workers. We are looking at \$17.5 - \$18 million in actual benefits.

172 SEN. KERANS: HB 2252 is going through without controversy.

185 SEN. HILL: Does the \$5.5 million diversion money go through this fund?

CHAIR DERFLER: No it is controlled by the Employment Division.

SEN. HILL: Is it targeted to the structurally unemployed, the timber workers?

CHAIR DERFLER: Yes.

-The key to the success of this program is the quick assessment program that is set up. The average training program should be about 25 weeks.

194 SEN. KERANS: Suggests that the committee settles to the 13 weeks.

-We need appropriate wording in order to provide for the allocation of the \$5.5 million in HB 225 2.

205 SEN. HILL: References to SB 1191, section 3, subsection 4. That is the appropriate language.

MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves that the appropriate words from SB 1191B be included in HB 2084, page 3, lines 24-32.

-The committee has no objections to the motion above.

233 SEN. KERANS: Discusses the work history test. The Employment

Division has a problem with that.

MOTION: KERANS: Moves to adopt the language approved by the Employment Division regarding the work history test.

243 DOZLER: The motion should read: Delete lines 19-23 in page 9 of HB 208 4 and insert the language from page 1, lines 9-14, of SB 1191B. Also delete lines 3-6 on page 10 of HB 2084.

MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves the above language outlined by committee counsel.

-The committee has no objections to the above motion.

269 MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves to delete on page 11, lines 6 and 13, the words "eligible."

DOZLER: The Employment Division modified all their vocational unemployment statutes and these two sections apply to all dislocated workers who are eligible for vocational unemployment insurance.

-The motion is accepted.

306 DOZLER: Explains the reach back provision.

312 CONCEPTUAL MOTION: KERANS: Moves to adopt section 7, lines 31-34 of SB 119 1, the reach back provision. Legislative Counsel will see to the appropriate language.

-The committee has no objections to the above motion.

330 DOZLER: Discusses the grandfather clause that needs to be adopted.

ANNETTE TALBOTT, Committee Counsel, Senate Labor Committee: There are people who are already under the existing vocational unemployment insurance program, and we are changing all those definitions. If they have their program approved already, they need to be grandfathered in. The Legislative Counsel could do some conceptual amendments.

MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves the grandfather clause outlined by Ms. Talbott. The technical language can be provided by Mr. Tegger from the Employment Division and Committee Counsel.

335 MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves to add an emergency clause.

-The committee has no objections to the above motion.

358 KERANS: Discusses the usage of the additional monies from the Unemployment Insurance Trust fund to pay for training for the structurally unemployed.

CHAIR DERFLER: Opposes this concept.

SEN. KERANS: Suggests taking the above referenced portion out of the bill. Discusses the possibility of using SB 1191 as a vehicle for a cents-per-day assessment.

CHAIR DERFLER: I don't have a problem with that. Speaker Campbell indicated that it would have to go to revenue.

412 SEN. HILL: Expresses disappointment that the House is not willing to view the plight of the timber workers as an emergency.

TAPE 2, SIDE A

-The dislocated workers need additional funds for training and the unemployment insurance benefit extension does not provide that.

014 DOZLER: Introduces language to create a cap of \$12 million. Delete all subsection 6 and 7, lines 33-44 on page 10 and lines 1-4 on page 11. Insert new subsection 6 which would read: In order to assist eligible dislocated workers to continue or complete vocational training, individuals who meet the requirements under ORS 657 .335 to 657 .360 are eligible for supplemental benefits as provided in ORS 657.340 except that the total amount of benefits payable from the unemployment trust fund shall not exceed \$12 million.

MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves the above language.

-The committee has no objections to the motion.

038 DOZLER: On page eleven you suggested 13 weeks. I incorporated that amendment to line 29; change 150 to 50. That changes 39 to 13 weeks.

SEN. KERANS: Discusses sections 16 and 17.

055 MATTSON: Explains sections 16 and 17. This is conformity language.

070 SEN. KERANS: Refers to the proposed HB 9999-84 amendments, Exhibit C. Asks if Rep. Derfler could discuss these amendments with House Speaker Larry Campbell to create a vehicle for training.

CHAIR DERFLER: This is quite an innovative idea.

SEN. KERANS: Discusses the plight of the timber industry.

100 SEN. HILL: Discusses his disappointment in that the committee fails to adequately address the retraining needs of the timber workers and their families.

MOTION: SEN. KERANS: Moves that HB 2084, as amended above, be reported back with the recommendation that the House concur in the Senate amendments dated June 18, 1991 and the bill be repassed.

VOTE: The motion carries 4-0.

EXCUSED: Sen. Kintigh.

116 REP. DERFLER: Adjourns the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

Johanna Klarin Victoria Dozler Assistant Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

- A - Testimony on HB 2084 - Committee Staff - 1 page.
- B - Testimony on HB 2084 - Annette Talbott - 3 pages.
- C - Amendments to HB 9999 - Sen Kerans - 1 page.