

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT**

**March 17, 2005 Hearing Room D**

**1:00 P.M. Tape 22**

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

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

**Rep. Phil Barnhart**

**Rep. Bill Garrard**

**Rep. John Lim**

**Rep. Diane Rosenbaum**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bob Jenson, Vice-Chair**

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

**Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HB 2593 – Public Hearing and Work Session**

**SB 42 – Public Hearing**

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**TAPE/# Speaker Comments**

**TAPE 22, A**

003 Chair Anderson Calls the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Opens a public hearing on HB 2593.

**HB 2593 – PUBLIC HEARING**

006 John Houser Committee Administrator. Introduces HB 2593.

023 Dave Barrows Chemical Waste Management (CWM). Testifies in support of HB 2593. Gives a history of hazardous waste disposal in Oregon. Explains that the fees have increased from \$10 to \$30. Notes that CWM is the only public hazardous waste disposal facility in Oregon or Washington. Asks the committee to rescind the subsequent referral to the Ways and Means committee. Argues that if HB 2593 was not to pass, CWM would have to close its Oregon facility.

092 Rep. Garrard Asks how much money is involved.

095 Barrows Answers that they collect over \$2 million that fund various state hazardous waste programs.

125 Rep. Garrard Asks what the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Fund is.

133 Bob Danko Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Testifies in support of HB 2593 and rescinding the subsequent referral to the Ways and Means committee. Answers that the fund pays for the cleanup work that is done under state law and the hazardous waste program.

165 Rep. Lim Asks about the removal of the sunset clause.

168 Barrows Remarks that it was due to the drafting by Legislative Counsel.

175 Rep. Barnhart Asks about Idaho's fee structure.

180 Barrows Responds. Explains the fees and transportation costs.

200 Rep. Barnhart Asks what portion of CWM's charges contain the fees.

207	Barrows	Explains the gate fee and estimates that the fees are less than \$100/ton.
220	Rep. Barnhart	Asks if it is a fee, not a tax.
222	Barrows	Answers that it is a fee.
225	Rep. Barnhart	Clarifies.
228	Barrows	Further clarifies.
231	Chair Anderson	Asks where the Arlington and Idaho waste facilities are.
237	Danko	Answers that the Idaho waste facility is 200 miles southeast of Boise.
240	Barrows	Gives directions to the Arlington waste facility.
250	Chair Anderson	Asks about the gradient.
256	Barrows	Explains that the fees were negotiated years ago and were based on Idaho's fees to keep CWM competitive.
264	Rep. Garrard	Asks if nuclear waste is classified differently than hazardous waste on a federal level.
272	Barrows	Answers that it is a different federal code and CWM is not allowed to receive nuclear, radiological or medical waste. Explains distribution of waste for disposal.
284	Chair Anderson	Closes the public hearing on HB 2593 and opens a work session on HB 2593.

### **HB 2593 – WORK SESSION**

290	Rep. Garrard	Asks for clarification regarding the motion.
293	Chair Anderson	Responds.

298 Rep. Garrard **MOTION: Moves HB 2593 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on Ways and Means BE RESCINDED.**

**VOTE: 6-0-1**

**EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Jenson**

**Chair Anderson Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

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

305 Chair Anderson Asks the committee administrator if HB 2593 should be placed on the consent calendar.

307 John Houser Committee Administrator. Responds.

310 Rep. Rosenbaum Comments that HB 2593 might appear as a fee bill and it would be best to nominate a carrier.

313 Chair Anderson Asks for a carrier on HB 2593.

318 Rep. Nolan Offers to carry HB 2593.

325 Chair Anderson Closes the work session on HB 2593 and opens a public hearing on SB 42.

### **SB 42 – PUBLIC HEARING**

330 John Houser Committee Administrator. Introduces SB 42.

345 Holly Schroeder Administrator, Water Quality Division, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SB 42 (**EXHIBIT A**).

412 Chair Anderson Closes the public hearing on SB 42. Adjourns the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

A. **SB 42, prepared testimony, Holly Schroeder, 4 pp**