

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**March 29, 2005   Hearing Room B**

**8:30 A.M. Tapes 32 - 33**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**            **Rep. Vicki Berger, Chair**

**Rep. Peter Buckley, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Mac Sumner Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Kevin Cameron**

**Rep. Sal Esquivel**

**Rep. Larry Galizio**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**            **Rep. Brad Witt**

**STAFF PRESENT:**            **Caralyn Fischer, Committee Administrator**

**Jania Zeeb, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HB 3067 – Public Hearing**

**HB 2649 – Public Hearing**

**HB 2916 – Public Hearing**

**HB 2917 – Public Hearing**

**HB 2094 – Public Hearing**

**HJR 16 – Work Session**

**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.**

<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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**TAPE 32, A**

003	Chair Berger	Calls the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 3067.
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**HB 3067 – PUBLIC HEARING**

013	Rep. Deborah Boone	House District 32. Summarizes HB 3067. Comments on the importance of an animal control service.
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041	Gorden Folts	Association of Oregon Counties. Testifies in support of HB 2649.
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045	Chair Berger	Closes the public hearing on HB 3067 and opens a public hearing on HB 2649.
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**HB 2649 – PUBLIC HEARING**

054	Cara Fischer	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2649.
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073	Rep. Barnhart	House District 11. Discusses the proposed amendment ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Discusses the benefits of HB 2649.
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116	Rep. Galizio	Observes that HB 2649 states that the posting can be done on an Internet web site, and comments that there are many web sites on the Internet. Asks which web site they would post on. Asks if there will be a problem with people setting up fake web sites with fake expenditures.
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146	Rep. Barnhart	Responds that there are always issues with web security. States that most municipalities already have their own web site, so the information will be posted there.
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157	Rep. Cameron	Inquires about what would be published in the newspaper.
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168	Rep. Barnhart	States that the intention is to have the address and phone number published.
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183	Chair Berger	Asks if in the amendments the telephone and address are published on the Internet and not in the newspaper.
189	Rep. Barnhart	Answers that he is not certain, but it is his intention to have the information included in the notice in the newspaper.
193	Rep. Esquivel	States that he supports HB 2649 and comments on what the bill does.
214	Lori Sattenspiel	Government Relations, Oregon Community College Association (OCCA). Submits prepared testimony in support of HB 2649 <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> .
246	Lynda Warren	Dean of College Services, Rogue Community College. Testifies in support of HB 2649. Comments on the benefits of HB 2649.
281	Rep. Buckley	Inquires how long the budget information is posted on their web page.
284	Warren	Responds that the information is kept on the web page for three years.
286	Chair Berger	Asks if everything that is published is also posted.
298	Warren	Answers by commenting on what is published and what is posted.
299	Rep. Cameron	Clarifies that in the amendment it does state that the phone number and the address are posted in the newspaper, so all that needs to be added is the fax number.
308	LeRoy Yorgason	Executive Director, Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. Introduces Dave Weston.
320	Dave Weston	Polk County Itemizer-Observer. Testifies in opposition to HB 2649. Comments on the benefits of posting the budget information in the newspaper.
417	Rep. Buckley	Inquires if there is a fact check done on the adds in the newspaper.
425	Weston	Responds that they do not fact check the budget summaries.

013	Rep. Galizo	Inquires if this is something that would be covered as a news story.
017	Weston	Responds that the entire process is covered, but the entire document is not printed in the news.
034	Rep. Galizio	Inquires how much money would be lost by the papers as a result of this bill.
036	Weston	Estimates how much money would be lost by newspapers.
047	Rep. Galizio	Inquires what percentage of overall ad revenue that a newspaper receives would be affected.
050	Weston	Responds that it is a small percentage.
054	Yorgason	Executive Director, Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. Comments that they support the idea of putting information on the Internet. Discusses the controls over the notices that are put in the newspapers and the need for it to be verifiable that the ad was on the Internet by a certain time.
150	David Barenberg	League of Oregon Cities. Submits and presents prepared testimony in support of HB 2649 ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ). Testifies in support of HB 2649.
182	Bill Penhollow	Association of Oregon Counties. Testifies in support of HB 2649 as amended.
214	Rep. Galizio	Inquires about the people who prefer print, or are not Internet savvy.
219	Barenberger	Responds that they will publish the street address to make the information available to everyone.
227	Penhollow	Answers that with inquiry the individual can be directed to different people to get the information they desire. Lists places information is available. Discusses the advantage is that there is other valuable information on the Internet.
248	Rep. Sumner	Asks if it is true that HB 2649 allows the organizations to post the budget information on the Internet, it does not mandate it.

