

# GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • April 23, 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

John Helm  
Robert Lawrence  
Barbara Nelson

Timothy McQueary  
Dolores Raymond

### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Chuck Fraizer

Marilyn Patton

### GUESTS:

Ross Mathews  
Tiffany Reitter  
Remona Simpson

Keith Putman  
Peggie Beck  
Elaine Barrett

Lucy Morgan

### 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

#### Legislative Budget Process

#### Review GCSS Bills of Interest

#### Agenda Items For Next Meeting

#### Adjourn

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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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:** Bob Lawrence moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeffrey Brandon seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-3

**Yeas:** Brandon, Brost, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Brenne, Frazier, Patton

**Motion carried.**

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

**Motion:** Bob Lawrence moved to approve the minutes. Patty Brost seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-3

**Yeas:** Brandon, Brost, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Brenne, Frazier, Patton

**Motion carried.**

### **Announcements**

- Bob Lawrence reported that the commission was asked by Regan Gray to submit an article to the Oregonian regarding SB 966. Marilyn Patton offered to prepare the article.
- Bob Lawrence reported the Chuck Frazier is currently at a hearing at the capitol for the Oregon Health Fund Board.

**Motion:** Bob Lawrence moved to have Marilyn Patton prepare an article for the Oregonian regarding SB 966. Barbara Nelson seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-3

**Yeas:** Brandon, Brost, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Brenne, Frazier, Patton

**Motion carried**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- None

## **LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PROCESS**

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Tiffany Reitter, Legislative Assistant to Representative Tina Kotek, discussed the Oregon budget process.

- Constitutionally required to balance the budget
- Budget consists of four fund types (General Fund, Lottery Funds, Other Funds, Federal Funds)
- Drivers of Budget Change Include
  - Population Change
  - Inflation
  - Increased Need
  - Federal Policy Changes
  - Initiatives
  - Rollup Costs
  - State Policy Decisions
  - Revenue Shortfalls
- 2009-11 General Fund & Lottery Funds Total 15,848 Billion
- Budget gap in last six months of two-year budget
- Considerations for Budget Cuts
  - Focused on the impacts of decisions on the economy and jobs
  - Placed human safety issues first by minimizing reductions impacting seniors, children and the disabled
  - Maximized the use of federal dollars where possible
  - Limited damage to educations as much as possible in recognition that local school districts had few options

- Recognized the long-term costs of dismantling vital programs knowing that those programs will need to be rebuilt at some point in the future.
- The Current Situation
- The Solution
  - To get us out of this economic crisis we need a thoughtful and balanced approach that includes budget cuts and revenue replacement options
- The numbers
- If we use all the reserves, still leaves a gap of 2.6 billion based on the 4.4 billion target.
- What does a 2.6 billion hole look like
  - 1 billion from K-12
  - 427 million from higher education
  - 699 million from human services
  - 340 million for public safety
  - 90 million for courts
- This represents the 16% across the board reduction.
- Posted online at [www.oregonbudget.gov](http://www.oregonbudget.gov)
- There will be public hearings to gather input
- How will we balance the budget
  - We will make administrative cuts and tap initiatives to improve government efficiency
  - We will maximize our use of federal stimulus dollars
  - But savings, efficiencies, reserves and stimulus dollars will not be enough
  - That means a combination of both cuts and revenue increases.

Tiffany also mentioned the May 17<sup>th</sup> forecast, the revised budget and the sense of urgency of the general public at large.

## **REVIEW GCSS BILLS OF INTEREST**

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Tim McQueary reported on the 2009 Legislative session and read through the customized report of bills that the commission is tracking. Dawn Rustrum reported that after April 29<sup>th</sup> the bills that are not in Ways and Means, Rules or Revenue are most likely dead and that those bills will be changed to a priority 4 on the reports.

The following bills were discussed:

- HB 2009 will be tracked as a 1 and reviewed by Chuck Frazier. The hearing is today.
- HB 2051 will be tracked as a 1 and not a 2. Bob Lawrence is tracking it.
- HB 2054
- HB 2069 will remain a priority 3.

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- HB 2075
- HB 2076
- HB 966 The bill needs to be a priority 1.
- HB 2120
- HB 2122 will continually be tracked as a 2.
- HB 2137
- HB 2255A
- HB 2391A
- HB 2436A
- HB 2441A
- HB 2442A
- HB 2443
- HB 2461
- HB 2471 The bill will be tracked as a priority 2.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

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Bob Lawrence identified the following agenda items for the May committee meeting:

- Discussion of tracked bills by committee
- Review and discuss Ways and Means Co-chairs proposed budget

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:47 a.m.