

Measures Heard SB 54 (WRK) SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR February C, 1991
3:00 p.m. Tape 11 MEMBERS PRESENT: SEN. GRATTAN KERANS, CHAIR
SEN. LARRY HILL, VICE-CHAIR SEN. BOB KINTIGH SEN. BOB SHOEMAKER MEMBER
EXCUSED: SEN. PETER BROCKMAN STAFF PRESENT: ANNETTE TALBOTT,
COMMITTEE COUNSEL ROBERTA WHITE, COMMITTEE ASSISTANT

WITNESSES: JIM McINTOSH, MANAGER, STATE EMPLOYEES BENEFITS BOARD,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT MARK NELSON, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSEL, ASSOCIATION OF
OREGON FACULTIES AND OREGON CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL
WORKERS

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proceedings, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE 11, SIDE A

001 CHAIR KERANS called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

SB 54 - CREATES AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, WORK
SESSION

009 CHAIR KERANS: Is there anything additional you want to tell the
committee at this time?

JIM McINTOSH, MANAGER, STATE EMPLOYEES BENEFITS BOARD, EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT: We had the amendments (EXHIBIT A) presented by your staff
reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General who works for SEBB, and they
also believe that the language meets the purpose, which is to protect
the General Fund.

CHAIR KERANS: Mr. Nelson, do you have an amendment to SB 54-1?

019 MARK NELSON, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSEL, ASSOCIATION OF OREGON
FACULTIES AND THE OREGON CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL
WORKERS (EXHIBIT B): Before, if you will remember, I discussed the issue
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self-insureds do not have to comply with statutorily set mandates,
either services or authorized providers. The proposed amendment would
make it clear that the state should selfinsure through SEBB or BUBB,
that they would have to provide the benefit levels authorized under
existing statutes and if any future statutes should mandate a particular
provider or services, that those would also be covered as part of that
benefit package. The whole purpose of this is not to see a diminishment
of the benefit packages that have been mandated through state statute
and the legislature over the last 20 years. We believe that both SEBB
and BUBB have no objection to this amendment. McINTOSH: SEBB has no
objection to that amendment.

CHAIR KERANS: As far you are concerned, there is no fiscal impact to the
existing bill as it stands. McINTOSH: We didn't take any fiscal credit
for changing benefit levels. We had anticipated continuing similar
benefit levels. The savings resulted from other activities. MOTION:
SENATOR HILL moved to adopt the hand-engrossed version (EXHIBIT A) of SB
54 - 1 further amended by 54 - 2 (EXHIBIT B). VOTE: Hearing no
objections, the motion carries. Senator Brockman was absent. MOTION:
Senator Hill moved to send SB 54 as amended to the Ways and Means
committee with a "do pass" recommendation. VOTE: Hearing no objections,

the motion carries. Senator Brockman was absent. TAPE 11, SIDE A
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL COMMITTEE BILLS, PUBLIC HEARING 060 MOTION:
SENATOR HILL moved to introduce the committee bills en block. (EXHIBIT
C) VOTE: Hearing no objection motion carried. Senator Brockman was
absent. 074 CHAIR KERANS adjourned the meeting 3:37 p.m. Submitted
by: Reviewed by: Roberta White Annette Talbott
Assistant Committee Counsel

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Amendment to SB 54 - Staff- 1 page B - Amendment to SB 54 - Mark Nelson - 1 page C - Hand-Engrossed Version of SB 54 - Staff- 6 pages D - Memo Introducing Committee Bills - Staff- 1 page