259	Penhollow	Concurs.
259	Chair Berger	Inquires if there are counties that do not have the capability to post on the internet.
264	Penhollow	Responds that there are some counties without web sites, but they are working with those counties to get them web pages.
276	Chair Berger	Comments that there is a cost of Internet posting as well as a cost to newspaper posting.
286	Penhollow	Concurs.
291	Barenberg	Responds that the communities can choose to post as they always have.
295	Rep. Esquivel	Comments that this bill brings choice. Talks about the diversity of the state. Gives the example of microfilm backup. Comments that this is an opportunity and choice, it is not mandated.
339	John Phillips	Department of Revenue. Submits prepared testimony <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> . Asks the committee to consider two points of clarification for the bill.

**The following material is submitted for the record without public testimony**

	Jeb Bladine	Submits an e-mail in opposition to HB 2649 <b>(EXHIBIT C)</b> .
394	Chair Berger	Closes the public hearing on HB 2649 and opens a public hearing on HB 2916.

**HB 2916 – PUBLIC HEARING**

409	Cara Fischer	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2916.
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012	Nan Heim	Oregon Library Association. Testifies in support of HB 2916.
056	B.J. Quinlan	

Youth Services Manager, Salem Public Library. Submits prepared testimony in support of HB 2916 **(EXHIBIT F)**. Comments on the benefits of the Ready To Read program. Testifies in support of HB 2916.

089	Jim Scheppke	State Librarian. Testifies in support of HB 2916.
100	Chair Berger	Inquires what are the controls on the Ready To Read money that insure that the money is used in a correct manner.
104	Scheppke	Explains the process for the grants.
116	Rep. Buckley	Asks what the size of the grants are.
118	Scheppke	Answers by giving examples of grants from the past year.

**The following material is submitted to the record without public testimony**

Anne Billeter	Submits prepared testimony regarding the Ready To Read grants <b>(EXHIBIT K)</b> .
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Chair Berger	Closes the public hearing on HB 2916 and opens a public hearing on HB 2917.
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**HB 2917 – PUBLIC HEARING**

137	Cara Fischer	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2917.
148	Rep. Esquivel	Comments on an aspect he thinks should be included in HB 2917.
160	Randall Edwards	Treasurer, Department of Treasury. Submits binder of information on transferring Oregon's unclaimed property program <b>(EXHIBIT H)</b> and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2917 <b>(EXHIBIT I)</b> .
246	Edwards	Adds that there are thousands of people with unclaimed property and continues to read prepared testimony.
284	Edwards	Comments on forthcoming amendments.

292	Chair Berger	Relates her experience with unclaimed property. Asks what would have happened if she had not gotten the notice.
318	Rep. Buckley	Inquires if there would be an addition of staff to his department.
323	Edwards	Responds that the 12 people who currently run the unclaimed property program would be moved to his office. Discusses the advantages to the people that would be moved.
335	Rep. Buckley	Asks if there is any change in the collective bargaining agreement with the employees.
336	Edwards	Answers that there is not.
339	Rep. Buckley	Asks if there is any way for us to find the information on the Internet.
344	Edwards	Answers that you can find it on the Internet. Talks about the process of finding the information in other states.
371	Ann Hanus	Director, Department of State Lands. Introduces Cindy Wickham. Submits and presents prepared testimony in support of HB 2917 <b>(EXHIBIT J)</b> .

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011	Hanus	Discusses the benefits of moving the program to the Department of Treasury.
038	John Marshall	Oregon School Boards Association. Comments on the benefits of the Common School Fund and the importance of the trust for that. Discusses the benefits of HB 2917. Testifies in support of HB 2917.
079	Jesse Cornett	Testifies in support of HB 2917. Discusses the benefits of HB 2917.
095	Chair Berger	Closes the public hearing on HB 2917 and opens a public hearing on HB 2094.

**HB 2094 – PUBLIC HEARING**

101	Chair Berger
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Declares intent to carry the public hearing to Thursday March 31, 2005.

106            Chiar Berger            Closes the public hearing on HB 2094 and opens a work session on HJR 16.

### **HJR 16 – WORK SESSION**

113            Cara Fischer            Committee Administrator. Summarizes HJR 16.

112            Rep. Sumner            **MOTION: Moves HJR 16 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.**

120                            **VOTE: 6-0-1**

**EXCUSED: 1 - Witt**

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

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

127            Chair Berger            Closes the work session on HJR 16 and adjourns the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. HB 2649, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p
- B. HB 2649, prepared testimony, Lynda Warren, 1 p
- C. HB 2649, prepared testimony, Jeb Bladine, 3 pp
- D. HB 2649, prepared testimony, David Barenberg, 5 pp
- E. HB 2649, informational material, John Phillips, 1 p
- F. HB 2916, prepared testimony, B.J. Quinlan, 2 pp
- G. HB 2916, prepared testimony, Jim Scheppke, 1 p
- H. HB 2917, informational material, Randall Edwards, 58 pp
- I. HB 2917, prepared testimony, Randall Edwards, 3 pp
- J. HB 2917, prepared testimony, Ann Hanus, 2 pp
- K. HB 2916, prepared testimony, Anne Billeter, 4 pp