

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT**

**February 03, 2005     Wilsonville and Oregon City, OR**

**1:00 P.M. NO TAPE**

**Corrected 09/21/05**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:            Rep. Gordon Anderson, Chair**

**Rep. Bob Jenson, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Mary Nolan, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Phil Barnhart**

**Rep. John Lim**

**Rep. Diane Rosenbaum**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:            Rep. Bill Garrard**

**STAFF PRESENT:               John Houser, Committee Administrator**

**Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant**

### **MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

#### **Tour of the WRI and Metro South solid waste disposal and recycling facilities**

The House Environment Committee conducted a field trip to private and public facilities in the Portland area to educate committee members concerning state-of-the art practices related to solid waste disposal and recycling.

In Wilsonville, the committee toured a private facility operated by Willamette Resources, Inc. The facility accepts and processes commercial and residential solid waste and commingled and source-separated recyclable materials. Committee members saw how solid waste is compacted and prepared for

transport and final disposal at the Coffin Butte Landfill near Corvallis. Members also observed sorting lines, balers and other equipment used to separate and segregate recyclable materials to make them ready for transport to end-users. The committee also questioned the facility operators concerning the nature and status of current markets for recyclable materials and how these markets fluctuate over time.

In Oregon City, the committee toured a general purpose public solid waste transfer station operated by Metro. The facility processes and disposes of over 300,000 tons of solid waste annually which is transported to Arlington in eastern Oregon for final disposal. The facility is open to the general public and includes a building where the public can dispose of solid waste and recyclable materials.

The committee observed and asked questions concerning the operation of the hazardous waste collection and disposal program operated at the facility including the collection of recycled paint for reprocessing into new paint. At the time of the tour a recycled paint processing facility located at the facility was being moved to a different site. However, the members were able to see the processing equipment and asked questions concerning the marketing and selling of the recycled paint.

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

### **A. Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling, Informational Packet, Metro, 47 pp**