

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

April 25, 2005 Hearing Room C

9:00 A.M. Tapes 52 - 53

**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:**

**HB 3461 – Public Hearing and Work Session**

**HB 2120 – Work Session**

**HB 2577 – Work Session**

**HB 2927 – Work Session**

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## **TAPE 52, A**

003 Chair P. Smith Calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 3461.

### **HB 3461 – PUBLIC HEARING**

006 Patrick Brennan Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 3641.

016 Rep. Jeff Kropf House District 17. Testifies in support of HB 3641. Discusses what HB 3641 would do and talks about the need for the bill.

060 Rep. Kropf States that the bulk of the world's supply of grass seed comes from the Willamette Valley. Comments on how this is connected with biofuel.

082 Rep. Hass Asks what is meant by the phrase "to a limited degree" in HB 3461.

090 Rep. Kropf States that a better explanation could come from one of the other witnesses. Discusses what he thinks is meant by the phrase "to a limited degree." Talks about the benefit of negotiating prices for perennial rye grass.

132 Rep. Boquist Closes the public hearing on HB 3461 and opens a work session on HB 2577.

### **HB 2577 – WORK SESSION**

133 Rep. Jeff Kropf House District 17. Testifies in support of HB 2577. Indicates the need to make a one word change on the Senate side, that is irrelevant to the intent of the bill.

139 Rep. Boquist Asks if Rep. Kropf is in support of the -1 amendments (**EXHIBIT C**).

Rep. Kropf Concurr.

143 Rep. Boquist Closes the work session on HB 2577 and reopens the public hearing on HB 3461.

## **HB 3461 – PUBLIC HEARING**

- 150 Dave Nelson Executive Secretary, Oregon Seed Council. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 3461 (**EXHIBIT A**).
- 208 Mike Hayes Grass seed farmer, Albany area. Testifies in support of HB 3461. Discusses the need for the bill and the positive input as a result of the bill.
- 229 Brent Searle Special Assistant to Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Submits and reads prepared testimony in regarding HB 3461 (**EXHIBIT B**). Explains the reason for the language regarding the displacement of competition to a limited degree.
- 276 Chair P. Smith Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 3461.

## **HB 3461 – WORK SESSION**

- 281 Rep. Boquist **MOTION: Moves HB 3461 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**VOTE: 7-0-0**

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**

**Chair P. Smith The motion CARRIES.**

**REP. BOQUIST will lead discussion on the floor.**

- 294 Chair P. Smith Closes the work session on HB 3461 and opens a work session on HB 2120.

## **HB 2120 – WORK SESSION**

- 300 Patrick Brennan Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2120.
- 316 Rich Angstrom President, Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association (OCAPA). Updates the committee on what has been happening since HB 2120 was heard on March 24, 2005. States that the industry and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries are considering the pennies-per-ton fee model.

- 330 Gary Lynch Director, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). Testifies in support of the bill.
- 334 Rep. Boquist **MOTION: Moves HB 2120 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.**
- VOTE: 7-0-0**
- AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**
- Chair P. Smith **The motion CARRIES.**

348 Chair P. Smith Closes the work session on HB 2120 and opens a work session on HB 2577.

**HB 2577 – WORK SESSION**

- 351 Patrick Brennan Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2577 and talks about the -1 amendments (**EXHIBIT C**).
- 370 Rep. Boquist **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2577-1 amendments dated 4/11/05.**
- 377 Rep. Hass Asks why the department is not implementing the current noxious weed plan.
- 386 Tim Butler Noxious Weed Program Supervisor, ODA. Responds that the department is currently implementing the parts of the plan that can be implemented with existing resources. States that HB 2577 would help solidify that effort.
- 411 Chair P. Smith Asks if Mr. Butler sees the -1 amendments as strategically placing the program in statute.
- 414 Butler Concurr.
- 418 Rep. Roblan Comments on the grants that the weed board gives out. Asks if there has been a policy of small annual grants from the weed board.

012 Butler Responds that there have been grants and explains the process.

029 Rep. Roblan Asks if the process for reapplying is the same as for the initial application.

036 Butler Responds that the agency is looking for ways to streamline the process.

**045 VOTE: 7-0-0**

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**

**Chair P. Smith The motion CARRIES.**

**048 Rep. Boquist MOTION: Moves HB 2577 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**

052 Rep. Boquist Discusses the challenge in dealing with weeds and the intent of HB 2577.

**067 VOTE: 7-0-0**

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**

**Chair P. Smith The motion CARRIES.**

**REP. KROPF will lead discussion on the floor.**

070 Chair P. Smith Closes the work session on HB 2577 and opens a work session on HB 2927.

### **HB 2927 – WORK SESSION**

072 Patrick Brennan Committee Administrator. Summarizes the bill and the -3 amendments (**EXHIBIT D**).

082 John McDonnald Executive Director, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts. Discusses the reason for the -3 amendments.

**111 Rep. Boquist**

**MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2927-3 amendments dated 4/11/05.**

**VOTE: 7-0-0**

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**

**Chair P. Smith The motion CARRIES.**

**117 Rep. Boquist MOTION: Moves HB 2927 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Revenue by prior reference.**

**VOTE: 7-0-0**

**Chair P. Smith Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**131 Chair P. Smith Closes the work session on HB 2927 and adjourns the meeting at 9:43 a.m.**

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. HB 3461, prepared testimony, Dave Nelson, 3 pp**
- B. HB 3461, prepared testimony, Brent Searle, 2 pp**
- C. HB 2577, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p**
- D. HB 2927, -3 amendments, staff, 1 p**