

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 16, 2005 Hearing Room C

1:00 P.M. Tapes 26 - 27

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**            **Rep. George Gilman, Chair**

**Rep. Terry Beyer, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Chuck Burley, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Deborah Boone**

**Rep. Scott Bruun**

**Rep. Dave Hunt**

**Rep. Kim Thatcher**

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

**Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HB 2113 – Public Hearing**

**HB 2165 – Public Hearing**

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<b>TAPE 26, A</b>		
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- 003 Chair Gilman Calls the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
- 005 Rep. Burley Notes that the U.S. House of Representatives passed HJR 3 which should aid in transportation funding.
- 007 Chair Gilman Opens a public hearing on HB 2113.

### **HB 2113 – PUBLIC HEARING**

- 012 John Houser Committee Administrator. Introduces HB 2113 and the -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT A)**.
- 025 Mike Marsh Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Submits prepared section-by-section summary and testifies in support of HB 2113 **(EXHIBIT B)**.
- 123 Chair Gilman Asks why language in ORS 802.020 must be removed.
- 117 Marsh Explains that it would be removing redundancies to make operations more efficient. Continues the summary of Sections 7-12 **(EXHIBIT B)**.
- 243 Chair Gilman Closes the public hearing on HB 2113. Opens a public hearing on HB 2165.

### **HB 2165 – PUBLIC HEARING**

- 253 John Houser Committee Administrator. Introduces HB 2165 and -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT C)**.
- 281 Art Schlack Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Introduces Judge Laura Pryor and Commissioner Don Lindley. Testifies in support of HB 2165. Explains the -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT C)**. Explains that most drivers cannot distinguish between a state highway, county road, or city street.
- 411 Don Lindley Lincoln County Commissioner. Chair, Cascades West Committee on Transportation. Testifies in support of HB 2165. Explains the importance of the committee. Notes that HB 2165 has no fiscal impact.

**TAPE 27, A**

- 029 Judge Laura Pryor Chair, North Central Area Commission on Transportation (ACT). Explains the difference in road needs between rural and urban counties. Highlights the work that has been done to better coordinate transportation programs in Oregon. Notes the importance of a coordinating committee.
- 106 Rep. Beyer Acknowledges the current system is not operating efficiently, but notes that in her district the cities and counties are not coordinating. Wonders if HB 2165 is the answer. Asks if the coordinating committees should report back to the legislature.
- 135 Pryor Answers that it would be appropriate to report back to the legislature. Comments it would give a better picture of the overall system and would help facilitate city and county coordination and communication. Comments that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) did not hamper the negotiations. Explains the difficulties with transportation issues.
- 174 Rep. Bruun Notes the proposed reasons for setting up the committee. Asks if there are fundamental differences between cities, counties and ODOT.
- 190 Pryor Answers that there are fundamental differences in the ODOT reporting structure. Notes that all groups are taking care of road surfaces in some way.
- 213 Rep. Bruun Clarifies that the differences are not related to policy, but are communication and structural differences.
- 217 Pryor Answers yes.
- 222 Schlack Explains ODOT involvement in setting the agenda for the meetings. Notes that HB 2165 will help.
- 256 Rep. Burley Acknowledges the importance of collaboration, but stresses that it is difficult to force entities to collaborate.
- 272 Pryor Explains the difficulties in collaboration and how the current ODOT committee operates under the memorandum of understanding. Expresses hope that by elevating the committee to a statutory level, it will provide a better vehicle to address the issues. Explains the

relationship between the freight advisory board and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) advisory board.

- 328 Rep. Burley Refers to the -1 amendments and asks if the advisory committee should face a sunset.
- 345 Pryor Testifies that the committee should be given a chance and if it does not work, it could revert back to the way it currently operates.
- 366 Rep. Burley Asks if the bill should include all public roadways.
- 380 Pryor Answers that by focusing on the roads, it will allow them to address other transportation issues such as bridges. Notes that streets, roads and highways provide a transportation base.
- 413 Lindley Testifies that it is not the intent to ignore transportation issues other than roads.
- 430 Rep. Burley Asks about redundancies in road-user advisory committees.
- 443 Pryor Explains the differences in the system in different areas of the state.

**TAPE 26, B**

- 018 Rep. Beyer Asks about the relationship to the ACTs.
- 025 Pryor Explains that in ACTs, all of the different interests are represented.
- 037 Schlack Explains that the primary functions of the ACTs are to prioritize projects and that the Local Officials Advisory Committee (LOAC) is more policy oriented between the owners of the systems.
- 052 Rep. Beyer Asks if that is how LOAC is currently operating.
- 055 Schlack Answers that LOAC should look more at policy.
- 058 Chair Gilman Notes that the bill requires the committee to meet six times per year. Asks if the committee met in the last six years.

060	Schlack	Answers yes.
063	Chair Gilman	Asks about the distribution of funds between city, state and county organizations.
072	Schlack	Explains that the HB 2165 fund distribution is open for change.
091	Bruce Warner	Director, ODOT. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony regarding HB 2165 ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
214	Rep. Beyer	Asks if LOAC has ever functioned properly.
225	Warner	Explains that LOAC was viable 10-15 years ago.
246	Rep. Beyer	Asks about reporting back to the legislature.
250	Warner	Explains the idea of reporting back to legislature.
259	Rep. Beyer	Notes that there were no reports that determine when LOAC stopped working.
268	Warner	Explains that reporting holds the committees accountable to do what they were intended.
278	Rep. Burley	Commends the work of Mr. Warner. Asks what the downside would be to having a statutory committee.
294	Warner	Answers that flexibility is important to allow all interests to speak frankly about the issues they are facing.
322	Rep. Burley	Asks what is being done to address other committees.
335	Warner	Submits a prepared chart, "The Oregon Transportation Commission and Advisory and Coordinating Entities and Groups" ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).
361	Chair Gilman	Asks if LOAC keeps minutes.
363	Warner	Answers yes.

376	Willie Tiffany	League of Oregon Cities. Testifies in support of HB 2165 and -1 amendments.
404	Chair Gilman	Closes the public hearing on HB 2165.
406	Rep. Beyer	Notes the importance of communication between entities regarding transportation issues.
414	Rep. Burley	Asks if Judge Pryor, Commissioner Lindley and Art Schlack have seen Mr. Warner's propositions.
417	Schlack	Answers no.
422	Houser	Hands outs a list of potential members for the work group to address school speed zones.
434	Chair Gilman	Comments it is open to committee members.
444	Rep. Beyer	Asks about the timeline of recommendations.
453	Chair Gilman	Answers that he would like recommendations before the April 8, 2005 meeting. Adjourns the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. **HB 2113, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p**
- B. **HB 2113, prepared summary, Mike Marsh, 4 pp**
- C. **HB 2165, -1 amendments, staff, 2 pp**
- D. **HB 2165, prepared testimony, Bruce Warner, 3 pp**
- E. **HB 2165, Oregon Transportation Commission chart, Bruce Warner, 1 p**