

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 8, 2005
1:00 P.M.

Hearing Room B
Tapes 35 - 36

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Rick Metsger, Chair
Sen. Jason Atkinson
Sen. Ryan Deckert
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Theresa Van Winkle, Committee Administrator
James Goulding, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
SB 84 – Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 13 – Work Session
SB 328 – Work Session
SB 600 – 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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
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003	Chair Metsger	Calls the committee to order at 1:14 p.m. Opens as a sub committee for the purpose of taking public testimony. Opens a public hearing on SB 84. Staff submits the SB 84 -1 amendments for the record (EXHIBIT A).
<u>SB 84 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
020	Bob Meynard	Energy Outfitters. Testifies in favor of SB 84 and the -1 amendments.
035	Linda Pinkham	Resident, Jackson County. Submits written testimony in favor of SB 84 with the -1 amendments (EXHIBIT B). Testifies on SB 84.
040	Chair Metsger	Observes that a full committee is now present.
043	Pinkham	Continues to testify in support of SB 84 with the -1 amendments.
080	Roger Ebbage	Home Electric Cooperative Member. Testifies in support of SB 84 with the -1 amendments. Discusses energy needs of the future.
105	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks clarification question regarding Meynard's testimony.
110	Meynard	Explains.
120	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Wonders how public utilities purchase their power compared to consumers.
125	Meynard	Notes that public utilities purchase their power wholesale. Clarifies the intent of the original 1999 net metering law.
127	Chair Metsger	Asks question regarding Meynard's testimony.
130	Meynard	Explains.
140	Sen. Frank Shields	Represents Senate District 24. Discusses the intent of net metering legislation to encourage alternative energy sources. Envisions the possibilities for future power generation.
170	Sen. Shields	Details the -1 amendments to SB 84 and offers his support.
200	Scott Bolton	PacifiCorp. Testifies in favor of SB 84 as introduced. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Opposes the -1 amendments to SB 84.
230	Tom O'Connor	Director of Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association. States that he is also testifying for the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA). Presents written testimony on SB 84 as introduced (EXHIBIT D). Notes opposition to the -1 amendments.
315	Troy Gagliano	Renewable Northwest Project. Testifies in favor of SB 84 as introduced. Feels net metering provides a positive option for energy use. Reports that net metering has been relatively trouble free in other states.
377	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks Mr. Evans if there are any electric cooperatives that have granted net metering above 25 kilowatts.
390	Jack Evans	ORECA. Clarifies that "the existing net metering statutes require that all utilities in Oregon, including consumer owned utilities, make available net metering to their customers up to a cap of 25 kilowatts."
415	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks how much energy 25 kilowatts produces.
420	Evans	Explains.
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005	Julie Mikalsin	Resident, Multnomah County. Testifies on SB 84.
040	Mikalsin	Remarks on high voltage transformer boxes that have been in use far beyond their anticipated lifespan.
055	Chair Metsger	Directs Ms. Mikalsin to testify in regards to SB 84.
057	Mikalsin	Continues remarks on future energy distribution options.
070	Mikalsin	Asks that kilowatts generated by alternative sources not be limited.
080	Jon Miller	Executive Director, Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association (OSEIA). Provides written testimony in support of SB 84 with the proposed -1 amendments (EXHIBIT E). Provides a Pacific Northwest Solar Resource chart (EXHIBIT F). Testifies on SB 84.
125	Miller	Concludes testimony by detailing the proposed -1 amendments and encouraging their adoption.
127	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks about solar energy units.
135	Miller	Explains.
145	Sen. Monnes Anderson	Asks if it could still be done. Asks about a rollover.
150	Miller	Explains the concept of "rollover".
163	Chair Metsger	Clarifies Sen. Monnes Anderson's question.
167	Miller	Responds.
175	Chair Metsger	Asks Lee Beyer to testify on SB 84. Asks Beyer to speak to the issue of rollover and to describe how the commission would address the provision in SB 84 which allows for the excess of 25 kilowatts.
185	Lee Beyer	Chair, Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Directs testimony to the issues pointed out by Sen. Metsger.
210	Beyer	Details the role of PUC and what it is they regulate in terms of alternative power generation.
230	Beyer	Outlines hopes for new fuel sources. Notes that the bill addresses a lot more than just solar power. Details the burden that falls upon ratepayers.
250	Beyer	Observes universal support for SB 84 as introduced, but controversy over the -1 amendments. Expresses concern that the whole bill could be lost if the amendments are adopted.
The following prepared testimony is submitted for the record without public testimony:		
	Frank Vignola	Director, University of Oregon Solar Radiation Monitoring Laboratory. Submits written testimony for the record (EXHIBIT G).
265	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 84.
<u>SB 84 – WORK SESSION</u>		
267	Chair Metsger	Comments on testimony on SB 84. Prefers to move SB 84.
267	Sen. Monnes Anderson	MOTION: Moves SB 84 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
	Chair Metsger	VOTE: 4-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. B. Starr Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.
290	Chair Metsger	Closes work session on SB 84 and opens work session on SB 13.
<u>SB 13 – WORK SESSION</u>		
295	Theresa Van Winkle	Committee Administrator. Explains the provisions of SB 13 and the -1 amendments (EXHIBIT H).
310	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 13-1 amendments dated 3/7/05. VOTE: 4-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. B. Starr Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
315	Chair Metsger Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves SB 13 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation. VOTE: 4-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. B. Starr Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. NELSON will lead discussion on the floor.
320	Chair Metsger	Closes work session on SB 13 and opens work session on SB 328.
<u>SB 328 – WORK SESSION</u>		
322	Theresa Van Winkle	Committee Administrator. Explains the provisions of SB 328 -6 Amendments (EXHIBIT I).
343	Chair Metsger	Comments on SB 328 -6 amendments. Asks Don Miner to speak to the amendments.
347	Don Miner	Oregon Manufactured Housing Association. Testifies on SB 328 -6 amendments.
360	Chair Metsger	Comments on testimony on SB 328.

