

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

July 1, 2005 Hearing Room D

9:30 A.M. Tape 67

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gordon Anderson, Chair

Rep. Bob Jenson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Mary Nolan, Vice-Chair

Rep. Phil Barnhart

Rep. Bill Garrard

Rep. John Lim

Rep. Diane Rosenbaum

STAFF PRESENT: John Houser, Committee Administrator

Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 542-A – Work Session

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003	Chair Anderson
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Calls the meeting to order at 9:37 p.m. Opens a work session on SB 542-A.

SB 542-A – WORK SESSION

008	John Houser	Committee Administrator. Introduces SB 542-A.
023	Sen. Avel Gordly	Senate District 23. Submits and begins summarizing prepared testimony in support of SB 542-A (EXHIBIT A).
078	Sen. Gordly	Describes the Environmental Equity Citizen Advisory Committee and their recommendations related to environmental equity (EXHIBIT A).
115	Sen. Gordly	Describes the Environmental Justice Task Force (EXHIBIT A).
145	Sen. Gordly	Explains the importance of the task force maintaining public outreach.
165	Rep. Garrard	Asks if a work session can be held on the bill since a public hearing has not been held in committee. States that he believes the bill requires a public hearing before it can be passed out of committee.
178	Chair Anderson	Asks if it can be done with a work session with invited testimony.
180	Rep. Nolan	Responds that a public hearing must be held with proper notice.
186	Chair Anderson	Explains the coordination on the bill with the Speaker of the House. Raises questions about possible amendments and the fiscal impact.
198	Rep. Jenson	States that a public hearing could be held today to satisfy the requirements.
200	Chair Anderson	Responds that time considerations make it impossible to hear the bill again until next week.
206	Rep. Garrard	States that the House of Representatives may not be back in session until next Wednesday.
208	Rep. Nolan	Proposes that the bill could be heard later today.

210	Rep. Jenson	Concurs with Rep. Nolan.
212	Houser	Explains that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives will arrive shortly to clarify the procedural issues.
219	Sen. Gordly	States that the bill has no fiscal impact.
225	Chair Anderson	Asks how the fiscal impact was eliminated.
227	Sen. Gordly	Explains that the fiscal impact was eliminated since the position of an advocate that would have staffed the task force was eliminated with the assurance that the work could be absorbed into natural resource agency operations. Explains that industry representatives were invited to collaborate on the bill and their concerns have been addressed.
256	Ramona Kenady	Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives. Explains that there is no requirement for a public hearing before holding a work session on a bill.
272	Chair Anderson	Asks invited testimony must be incorporated into a work session.
275	Kenady	Answers that invited testimony is not necessary in a work session and explains notice requirements and public hearings.
300	Sen. Gordly	Describes the invitation she received from Chair Anderson to attend the committee meeting to hear and work SB 542-A.
310	Chair Anderson	States that he is not prepared to work the bill today, but states that it will be heard and worked next week with input from industry representatives and others.
340	Sen. Gordly	Asks Chair Anderson and Rep. Rosenbaum to carry the bill on the House floor.
353	Rep. Lim	States support for the bill.
362	Rep. Rosenbaum	States support for the bill.
365	Rep. Nolan	States support for the bill.

368	Rep. Barnhart	Concurs with the comments of Rep. Lim.
374	Chair Anderson	Closes the work session on SB 542-A. Adjourns the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A. SB 542-A, prepared testimony, Sen. Avel Gordly, 6 pp