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SENATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 05, 1991                      Hearing Room 343  
3:00 P.M.                              State Capitol  
   Salem, OR

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Rural Health Care  
EMT Training

MEMBERS PRESENT: SEN. WAYNE FAWBUSH, CHAIR

SEN. SCOTT DUFF  
SEN. JEANNETTE HAMBY  
SEN. JIM HILL  
SEN. EUGENE TIMMS

MEMBERS EXCUSED: SEN. PEG JOLIN

STAFF PRESENT: JOSEPH CORTRIGHT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
TAMIRA MILLER, POLICY ANALYST  
JERI CHASE, OFFICE MANAGER  
HOLLY BROWN, COMMITTEE ASSISTANT

WITNESSES:                      SENATOR JOHN KITZHABER, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE  
                                    REPRESENTATIVE SAM DOMINY, DISTRICT 44  
                                    REPRESENTATIVE HEDY RIJKEN, DISTRICT 4  
                                    TODD JONES, REPRESENTING SECRETARY OF STATE, PHIL  
                                    KEISLING  
                                    SENATOR JOHN BRENNEMAN, DISTRICT 2  
                                    DR. PETER KOHLER, OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE  
                                    UNIVERSITY  
                                    KAREN WHITAKER, STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH  
                                    TOM TURNER, STATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION  
                                    ED PATTERSON, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITALS  
                                    BARBARA LUM, VICE PRESIDENT, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF  
                                    HOSPITALS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
                                    RICHARD MOORE, LAKE DISTRICT HOSPITAL  
                                    STAN FERGUSON, OREGON SOCIETY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
                                    HENRY STOLL, MEDEX NORTHWEST PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT  
                                    PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
                                    PAUL BIENIASZ, OREGON SOCIETY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS,  
                                    RURAL HEALTH COMMITTEE  
                                    BRIAN DELUSHMATT, OREGON NURSES 'ASSOCIATION  
                                    JIM CARLSON, OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
                                    MELVIN BRUNSON, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION OF  
                                    OREGON

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000 CHAIR FAWBUSH convenes the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

SB 607 (Rural Health Services) - Public Hearing

012 Letter of testimony submitted from Representative Greg Walden (EXHIBIT A).

014 PRESIDENT KITZHABER: Testifies in support of SB 607. The \$600,000 appropriation would essentially go to the Office of Rural Health. The Area Health Education

Center program (AHEC)  
which takes medical students and residents and nurse practitioners into rural areas to be trained, which assess needs in each area leverages a 3 to 1 federal match. There is a \$384,000 recommended appropriation for the Biomedical information and communication center. This is a central data gathering and distribution program at the Health Science University and is an effort to tie rural providers together electronically.

059 REPRESENTATIVE SAM DOMINY: Testifies in favor of SB 607. The hospital in Cottage Grove is a type B hospital and they are suffering. This year is especially bad because of the dislocated timber workers without insurance.

086 REPRESENTATIVE HEDY RIJKEN: Presents testimony in favor of SB 607 (EXHIBIT B).

112 TODD JONES: Presents a letter from the Secretary of State Phil Keisling (EXHIBIT C).

145 SEN. JOHN BRENNEMAN: Presents testimony in favor of SB 607 (EXHIBIT D). In the -5

215 SEN. EUGENE TIMMS: Testifies in favor of SB 607. We have been throwing a band aid approach to the hospitals in this state. Our first priority was retention and recruitment of physicians. We have to set up informational links and these AHECs are the key to doing this. We have put rural hospitals into the Economic Development Department. If it would have remained in the Human Resource

Department we would not have been able to accomplish all that we have. 301 MILLER: Presents summary the of -5 amendments (EXHIBIT E). Presents Staff Measure Summary on SB 607 (EXHIBIT E;).

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008 MILLER: Presents -5 amendment to SB 607 (EXHB IT G).

051 DR. PETER KOHLER: Testifies in favor of SB 607. Presents Discussion Paper on the Oregon Health Extension Service Network (EXHIBIT H).

100 KAREN WHITAKER: Presents "Health Care Practitioners in Rural Oregon: An Update" (EXHIBIT I).

430 KOHLER: The AHEC program is a local analyses to need that would allow us to expand the number  
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of physicians that would be able to train in the statc.

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023 SEN. HAMBY: The bill itself speaks to the need to consult with the Office of Rural Health and the State Scholarship Commission. Do you play any other role in the State Scholarship Commission?