380	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 328-6 amendments dated 3/8/05.
		VOTE: 3-0-2
	Chair Metsger	EXCUSED: 2 – Sen. Deckert, Sen. B. Starr
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
390	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves SB 328 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 3-0-2
	Chair Metsger	EXCUSED: 2 - Sen. Deckert, Sen. B. Starr
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. MORSE will lead discussion on the floor.
395	Chair Metsger	Closes work session on SB 328 and opens work session on SB 600.
<u>SB 600 – WORK SESSION</u>		
400	Chair Metsger	Talks about the SB 600 -1 amendments (EXHIBIT J).
	Schelly Jensen	Verizon. Testifies in support of the SB 600 -1 amendments.
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001	Jensen	Continues testimony in regards to the proposed amendments.
030	Chair Metsger	Comments on the proposed amendments.
033	Sen. Atkinson	Asks if there is opposition to SB 600.
035	Chair Metsger	Replies that he is not aware of any opposition to SB 600.
037	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 600-1 amendments dated 3/3/05.
		VOTE: 4-0-1
	Chair Metsger	EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. B. Starr
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
045	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves SB 600 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0-1
	Chair Metsger	EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. B. Starr
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. NELSON will lead discussion on the floor.
050	Chair Metsger	Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 3:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SB 84, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p
- B. SB 84, written testimony, Linda Pinkham, 1 p
- C. SB 84, written testimony, Scott Bolton, 1 p
- D. SB 84, written testimony, Tom O'Connor, 3 pp
- E. SB 84, written testimony, Jon Miller, 2 pp
- F. SB 84, chart, Jon Miller, 1 p
- G. SB 84, written testimony, Frank Vignola, 1 p
- H. SB 13, -1 amendments, staff, 2 pp
- I. SB 328, -6 amendments, staff, 2 pp
- J. SB 600, -1 amendments, staff, 5 pp