

Minutes

Legislative Advocacy Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

February 24, 2005

Department of Human Services

Attendees: Bob Lawrence, Chair; Dolores Raymond; Don Butsch; Jack Ewing; Charles Kurtz; John Helm; and Barbara Nelson

Excused: Mary Harvey

Staff: Marc Overbeck; Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead

Called Meeting to Order

Approved January 2005 Minutes.

OAA Mandated State Commission Project

Dolores will be meeting with Rebecca Thomas, Senator Smith's assistant, next week. We will continue to meet with members of the Congressional Delegation to stabilize support in our proceedings.

Revenue Coalition

Bob and Marc met with Laurie Wimmer-Whelan, Oregon Revenue Coalition. They would be pleased to have the Commission participate as a member. Discussed the benefit of the Commission and the Coalition coming together with other groups with a united message.

MOTION: Recommend to the full Commission that we join the Oregon Revenue Coalition. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed.*

Revenue Subcommittee

Discussed the Subcommittee's list of recommendations on tax expenditures.

MOTION: Recommend to the full Commission to approve the recommendations on tax expenditures as revised. Also propose that we go back to the pre-1997 code. (Charles Kurtz) *Passed.*

MOTION: Recommend to the full Commission that we write a letter to the Governor explaining to him, that if the state is going to be making cuts in the budget then he should not accept any more proposals for tax credits during this legislative session. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

Review GCSS Bills

Clarified SB 635 (AFH workers comp insurance), SB 118 (AFH liability insurance), SB 174 (AFH homeowners insurance), and SB 774 (to establish brain injury registry). SB 635 is assigned to Charles Kurtz for review, SB 118 & 174 we are already tracking, and SB 774 is assigned to Tim Malone.

MOTION: HB 2555 is to be a priority 1, Support. HB 2626 is to be a priority 3, Support. SB 870 is to be a priority 1, Support. HB 2587 is to be a priority 3, Neutral (Charles Kurtz) *Passed*

Federal Issues

Discussed the Commission's opposition to the President's plan to privatize Social Security. Discussed next step.

MOTION: Recommend to the full Commission that we meet with certain members of the Oregon Legislature to support the Commission's position on Social Security. (Charles Kurtz) *Passed*

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Revise revenue material.	Marc	Feb 25, 2005
Send letter to Governor.	Staff	March 25, 2005
Contact members of the legislature on Social Security.	Charles K.	March 25, 2005
Notify the Revenue Coalition of our decision.	Staff	March 25, 2005
Update bill tracking sheets.	Marc	Feb 25, 2005