

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE AND BIOETHICS

March 5, 1991                      Hearing Room C 3:00 p.m.                      Tapes 29 MEMBERS  
PRESENT: Sen. Bob Shoemaker, Chair Sen. Joyce Cohen, Vice Chair Sen.  
Jeannette Hamby Sen. Lenn Hannon Sen. Frank Roberts STAFF  
PRESENT: Barbara Coombs, Committee Administrator Mark Sigel,  
Committee Assistant

MEASURE SB 314 CONSIDERED:

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TAPE 29, SIDE A 000 CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Calls meeting to order at 3:07

010 MOTION: Chair Shoemaker moves to introduce LC 3891 and LC 1961 as committee bills. 030 VOTE: The committee unanimously accepts the LCs as committee bills.

043 DAVE HOUK: Representing himself. Sees a need for this bill if for some reason the risk pool is not passed. If there is a one person who has been excluded from getting health insurance because of a preexisting condition and if this bill could help that one person, then this bill should be moved forward. 070 SENATOR HANNON: All this bill does is allow a person to ask their insurer to reconsider covering excluded services. You should be clear that this bill does not mandate insurers to give people coverage.

110 JOHN POWELL, BCBSO: BCBSO will reconsider an excluded service at any time. He believes this is a universal practice in the industry. So he sees no need for this bill. 138 CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Are you saying that this bill may hurt the consumer because currently most insurers will reconsider covering excluded services at any time, but the bill requires insurers to reconsider exclusions at specified time periods and therefore they may be more restricted in when they reconsider covering excluded services if this bill passes? SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE AND BIOETHICS January 20, 1991 - Page 2

140 POWELL: Yes.

200 CHAIR SHOEMAKER: Adjourns the hearing at 3:25.

Submitted by:      Reviewed by: Mark Sigel Barbara Coombs  
Assistant              Administrator

EXHIBIT A - Testimony on SB 314, Penhollow, 2 pages

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