

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

June 03, 2005 Hearing Room C

10:30 A.M. Tape 74

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:

SB 844-A – Work Session

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003	Chair P. Smith	
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Calls the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and opens a work session on SB 844A

SB 844-A – WORK SESSION

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| 014 | Sen. Ryan Deckert | Senate District 14. Refers to the –A4 amendments (EXHIBIT A) and provides a written overview of the changes made by the amendments (EXHIBIT B). |
| 027 | Gordon Fultz | Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Comments on the changes that have been made. Remarks that the amendments maintain a statewide offense to have a dog classified as a dangerous dog and that it is an offense to have a potentially dangerous dog. |
| 040 | Jack Munro | American Insurance Association. Testifies in support of the –A4 amendments. |
| 060 | Rep. Burley | Inquires about the need for the potentially dangers dog category. Asks if the registration portion is taken out of SB 844-A by the –A4 amendments. Asks where in the bill is the section specifying whether 844-A supersedes local ordinances. |
| 072 | Munro | Answers that the definition of dangerous dog supersedes local regulations and will be universal across the state. Adds that with regard to potentially dangerous dog and other classifications, local ordinances can address that language. Refers to ORS 609.015. Clarifies that potentially dangerous dog is another classification in the pubic nuisance category, and explains why it is included. |
| 096 | Rep. Burley | Expresses that he is not convinced of the need for the potentially dangerous category. |
| 100 | Phyllis Morris | Marion County Dog Control. Explains the need for the potentially dangerous category. |
| 121 | Sen. Deckert | Adds that the group that worked on SB 844-A found a good balance on the language dealing with the potentially dangerous classification. |
| 137 | Rep. Boquist | Asks where in SB 844-A it allows the county to supersede the bill. |
| 140 | Fultz | Answers that the statue reference is not here, therefore it is intact. Refers to ORS 609.015. |

149	Rep. Roblan	MOTION: Moves SB 844A to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the Committee on State and Federal Affairs.
154	Rep. Burley	Comments that he appreciates the work that has gone into the bill, and that despite concerns about the potentially dangerous portion of the bill he will support it.
161	Rep. Roblan	Remarks that he thinks the potentially dangerous category is important to help move closer to the dangerous dog category.
174	Rep. Hass	States that he will support SB 844-A
179	Rep. Beyer	Comments on the importance of SB 844-A. Remarks that the potentially dangers aspect of the bill is important.
188	Chair P. Smith	States that she will support the bill.
189	Sen. Deckert	Asks if the committee would consider adopting the –A4 amendments prior to referring the measure to the State and Federal Affairs Committee.
190	Chair P. Smith	Answers that the committee has not had time to read the amendments.
192		VOTE: 7-0-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
	Chair P. Smith	The motion CARRIES.
201	Chair P. Smith	Closes the work session on SB 844-A and adjourns the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SB 844-A, -A4 amendments, staff, 11 pp
- B. SB 844-A, explanation of amendments, Sen. Ryan Deckert, 2 pp