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GOVERNOR McCALL'S STATEMENT IN REGARD TO HOUSE BILL 1601 AS ADOPTED  
BY THE HOUSE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

House Bill 1601 has been adopted with the amendments proposed by the House Speaker and Minority Leader, Treasurer Straub and myself, coupled with several additional changes. These changes provide further definition for the variance section of the bill, better guidelines for the boundary of low rising areas and establish the zone lines at 16 feet. Each of these changes is in the public interest and will assure the protection of Oregon beaches. The 16 foot measurement was recommended by this office because it will encompass virtually all of the dry sand areas of the coast.

The further provision directing the Highway Commission to survey the Oregon coast to establish a specific line for the next legislative session to consider is eminently desirable. I totally support this instruction.

The members of the committee and many others who have contributed to the drafting of this bill are to be commended for passing a bill of this strength and durability. Although this process has been difficult and has generated heat at times, the end result is without question in the public interest.