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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE AND BIOETHICS

February 19, 1991Hearing Room C 3:00p.m.Tapes 19 -

MEMBERS PRESENT:Sen. Bob Shoemaker, Chair Sen. Joyce Cohen,  
Vice-Chair Sen. Jeannette Hamby Sen. Lenn Hannon Sen. Frank Roberts

MEMBER EXCUSED: ?Sen./Rep. Name

VISITING MEMBER:?Sen./Rep. Name

STAFF PRESENT: Barbara Coombs, Committee Administrator Mark  
Sigel, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: ?Name ?Name

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TAPE 19, SIDE A

000 CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Calls meeting to order at 3:12

006 LH moves to have LCs put into the Committee

009 The bills are accepted into the committee

015 Kitzhaber: At some point we should apply for an ERISA exemption.  
We should not allow current mandates to lapse without replkacing them  
with some basic service package.

048 cs: Are you saying that ..

078 KITZHABER: Its important to make a distinctiopn between service  
mandates and pratitioner mandates.

084 CHAIR SHOEMAKER: The bill will charge the Health Service Commission with ... Does it seem to you that the Health Services Commission should look at both ...

105 SENATOR HANNON: On Page 2 line 14

120 SENATOR KITZHABER: KITZ There will be a bill to clean up SB 935

149 PAIGE SYPES METZLER: Paige Sypes Metzler: We have not taken a position on SB 321

184 CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Does the Commission want to consider the scope of practice issues as well?

194 PSM: No.

205 Mark Nelson and Scott Manchester National Association of Social Workers: Present (EXHIBITS A AND B) We are in opposition to the repeal of these mandates. A reduction of utilization of medical service needs occurs with the infusion of alcohol and drug mental health services. We believe elimination of the mandate will result in elimination of the service.

330 cs Would you feel better about this bill if the Health Service Commission folds in the mental health and drug and alcohol dependency services

337 MANCHESTER: Possibly, but the Commission has not yet done that.

TAPE 20, SIDE B

035 SCOTT BENNETT: We would like to see you turn this over to the Health Services Commission. Speaks in opposition to SB 321. We should not get rid of our existing plan without having a new plan. We must, therefore amend out Section 6.

100 CHRIS O'NEIL AND Barbara Skorney ADDICTIONS TREATMENT ASSOCIATION: Presents (EXHIBIT C) which supports have effective addiction treatment services have been in helping people get healthy and saving society money. Opposes SB 321 and feels that section 6 should be repealed.

165 cs: Emphasizes that the intent of the bill is not to simply eliminate health mandates but to direct the Health Services Commission to study the value of these services and to determine how useful and effective and valuable the services.

185 BRIAN AND CAROL CODDET, OREGON NURSES ASSOCIATION: Present (EXHIBIT D) which emphasizes that the 1993 repeal of the mandates contained in section 6 is premature.

250 fr:

274 Brian: We should not develop a lot of different tiers of services - they should be the same across groups. There should be a separation between service and provider mandates because these are really different things .

320 BARRY KAST, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND CLARK CAMPBELL: Present (EXHIBIT E) which urges the committee to retain the mandated services

described in ORS 743 .556, 743.701, 743.7099, 943.712 and 743.714.

TAPE 19, SIDE B

011 CAMPBELL: With mandated services actual agency expenditures will go down.

039 NAN DEWEY, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS: Presents (EXHIBIT F)

059 fr: This question of mandates is not just a political issue as you say. It is also a social question.

078 DAVID HOUK, AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION: We support SB 321. I feel quite confident both diabetes type 1 and type 2 will be in top third of the list being produced by the Health Services Commission.

110 SANDRA MILLIUS, OREGON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM DIRECTORS:

175 BRUCE BISHOP, KAISER PERMANENTE: Presents (EXHIBIT G) which summarizes that Kaiser has traditionally opposed mandates for health services and therefore supports SB 321.

268 fr: The bill refers to preferred treatments and looking down the list of mandated services and I wonder .... Don't you think alcohol dependence treatment is useful?

318 fr: The enormity of investigating the appropriateness of just the alcohol treatment would require more financial outlay than we've given to the Health Services Commission for everything so far.

359 PEGGY ANET: LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES: Presents (EXHIBIT H) which summarizes why the League supports SB 321.

TAPE 20, SIDE B

038 cs: Another point to be made is that

048 bc: We've heard that the mandated services are efficient. Do the self insured plans cover the mandated services? I believe that this is a good test of whether these services are truly as efficient as the proponents say they are.

070 bishop: I believe that most self-insured plans cover most of the mandated services.

088 Roberts:

095 Anet: This one mandated service is the most complicated one and the one most in need of review.

133 bishop: Section 4 of the bill would include the continuation requirements that are on the code now

- Section 5 is very important

167 ANET: The main problem is that we have taken an incremental approach in terms of looking at mandates. Unlimited benefits are no

longer a possibility.

245 STEPHEN KAFOURY: I would like to have the bill amended to delete acupuncturists services.

361 JOHN POWELL, : We support SB 321.

393 roberts; I would like to know how much money the Insurance industry would like to put up to study this.

TAPE 21, SIDE A

010 COOMBS: Can an insurance company write a policy which limits

028 KEVIN EARLS, ASSOCIATED OREGON INDUSTRIES: Presents (EXHIBIT I) We support SB 321.

056 JIM CARLSON, OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: We support SB 321.