

Senate Third Readings

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

SENATE CONVENES AT 10:30 A.M.

SB 5511 A-Eng. Edwards

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Note:

Bill title: Limits biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by State Department of Energy.

Voted out of joint committee but Representatives Freeman, & Thatcher, along with Senators Whitsett, Thomsen, and Girod all opposed the measure.

One reason to oppose measure may be from section 4 where it says "**expenditures by the State Department of Energy for loans for small scale energy loan projects and expenditures by the department for debt service are not limited.**"

THIRD READING OF SENATE MEASURES:

SB 5512 A-Eng. Edwards

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Note:

Approves certain new or increased fees adopted by State Department of Energy.

Ratifies fees enacted by the Department of Energy via administrative rule during the 2009-11 biennium, to cover administrative costs associated with evaluation of projects under a tiered Business Energy Tax Credit program (HB 3680, 2010 Legislative Session), and the enactment of the Biomass Tax Credit Program (HB 2078, 2009 Legislative Session).

Passed from joint committee but without support of 8 republican house and Senate members (Freeman, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Whisnant, Girod, Thomsen, and Whitsett voted against)

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SB 101 B-Eng. Bates

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101 A Relating to health care

Bill has had multiple committee meetings and work sessions and has not passed senate yet. All votes in committee, including joint committee have been unanimous in favor of bill.

From Bill:

Authorizes premium assistance for children under the age of 19 years old enrolled in dental plans under the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP) and under employer-sponsored insurance plans through the Healthy Kids program.

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SB 234 B-Eng. Bates

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Note:

Bill will Modify terminology relating to emergency medical services providers.

From **BACKGROUND:** According to proponents, this language is intended to place national standard terminology/nomenclature for emergency medical personnel in Oregon statute. This is critical for three reasons: 1) national standard level nomenclature has already changed. Oregon needs to remain consistent for reciprocity of personnel across state lines. If an emergency medical technician (EMT) moves to Oregon from out of state and Oregon has not adopted the new language, the EMT could be prevented from obtaining an Oregon license and volunteering or gaining employment here, simply because of terminology. This could have a significant impact on smaller and rural communities, in particular. 2) The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) has already adopted the new nomenclature in its administrative rules regarding scope of practice; without the statutory change and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) rule changes this would leave a mismatch between OMB and OHA rules/terminology. 3) During disaster response where EMS personnel come to Oregon to assist or Oregon EMS personnel are deployed elsewhere, having levels that do not match national standards make it difficult to assure that responders are used effectively and within a known scope of practice.

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SB 254 B-Eng. Hass

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Note:

Directs Department of Education to administer grant program to provide grants related to accelerated college credit programs.

From Summary: Appropriates \$250,000 out of General Fund for the Accelerated College Credit Account beginning July 1, 201. Excludes student test and examination fees as an allowable Accelerated College Credit Account expenditure, but provides for grant expenditures on classroom supplies in accelerated college credit programs.

Establishes grant program relating to accelerated college credit programs for college credit to be administered by the Department of Education (DOE). Directs Joint Boards of Education to develop statewide standards for dual credit programs and state secondary and tertiary schools to implement the standards and report on students enrolled in dual credit programs. Establishes the Accelerated College Credit Account (ACCA). Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the ACCA. Continuously appropriates moneys in the ACCA to the Department of Education.

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SB 342 B-Eng. Edwards

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Note:

Appears to be result of ballot measure 76 which passed last election and requires 15% of monies to be used for specific purposes listed below.

Revises statutory provisions relating to lottery moneys constitutionally directed toward acquisition, management and protection of parks and recreation areas and toward financing restoration and protection of native fish and wildlife, watersheds and water quality.

From summary: **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes Parks Subaccount. Requires Director of Parks and Recreation Department to report to Joint Ways and Means Committee on measurable biennial and cumulative results of activities and programs financed by Parks Subaccount. Establishes Natural Resources Subaccount and purposes for which funds may be used. Directs 65 percent of money in Natural Resources Subaccount to be deposited in Watershed Conservation Grant Fund (Grant Fund) and 35 percent in Watershed Conservation Operating Fund (Operating Fund), except under specific circumstances. Establishes purpose of Grant Fund, including implementation of the Oregon Plan, and funding watershed health and native fish recovery costs. Directs each state agency receiving money from

Natural Resources Subaccount to report to Legislative Assembly on use of funds, including measurable biennial and cumulative results of activities and programs financed by Natural Resources Subaccount.

HB 5011 A-Eng. Monroe

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Note:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for certain biennial expenses.

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THIRD READING OF HOUSE MEASURES:

HB 5020 A-Eng. Monroe

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Note:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for certain biennial expenses.

Most expenditures seem to be related to schools and disability issues.

Passed house with about half the republicans voting against bill along with a lone democrat.

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HB 5048 A-Eng. Johnson

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Passed house with about 8 republicans voting against bill and 3 absent. The most conservative members of the house voted for the bill. (but so did the most liberal members)

Limits biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by State Treasurer for administrative expenses of State Treasury operations and Oregon 529 College Savings Network.

HB 2257 B-Eng. Rosenbaum

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Note:

Relating to the voters' pamphlet

Bill is not of real importance but shows the absolute inefficiency and absurdity of government. This bill allows voter pamphlet information from candidates to be filed electronically instead of just through paper forms. A real world company would be changing this to have electronic filing as an option to cut costs of operation. But not the government.....We need to pass a new law to allow them to do what ANY private company would have already done.

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HB 2380 C-Eng. Winters

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Note:

Passed house with unanimous vote.

Provides for confidentiality of information disclosed during peer review. Decreases State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery (DEM) members from eight to seven; reduces current requirement that two members be certified nurse midwife to one. Allows DEM to approve legend drugs and devices for use by direct entry midwives. Declares emergency effective on passage.

HB 2397 A-Eng. Girod

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Note:

Relating to a loan forgiveness program for primary care health practitioners

Bill appears to be a good idea, However, we keep hearing that the state is short of money.

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HB 2578 A-Eng. Verger

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Relating to Oregon Veterans' Homes

Bill Directs Director of Veterans' Affairs to establish third Oregon Veterans' Home in Roseburg.

I'm not sure if this is the best place for a home. How about we let the VA determine where the most economical, best location would be for this facility; instead of the government telling them where to put their new building.

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