

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform

Assembly Bill 553

Relating to: creating new grounds for discipline of hearing instrument specialists, audiologists, and speech-language pathologists, changing licensing requirements for audiologists, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Zepnick, Turner, A. Ott, Newcomer, Townsend, Danou and Kerkman; cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Taylor, Olsen and Kedzie.

November 05, 2009 Referred to Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform.

January 20, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (13) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Josh Zepnick — Representative, 9th Assembly District
- Laura Feldhake, Stoughton — Wisconsin Speech Language and Audiology Association
- Tamera Gumz, Wisconsin Rapids
- Amy Hartman, Cross Plains
- Kate Rosicky, Lake Mills
- Jane Sebzda, Brookfield — Dr.
- Okie Allen, Eau Claire — Hearing and Speech Examining Board
- Michael Thelen, Nennah — Audiology and Hearing Services

Appearances Against

- James Ogurek, Wausau
- Todd Beyer, Marshfield — International Hearing Society
- Steve Klapperich, Sheboygan — Beltone Hearing Care
- Scott Lau, Eau Claire — Valley Hearing, Inc

Appearances for Information Only

- Thomas Pipp, Madison

Registrations For

- Nathan Berg, Milwaukee

- Jon Berg, Madison
- Meredy Hase, Waukesha — Dr., Hearing Services Limited
- Dana Gladd, Madison
- Caitlyn Ryan, Madison
- Kim Smuda, Oregon
- Robert Nelles, Madison
- Nicholas Liimatta, Madison
- Katherine Hoffarth, Madison
- Krista Lett, Madison
- Claire Thorleifson, Madison
- Cheryl Bonert, Ripon — Dr.
- Christine Zenger, Evansville — Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 17, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (13) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Bernard Schaber, seconded by Representative Seidel that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (13) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 13, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Seidel, seconded by Representative Bernard Schaber that **Assembly Bill 553** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (13) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 13, Noes 0

Jeff Kostelic
Committee Clerk