030 WHITAKER: We have worked very closely with them.

039 SEN. HAMBY: - Does this add any additional money to the State Scholarship Commission?

045 MILLER: The bill adds \$100,000 from General Funds.

055 WHITAKER: The \$60,000 is to match a federal program for rural health programs.

062 TOM TURNER: We recommended some amendments which are included in the -5 amendments.

086 MILLER: When that \$100,000 was established did you account for the ten PA's?  
100 WHITAKER: Yes.  
106 TURNER: The way the spending begins in this program is later than when you first begin the program.  
Students in the Health Sciences Center express an interest while they are still in school So there may be a time delay of up to several years before they have an opportunity to be in and practice in a rural area.  
121 ED PATTERSON: We would like to indicate support for the bill and amendments. We are interested in Section 2 which discusses how hospitals are impacted.  
137 BARBARA LUM: Presents testimony in favor of SB 607 (EXHIBIT J). Submits "Oregon Association of Hospitals Type "B" Hospitals Net Medicaid Revenue" (EXHIBIT K).  
207 PATTERSON: We requested several changes that are encompassed in the -5 amendments.  
302 PATTERSON: Presents EXHIBIT K We would like you to recognize the significance of the medicaid dollars for a small rural hospital.  
354 RICHARD MOORE: Presents testimony in favor of SB 607 (EXHIBIT L).

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008 MOORE: Continues EXHIBIT L.  
041 SEN. HILL: What is the implication of increased outpatients?  
046 PATTERSON: With medicaid a de-emphasis of inpatient services took place.  
058 MOORE: We only have 3.5 inpatients out of 21 beds.  
066 LUM: It used to be that if you were looking at controlling costs, it was not of significant harm to a Senate T&E Committee  
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small or rural hospital to maintain a lower level of outpatient funding. The practical application now is that if you tinker with either side of the equation, inpatient or outpatient, it can put that small hospital in jeopardy.

091 STAN FERGUSON: Presents testimony in favor of SB 607. Submits information regarding physician assistants (EXHIBIT M).  
199 HENRY STOLL: We are here to express our support for any efforts you want to make to increase access to health care. We have 36 people in our training program next year but we generally have 23 people. It takes 2 years to go through the program and it costs \$20,000. We recruit older individuals with prior medical experience.  
235 PAUL BIENIASZ: Testifies in favor of SB 607.  
348 CHAIR FAWBUSH: The PA's are a good addition to the health care service.  
385 BRIAN DELUSHMATT: The -5 amendments are sufficient. Submits letters from nurse practitioners interested in practice in rural areas (EXHIBIT N).  
420 JIM CARLSON: Testifies in favor of SB 607. This is an economic development issue.

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SB 753 (Volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians) - Public Hearing  
038 MELVIN BRUNSON: Presents testimony in favor of SB 753 (EXHIBIT O). Submits proposal from Charles Kelly (EXHIBIT P).

135 CHAIR FAWBUSH adjourns the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

EXHIBIT A - Letter of testimony in favor of SB 607, submitted by Representative Greg Walden, pgs. 1.

EXHIBIT B - Testimony in favor of SB 607, submitted by Representative Hedy Rijken, pgs. 1.

EXHIBIT C - Letter in support of SB 607 from Secretary of State Phil Keisling, submitted by Todd Jones, pgs. 1.

EXHIBIT D - Testirmony in favor of SB 607, submitted by Senator John Brenneman, pgs. 1.

EXHIBIT E - Summary of the -5 amendments to SB 607, submitted by Tami Miller, pgs. 1.

EXHIBIT F - Staff Measure Summary on SB 607, submitted by Tami Miller, pgs. 2.

EXHIBIT G - -5 amendments on SB 607, submitted by Tami Miller, pgs. 6.

EXHIBIT H - Discussion paper on the Oregon Health Extension Services Network, submitted by Dr. Peter Kohler, pgs.4.

EXHIBIT I - "Health Care Practitioners in Rural Oregon: An Update," submitted Karen Whitaker, pgs. 11.

EXHIBIT J - Testhnyony in favor of SB 607, submitted by Barbara Lum, pgs. 4.

EXHIBIT K - "Oregon Association of Hospitals Type "B" Hospitals Net Medicaid Revenue," submitted by Barbara Lum, pgs. 1.

EXHIBIT L - Testimony in favor of SB 607, submitted by Richard Moore, pgs. 2.

EXHIBIT M - Information regarding physician assistants, submitted by Stan Ferguson, pgs. 29.

EXHIBIT N - Letters from nurse practitioners interested in practice in rural areas, submitted by Brian Delushmatt, pgs. 10.

EXHIBIT O - Testimony in favor of SB 753, submitted by Melvin Brunson, pgs. 2.

EXHIBIT P - Proposal from Charles Kelly, submitted by Melvin Brunson, pgs. 3.