

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON**  
**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**March 7, 2005 Hearing Room C**

**9:00 A.M. Tapes 24 - 25**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:           Rep. Patti Smith, Chair**

**Rep. Brian Boquist, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Arnie Roblan, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Terry Beyer**

**Rep. Chuck Burley**

**Rep. Mark Hass**

**Rep. Mac Sumner**

**STAFF PRESENT:           Patrick Brennan, Committee Administrator**

**Jania Zeeb, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HJR 8 – Public Hearing**

**HB 2595 – Public Hearing and Work Session**

**These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.**

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## TAPE 24, A

003 Chair P. Smith Calls the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and opens the public hearing on HJR 8.

### HJR 8 – PUBLIC HEARING

012 Patrick Brennan Committee Administrator. Summarizes the bill and the -1 amendments (**EXHIBIT A**).

027 Sen. Rick Metsger Senate District 26. Testifies in support of HJR 8. Discusses how the pear has helped Oregon's economy.

052 Chair P. Smith Comments on the importance of the pear to Oregon.

056 Kevin Moffitt Pear Bureau Northwest. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HJR 8 (**EXHIBIT B**) and refers to the packet of information presenting a case for making pears the state fruit of Oregon (**EXHIBIT C**).

127 Rep. Hass Inquires about the distinction between total pear production and fresh pear production.

130 Moffitt Gives an example of California and Washington, and explains the difference between using pears for processed food and selling them fresh.

144 Rose Kelter Senior, Hood River Valley High School. Introduces herself.

145 Katie Flory Senior, Hood River Valley High School. Introduces herself.

146 Juillian Jones Senior, Hood River Valley High School. Introduces herself.

147 Myra Lesdesma Senior, Hood River Valley High School. Introduces herself.

148 Kelter States that they are all members of the Hood River Blossom Court. Gives information about the court. Testifies in support of HJR 8.

163 John McCulley Tree Fruit Growers. Testifies in support of HJR 8.

- 182 Rep. Hass Asks if there is support from other fruit growers
- 185 Chair P. Smith Answers that she has not heard from any other fruit growers.
- 191 Rep. Roblan Comments on the pear blossom festival in Medford.

**The following prepared testimony is submitted for the record without public testimony:**

- Rep. Dennis Richardson House district 4. Submits a letter to the committee in support of HJR 8 **(EXHIBIT H)**.
- Leigh Johnson Harry and David. Submits proposed amendments to HJR 8 **(EXHIBIT D)**.
- 218 Chair P. Smith Closes the public hearing on HJR 8 and opens the public hearing on HB 2595.

**HB 2595 – PUBLIC HEARING**

- 220 Patrick Brennan Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2595.
- 245 Rep. Gene Whisnant House District 53. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2595 **(EXHIBIT E)**. Refers to the letter to the committee **(EXHIBIT F)**.
- 264 Rep. Whisnant Discusses the problem the change of ORS Chapter 634 created for the Sunriver Owner’s Association in regard to vector control. Remarks that the Department of Agriculture has indicated that these results were unintentional.
- 266 Chair P. Smith Inquires if he knows the bill number from the earlier session.
- 270 Rep. Burley Answers that the change was made by HB 2604 (2001).
- 301 Terry Witt Executive Director, Oregonians for Food and Shelter. Testifies in support of HB 2595. Discusses the problem the original bill was meant to solve, and the limitations created by HB 2604 (2001).
- 356 Witt Discusses the difference of a public application licenses verses private operators license.

371 Witt Comments on the importance of controlling vector-borne diseases.

397 Rep. Burley Asks for clarification between the private applicators license and the public applicators license.

408 Witt Clarified the difference between the public and the private applicator's license.

416 Rep. Boquist Inquires if there was much debate on HB 2604 (2001).

426 Witt Responds that there was not any major opposition to the legislation.

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023 Rep. Beyer Inquires whether the problem has manifested itself anywhere else in Oregon.

025 Witt Answers that he is unaware of any other areas affected and comments on how Sunriver deals with vector control.

040 Rep. Sumner States that Deschutes County does not have a vector control department. Asks if vector control is done by a special district.

042 Witt Remarks that Deschutes Vector Control is a special district.

061 Bill Chapman General Manager, Center for Homeowners Association. Introduces Mike Brannan, John Salzer and Frank Broker. Submits prepared testimony in support of HB 2595 (**EXHIBIT G**). Discusses the vector control program in Sunriver.

091 Chapman Comments on how critical this vector control is for the Sunriver economy.

107 Mike Brannan Sunriver Owners Association. Discussed how Deschutes County deals with vector control. Comments that Sunriver is right next to the area that Deschutes County vector control deals with. Comments on how Sunriver is currently dealing with vector control.

125 Brannan Testifies in support of HB 2595. Comments on the advantage of the vector control program for both Deschutes County and Sunriver.

- 150 Rep. Beyer Inquires if he is talking about the 2005 season.
- 152 Brannan Concurs and states how HB 2595 will change the current situation.
- 162 John Salzer President, Homeowners Association. Comments that the county has made it clear that 2005 is the last year it will handle vector control under the current arrangement.
- 166 Frank Broker Vice President, Homeowners Association. States that HB 2604 (2001) was a well intentioned bill that had an unintentional consequences and HB 2595 would correct the problems.
- 176 Sen. Ben Westlund Sentae District 27. Testifies in support of HB 2595. Comments that in the 2001 Session there was no intent to interfere with the relationship between Sunriver and Deschutes County in regard to vector control. Discusses the possible problems that could result from failure to pass HB 2595.
- 219 Chair P. Smith Closes the public hearing and opens the work session on HB 2595.

### **HB 2595 – WORK SESSION**

- 227 Rep. Boquist **MOTION: Moves HB 2595 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**
- 230 **VOTE: 7-0-0**
- Chair P. Smith **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**  
**REP. WHISNANT will lead discussion on the floor.**
- 224 Chair P. Smith Closes the work session on HB 2595 and adjourns the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. HJR 8, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p
- B. HJR 8, prepared testimony, Kevin Moffitt, 2 pp

- C. **HJR 8, informational material, Kevin Moffitt, 10 pp**
- D. **HJR 8, proposed amendments, Leigh Johnson, 3 pp**
- E. **HB 2595, prepared testimony, Rep. Gene Whisnant, 1 p**
- F. **HB 2595, letter to the committee, Rep. Gene Whisnant, 3 pp**
- G. **HB 2595, informational material, Bill Chapman, 2 pp**
- H. **HJR 8, letter to the committee, Rep. Dennis Richardson, 1 p**