

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • March 26, 2009 • 8:15 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

Comfort Suites (Oregon Conf Room) • 630 Hawthorne Street SE Salem, Oregon 97301

LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffry Brandon

John Brenne

Patty Brost

Chuck Frazier

John Helm

Robert Lawrence

Barbara Nelson

Timothy McQueary

Marilyn Patton

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Dolores Raymond

GUESTS:

Charles Richards

Kathleen Schonau

Joan Staley

Peggie Beck

Ross Mathews

Martha Simpson

Chris Flammang

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator

Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

- Introductions
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Announcements

Public Comment

Review GCSS Bills of Interest

Tax Expenditure Report Update

Agenda Items For The Next Meeting

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Lawrence called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Tim McQueary moved to approve the agenda. Barbara Nelson seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0-4

Yeas: Brandon, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Patton

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Brost, Fraizer, Raymond

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Barbara Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0-4

Yeas: Brandon, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Patton

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Brost, Fraizer, Raymond

Motion carried.

Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REVIEW GCSS BILLS OF INTEREST

Bob Lawrence reported on the 2009 Legislative session and discussed:

- Senior and Disable Transportation: HB 2122, HB 2120, HB 2075 and HB 2379
- Health Care Reform
- Family Paid Leave Act: HB 3160
- Relative to Protective Proceedings: HB 2137
- Health Care: HB 2009
- Protective Proceedings: HB 2883

Bob read through bills that the commission is tracking. Bob asked Kathleen Schonau to explain HB 2442 to the committee.

Action Item: Dawn Rustrum will send Kathleen Schonau the link to the audio for the HB 2442 hearing to review.

TAX EXPENDITURE REPORT UPDATE

Barbara Nelson provided an update on the tax expenditures research done and shared the following:

- Recommendation that the commission work with the Advocacy Coalition, HISC and other groups on the issue rather than taking the lead.
- There is work in progress with the Revenue Coalition to do something about questionable tax expenditures.
- There is a move to have all tax expenditures sunset every few years.
- The thought is that every eight to ten years all tax expenditures would be reviewed to see if they appropriately apply and if they accomplished what they were intended to do. This is a long range solution and she believes the commission should support this concept.
- Changes in the tax expenditures will not begin to close the gap in the budget. The shortfall is so huge that we need to find new ways to find programs.
- Many tax expenditures are essential for a healthy and fair society.
- Another thought was a flat percentage reduction from each tax expenditure but this view has not received much support.

Bob Lawrence will make a proposal this afternoon to the full commission to continue participation in efforts around tax expenditures but not take the lead for the state.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:45 a.m.