

HB 2840 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
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003	Vice-Chair Burley	Calls the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Introduces himself.
015	Rep. Beyer	(via-teleconference) Introduces herself.
022	Vice-Chair Burley	Introduces local officials present from the Bend area.
033	Rep. Thatcher	(via-teleconference) Introduces herself.
045	Vice-Chair Burley	Explains the meeting agenda.
060	Rep. Boone	Introduces herself.
063	Sen. Ben Westlund	Senate District 27. Introduces himself.
065	Rep. Hunt	(via-teleconference) Introduces himself.

**CENTRAL OREGON AREA COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (COACT) –
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

071	Dennis Luke	Deschutes County Commissioner. Introduces himself.
073	Scott Cooper	Crook County Judge. Introduces COACT members present.

- 075 Luke Describes COACT. Submits and summarizes prepared information “COACT Needs List – STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS” (**EXHIBIT A**).
- 105 Cooper Further describes the operations of COACT.
- 120 Sen. Westlund Commends the work of COACT.

MILLICAN/WEST BUTTE ROAD PROJECT UPDATE – INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- 140 Cooper Submits and summarizes prepared testimony explaining the Millican/West Butte Road project (**EXHIBIT B**).
- 180 Cooper Offers a history of transportation issues and Millican/West Butte Road (**EXHIBIT B, Pages 1-3**).
- 270 Cooper Explains the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requirements for Millican/West Butte Road (**EXHIBIT B, Page 4**).
- 340 Cooper Explains the opening of the road and the completion of the project (**EXHIBIT B, Page 5**).
- 386 Sen. Westlund Commends the work on the Millican/West Butte Road project.
- 397 Luke Notes that Oregon’s environmental standards are higher than the federal Department of Transportation standards and wonders if it could be addressed in the legislative interim.
- 418 Cooper Stresses that ODOT is working under the mandate it received from the legislature.
- 430 Vice-Chair Burley Describes the environmental mitigation of a project near Elgin that added significant cost to the project.
- 455 Cooper Explains the work done on the project and the cost saving in constructing tunnels under the road for wildlife.

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- 015 Luke

Comments on the school speed zone issue. Notes that he is a former legislator and that he served on the committee in 1997 that set the language “when children are present.” Notes that children can be around schools during non-school hours. Stresses the importance of the definition of “when children are present.”

026 Vice-Chair Burley Closes the informational meeting on the Millican/West Butte Road Project Update. Opens a public hearing on HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840.

HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 & HB 2840 – PUBLIC HEARING

030 John Houser Committee Administrator. Introduces HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840. Explains the HB 2840-1 amendments (**EXHIBIT C**).

040 Rep. Beyer Explains the work done by the group work on the school speed zone issue.

084 Sen. Westlund Asks for a clarification of times being considered for the school speed zone to be in effect.

087 Vice-Chair Burley Clarifies school zones that are adjacent to schools and may be several blocks long. Notes that the timeframe being considered is 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days unless flashing lights were in effect. Explains that the speed in non-adjacent school zones would be in effect “when children are present” or when lights are flashing.

100 Deborah Hogan Safe Communities Coordinator, City of Bend. Submits and reads prepared testimony regarding HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840 (**EXHIBIT D**).

188 Sen. Westlund Discusses school zones in the Bend area. States support for the timeframe of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

210 Christy Monson League of Oregon Cities (LOC). States that LOC has participated in the school speed zone work group, but has not formed a position on school speed zones. Highlights three provisions that should be included in potential legislation: 1. Flashing lights would trump all 2. If changing signs is necessary, six months should be allowed to make the changes 3. Funding for sign changes

212 Alan Unger

Mayor, City of Redmond. Argues for state standards with local flexibility. Stresses the need for funding for cities to comply with standards.

- 268 Andy Jordan Chief of Police, City of Bend. Testifies in support of HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840. Argues for a statewide standard for school speed zones. Highlights the importance of protecting children. Explains that people believe that the police make the rules and “take the heat” when standards are different.
- 345 Rep. Beyer Explains the confusing nature of changing the rules and the intent is for a uniform standard that everyone can live with.
- 365 Gary Judd Traffic Engineer, Deschutes County. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony regarding HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840 (**EXHIBIT E**).

