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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

February 8, 1991Hearing Room "B" 3:00 p.m. Tape 17

MEMBERS PRESENT:Sen. Glenn Otto, Chair Sen. Jane Cease, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jim Bunn Sen. Ron Grensky Sen. Tricia Smith Sen. Dick Springer

MEMBERS EXCUSED:Sen. John Kitzhaber

STAFF PRESENT: Gail Ryder, Senior Committee Administrator Jayne
Hamilton, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 305 - Municipal financial
administration SB 456 - Depositing of certain funds rec. by the Sec. of
state SB 226 - Increases amount retained in ORS revolving account

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TAPE 19, SIDE A

005 CHAIR OTTO: Called the meeting to order at 3:13.

(TAPE 17, SIDE A)

PUBLIC HEARING

SB 305 RELATING TO TAX SUPERVISING AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Witnesses:Dennis Mulvihill, Washington County John Meek, Washington
County

010 DENNIS MULVIHILL, WASHINGTON COUNTY: Read written testimony,
exhibit A.

Makes reference to written testimony prepared by, Beaverton Schools,
Lane County Commissioners, Mayor Jeff Miller, City recorder Gail Waibil,
Unified Sewerage Agency of Washington County, exhibit B.

039 JOHN MEEK, WASHINGTON COUNTY: Explained the concept of the Tax
Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC). Requested that the
Senate support the passage of SB 305 .

067 SMITH: Why does the Commission review budgets?

070 MULVIHILL: To make sure that they are in compliance with the state
law.

078 OTTO: Multnomah County is the only county who has TSCC. It was started in 1909. The County Government in Multnomah County pays for the activities of the TSCC. The members of the Commission serve without pay. They meet frequently to develop budgets, and perform a valuable service. If counties were to reach a population of over 300,000, they would have to go to a TSCC, and they wouldn't have to advertise their expenditures in the paper every month, the other units of Government would.

110 SMITH: It seems to me that it's just another layer of things that should have been done on the local level. I would resent our work being scrutinized by a commission appointed by the Governor, when local jurisdiction is really the one who has to live with the decision.

WORK SESSION

133 MOTION: SEN SMITH MOVED SB 305 TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 4-0. (EXCUSED: SEN BUNN, SEN KITZHABER, AND SEN SPRINGER.)

(TAPE, 19, SIDE A)

PUBLIC HEARING

SB 456 RELATING TO DEPOSITING OF CERTAIN FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Witnesses: Mike Greenfield, Deputy Secretary of State Gilbert Wilson, Secretary of State Office

150 MIKE GREENFIELD DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE: Read written testimony, exhibit C.

186 GILBERT WILSON, SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE: This bill will allow us to put the monies into a separate account so that payments can be made for the cost of production of both rules, and the blue book.

197 OTTO: How much is the quantity discount that you give to purchasers?

201 WILSON: 30%.

204 OTTO: How many copies do you have to buy in order to get the discount?

207 WILSON: I don't know.

213 GREENFIELD: The price for the upcoming blue book is \$8.00, and the last one was \$6.00.

215 CEASE: Do you anticipate trying to keep the price of the book at an acceptable level for the public?

218 GREENFIELD: The decision to raise it to \$8.00 was one that Keisling felt would still be accessible to the public, and still keep us on track in terms of trying to make it more available. The free copies are having more of an impact on us than the price. For example, we sent 300 free copies to The Department of Human Resources.

239 GRENSKY: I don't understand why you can't raise your prices, or compete in other markets now so that the general fund isn't

supplementing the cost of this. It appears that last year it cost this State \$60,000.00 to pay for the printing and sells of these materials, and by putting it into a separate fund you think you'll be self supporting. Tell me why you can't do these things now.

250 GREENFIELD: I think they can be done now, and I believe our agenda would be to pursue that goal, whether or not this bill passes.

263 GRENSKY: I'm confused as to why you are coming in here and asking us to do something that you should be able to do yourself.

269 GREENFIELD: We are asking for the tools. This is not an uncommon mechanism to establish discrete funds.

292 CEASE: How many books are printed and distributed free to Federal, State, County, and City?

296 WILSON: The number of books that are distributed free are 10,000. Two per Congressman and two per Senator, and most of the rest of the free books go to schools and County Officials.

306 CEASE: Are schools the biggest recipient?

307 WILSON: Nearly half go to schools.

315 RYDER: Distributes fiscal impact statement.

WORK SESSION

324 MOTION: SEN CEASE MOVED SB 456 TO WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

334 VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 5-0. (EXCUSED: SEN KITZHABER AND SEN BUNN.)

(TAPE 17, SIDE A)

PUBLIC HEARING

SB 226 RELATING TO INCREASES IN THE AMOUNT RETAINED IN ORS REVOLVING ACCOUNT

Witnesses: Tom Clifford, Legal Counsel

345 TOM CLIFFORD, LEGAL COUNSEL: When we publish the Oregon Revised Statute, (ORS), the money we receive from the subscribers is paid into the ORS revolving account. And from that account we pay all the cost that came from the development of that publication, including printing, paper, and all of the personnel cost. Up to the present time the money in excess of \$300.00.00, in that ORS revolving account spills over into the general account on July 1st of every odd numbered year. We've always been able to carry over the \$300.000.00 to provide seed money for the next publication. As our costs have gone up we've exceeded the \$300.000.00 figure in terms of obligation to providers of services to us, before the money from the subscriber starts coming in. We are able to pay out of that \$300.00.00 for the paper and some of the printing supplies, and some of our personnel cost. However we project our paper alone for ORS for the next publication will exceed \$265.000.00 in cost, and we will incur maybe \$150.000.00 worth of personnel cost before the first subscriber pays for the first publication following the 1990 session. We're asking the Legislature, through you, to increase our ability to withhold money in the ORS revolving account to \$400.000.00 to allow us to pay our bills promptly.

420 SMITH: What do you do now? Do you write hot checks or do you just

not pay?

422 CLIFFORD: We just don't pay. We wait until receipts come in and belatedly pay the paper contract. The State printer advises us that that's no longer acceptable.

432 OTTO: Do you go to separate paper suppliers other than State Printer?

434 CLIFFORD: We purchase all of our services through the State printer.

WORK SESSION

459 MOTION: SEN CEASE MOVED SB 226 TO WAYS AND MEANS WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

465 VOTE: MOTION CARRIED, 5-0. (EXCUSED: SEN BUNN, AND SEN KITZHABER.)

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG

A - Written testimony, Dennis Mulvihill, 3 pages B - Written testimony, Dennis Mulvihill, 6 pages C - Written testimony, Mike Greenfield, 1 page D - Fiscal impact statement for SB 456