

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL LAW

January 17, 2005 Hearing Room 357

8:30 A.M. Tape 1

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Robert Ackerman, Chair

Rep. Linda Flores

Rep. Bill Garrard

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Kelley Wirth

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Taylor, Counsel

Louann Rahmig, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD & WITNESSES:

HB 2245 Public Hearing and Work Session

Brendan McCarthy, Legislative Counsel

HB 2261 Public Hearing and Work Session

Dave Heynderickx, Acting Legislative Counsel

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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
004	Chair Ackerman	Calls the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Opens a public hearing on HB 2245.

HB 2245 - PUBLIC HEARING

006	Bill Taylor	Counsel. Introduces HB 2245 which allows Legislative Counsel to change a geographic reference in statute if the Oregon Geographic Names Board and the U. S. Board of Geographic Names have approved the name change.
013	Brendan McCarthy	Legislative Counsel (LC). Explains that the process for changing a geographic name can be long and complicated. This legislation allows LC to monitor and alter names if the need arises.
058	Rep. Garrard	Discusses tribal controversies around choosing a substitute name for "squaw."
062	McCarthy	Responds we would not be choosing the substitute name.
066	Rep. Macpherson	Asks if we would be using a different name for that geographic feature.
071	McCarthy	Responds affirmatively.
073	Rep. Flores	Asks if any other terms are under consideration for change.
074	McCarthy	Replies, not at this time
079	Rep. Flores	Asks if the term "squaw" is the only term being changed at this time.
082	McCarthy	Responds affirmatively.
084	Taylor	Asks if the Oregon Geographic Names Board is part of the Oregon Historical Society.

086 McCarthy Explains the connection between the Oregon Geographic Names Board and the Oregon Historical Society.

101 Chair Ackerman Closes the public hearing on HB 2245 and opens a work session.

HB 2245 –WORK SESSION

105 Rep. Garrard **MOTION: Moves HB 2245 to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation.**

VOTE: 3-0- 1

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Wirth

113 Chair Ackerman **The motion CARRIES.**

REP. GARRARD will lead discussion in the full committee.

117 Chair Ackerman Closes the work session on HB 2245 and opens a public hearing on HB 2261.

HB 2261 - PUBLIC HEARING

124 Bill Taylor Introduces HB 2261 which makes nonsubstantive and technical changes in Oregon law correcting grammar and punctuation.

127 Dave Heynderickx Acting Legislative Counsel. Explains how this measure makes nonsubstantive and technical changes in Oregon law.

171 Heynderickx Describes many statutes that were written decades ago and have become obsolete, thus the need to change them. Will have a further discussion before the full committee.

194 Chair Ackerman Asks for clarification of line 16 on page 74.

202 Heynderickx Explains how that is a typographical newspaper term.

224 Rep. Krieger Inquires what a “tweak” means.

231 Heynderickx Says a “tweak” is a very small change in the language to make it read more clearly.

239 Taylor Asks if there is a difference between a “tinker” and “tweak.”

242 Heynderickx Responds no.

245 Rep. Flores Asks about the distinction between “tweak” and “improve.”

247 Heynderickx Responds a “tweak” would be an improvement but not all improvements would be a “tweak.”

256 Chair Ackerman Closes the public hearing on HB 2261 and opens a work session.

HB 2261 – WORK SESSION

260 Rep. Flores **MOTION: Moves HB 2261 to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation.**

VOTE: 3-0- 1

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Wirth

273 Chair Ackerman **The motion CARRIES.**
REP. FLORES will lead discussion in the full committee.

275 Chair Ackerman Closes work session on HB 2261 and adjourns at 8:55 a.m.