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- 016 Sen. Westlund Thanks Mr. Judd for his testimony clarifying the issue.
- 022 Randy Wooley Traffic Engineer, City of Beaverton. Testifies in support of HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840. Notes that he served on the Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee and the school speed zone work group. Notes support for HB 2365. Explains that “when children are present” is a good standard if properly defined. Asks for a six-month implementation period.
- 085 Scott Bricker Bicycle Transportation Alliance & Willamette Pedestrian Coalition. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony regarding HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840 (**EXHIBIT F**).
- 147 Jon Oshel County Road Program Manager, Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Testifies that AOC does not take a position on the school speed zone issue, but wants to find a consistent solution. Describes the difficulty in defining “when children are present”. Notes the correction of amendment language. States the importance of uniform statewide standards with local flexibility.

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

- Kelly Scannell City of Eugene. Submits prepared testimony regarding HB 2365, HB Brooks 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840 (**EXHIBIT G**).

220 Vice-Chair Burley Closes the public hearing on HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827 and HB 2840. Opens a public hearing on HB 2655.

HB 2655 – PUBLIC HEARING

231 John Houser Committee Administrator. Introduces HB 2655.

260 Mary Ellen Holly Keep Oregon Green Association, Inc. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2655 (**EXHIBIT H**).

319 Charlie Stone Protection Projects Director, Oregon Department of Forestry. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2655 (**EXHIBIT I**). Describes the -1 amendments (**EXHIBIT J**).

419 Bill Greely Chair, Keep Oregon Green Association, Inc. Testifies in support of HB 2655. Explains the efforts and approaches for informing the public about preventing wildfires. Argues that Smokey Bear license plates are a non-traditional communication tool to help educate the public about wildfire prevention.

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008 Rep. Boone Asks how much the license plates cost.

010 Holly Explains the costs associated with the license plates and notes that Keep Oregon Green, Inc. would receive approximately \$28 per plate.

014 Sen. Westlund Asks how much it costs to implement the program.

016 Holly Answers that she has not received a fiscal impact statement. Notes that Keep Oregon Green, Inc. must pay \$10,000 initially and sell 1000 plates per year to make the program work.

020 Sen. Westlund Explains that similar license plate programs cost approximately \$80,000 and how the project could be financed.

035 Mike Dykzeul Director of Forest Protection, Oregon Forest Industries Council. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2655 (**EXHIBIT K**).

- 080 Larry Giustina Giustina Land & Timber Co. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2655 (**EXHIBIT L**).
- 115 Earl Cordes Fire Chief, Jefferson County Fire District #1, Madras. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2655 (**EXHIBIT M**).
- 155 Gary Marshall Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Marshal, City of Bend. Testifies in support of HB 2655. Explains the devastation resulting from wildfire. Describes the FireFree program.
- 209 Rep. Boone Notes that she is a volunteer fire fighter. Reiterates that prevention is the best way to prevent wildfires.
- 226 George Chesley Natural resource management professional. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2655 (**EXHIBIT N**). Notes the rapid population growth in Bend and how to educate people about the message of fire prevention.
- 247 Nancy Porter Natural resource management professional. Explains that fire prevention works and notes that it is the responsibility of various sectors of society to prevent wildfires.

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

- Robin Freeman Oregon Department of Transportation. Submits prepared testimony regarding HB 2655 (**EXHIBIT S**).
- 261 Vice-Chair Burley Closes the public hearing on HB 2655. Opens a public hearing on HB 2742.

HB 2742 – PUBLIC HEARING

- 275 John Houser Committee Administrator. Introduces HB 2742.
- 287 Bill Friedman Mayor, City of Bend. Highlights his involvement in transportation issues. Testifies in support of HB 2742. Explains that the intersection of roads and school driveways is an important issue in addition to sidewalks. Notes that funding is centrally controlled and suggests that alternatives be examined where funding is done more locally.
- 380 Scott Bricker

Bicycle Transportation Alliance & Willamette Pedestrian Coalition. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2742 **(EXHIBIT O)**.

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| 025 | Brenda Johnson | Chair, Healthy Active Central Oregon Task Force. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2742 (EXHIBIT P) . |
| 065 | Jeff Monson | Executive Director, Commute Options for Central Oregon. Testifies in support of HB 2742. Describes the efforts for promoting modes of transportation such as bicycling, walking and carpooling. |
| 093 | Cheryl Howard | Event Coordinator, Central Oregon Safe Kids. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2742 (EXHIBIT Q) . |
| 126 | Sen. Westlund | Asks how much was spent by the federal government on the transportation project in Salt Lake City. |
| 131 | Bricker | Answers that he does not know. Describes the work done on various transportation projects and states that he will get the project information for the committee. |
| 140 | Sen. Westlund | Commends the planning of the Salt Lake City project. |
| 144 | Bricker | Responds that the safe routes to schools is a growing need in communities and expresses the hope that funding will go beyond the federal government. |
| 150 | Vice-Chair Burley | Suggests expanding language in the bill to include special districts. |
| 158 | Bricker | Explains that language in the 2001 proposed legislation includes park districts. |
| 180 | Dr. David Coutin | Central Oregon Trustee, Oregon Medical Association. Submits and reads prepared testimony on behalf of Dr. James K. Lace (EXHIBIT R) . |
| 222 | Deborah Hogan | |

Safe Communities Coordinator, City of Bend. Explains the commitment of the city of Bend in developing five safe route to schools plans without funding and developing a template for schools that do not have a plan. Emphasizes the safe communities program administered under the Oregon Department of Transportation and explains the funding.

- 245 Mike Lovely President, Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association. Testifies in support of HB 2742. Discusses funding for safe routes to schools. Proposes solar powered lights and motion sensor lights for safety.
- 277 Jim Roderick Transportation Supervisor, Bend/LaPine School District. Explains the new school routes projects cited by Mr. Lovely. Stresses the importance of improving bus access and fuel efficiency.
- 308 Alan Unger Mayor, City of Redmond. Testifies in support of HB 2742. Notes the support of the Central Oregon Cities Organization. Proposes collaboration between various districts and coordination with federal, state and local funding.

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

- Troy Costales Transportation Safety Division Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation. Submits prepared testimony regarding HB 2742 **(EXHIBIT T)**.
- 330 Vice-Chair Burley Closes the public hearing on HB 2742. Adjourns the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **Central Oregon Area Committee on Transportation, Dennis Luke, 14 pp**
- B. **Millican/West Butte Road Project Update, prepared testimony, Scott Cooper, 6 pp**
- C. **HB 2840, -1 amendments, staff, 3 pp**
- D. **HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827, HB 2840, prepared testimony, Deborah Hogan, 3 pp**
- E. **HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827, HB 2840, prepared testimony and information, Gary Judd, 3 pp**
- F. **HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827, HB 2840, prepared testimony, Scott Bricker, 1 p**
- G. **HB 2365, HB 2481, HB 2827, HB 2840, prepared testimony, Kelly Brooks, 2 pp**

- H. **HB 2655, prepared testimony and information, Mary Ellen Holly, 9 pp**
- I. **HB 2655, prepared testimony, Charlie Stone, 2 pp**
- J. **HB 2655, -1 amendments, staff, 4 pp**
- K. **HB 2655, prepared testimony, Mike Dykzeul, 1 p**
- L. **HB 2655, prepared testimony, Larry Giustina, 1 p**
- M. **HB 2655, prepared testimony, Earl Cordes, 1 p**
- N. **HB 2655, prepared testimony, George Chesley, 2 pp**
- O. **HB 2742, prepared testimony, Scott Bricker, 2 pp**
- P. **HB 2742, prepared testimony, Brenda Johnson, 3 pp**
- Q. **HB 2742, prepared testimony and information, Cheryl Howard, 5 pp**
- R. **HB 2742, prepared testimony of Dr. James K. Lace, David Coutin, 1 p**
- S. **HB 2655, prepared testimony and information, Robin Freeman, 3 pp**
- T. **HB 2742, prepared testimony, Troy Costales, 2 pp**