

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 23, 2005
3:10 P.M.

Hearing Room 50
Tapes 23 - 24

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Joanne Verger, Chair
Sen. Doug Whitsett, Vice-Chair
Sen. Floyd Prozanski
Sen. Bruce Starr

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Rick Metsger

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. George Gillman, Chair
Rep. Terry Beyer, Vice-Chair
Rep. Chuck Burley, Vice-Chair
Rep. Deborah Boone
Rep. Dave Hunt

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Scott Bruun
Rep. Kim Thatcher

STAFF PRESENT: Judith Callens, Committee Administrator
Gary Roulier, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
Highway Cost Allocation Study – Informational Meeting
SB 71 – Public Hearing

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| TAPE/# | Speaker | Comments |
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| TAPE 23, A | | |
| 003 | Chair Verger | Opens the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and opens an informational meeting on the Highway Cost Allocation Study (study). |
| <u>HIGHWAY COST ALLOCATION STUDY – INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u> | | |
| 012 | Tom Potiowsky | Office of Economic Analysis, Oregon Department of Administrative Services. Begins a PowerPoint presentation on the study (EXHIBIT A) summarizing the Highway Cost Allocation Study, 2005-2007 Biennium (EXHIBIT B). |
| 050 | Carl Batten | ECONorthwest. Continues a summary of the study. |
| 102 | Batten | Reviews how cost is defined within the study. |
| 149 | Batten | Summarizes the consumption approach to cost allocation. |
| 175 | Chair Verger | Asks what the length of vehicle has to do with apportionment. |
| 183 | Batten | Responds that weight is critical to wear on the highway but length affects road capacity. |
| 213 | Chair Verger | Asks if the next study will utilize the pilot program on vehicle miles traveled. |
| 220 | Batten | Answers that they hope to utilize all of that data and continues a review of the study. |

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| 261 | Batten | Summarizes how expenditures of local governments are included within the study. |
| 317 | Batten | Notes that pavement wear costs are allocated utilizing the National Pavement Model developed by Roger Mingo. |
| 341 | Sen. B. Starr | Asks for the actual figure for the damage from studded tires. |
| 350 | Batten | Answers that they use actual cost for repairs caused by studded tire damage and that the figure is contained within the study. |

TAPE 24, A

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| 003 | Batten | Reviews the issues surrounding replacement bridges. |
| 019 | Sen. Verger | Asks for a definition of premature failure. |
| 021 | Batten | Responds that some bridges in Oregon have failed prior to their planned life expectancy. Adds that some of the failures were caused by the construction methods utilized in the 1960s. |
| 060 | Rep. Beyer | Asks if temporary bridges are treated the same. |
| 063 | Batten | Answers that he would have to check with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to see how the costs are allocated. |
| 111 | Batten | Outlines the allocation of bonded expenditures. |
| 160 | Batten | Summarizes the results of the 2005 study, to include allocation for heavy vehicles (over 8,000 pounds). |
| 180 | Sen. B. Starr | Comments that the allocation of fees during the last session seemed to result in a fair balance. |
| 208 | Batten | Reviews the equity ratios within the classes of vehicles. |
| 215 | Batten | Covers some of the recommendations developed in the study. |
| 255 | Batten | Continues with a review of the recommendations. |
| 315 | Potowski | Reviews the efforts of the study review team. |
| 323 | Chair Verger | Closes the informational meeting and opens a public hearing on SB 71. |

SB 71 – PUBLIC HEARING

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| 343 | Cindy Robert | Oregon Transit Association. Submits an information packet which includes a report entitled “The Economic Impact of Public Transit in Oregon,” written testimony from Roger Martin, Executive Director of the Oregon Transit Association, a preliminary assessment of investment opportunities, and a list of ConnectOregon mass transit projects (EXHIBIT C). Testifies in support of SB 71. |
| 411 | Robert | Details transit projects throughout the state and their economic impact. |

TAPE 23, B

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| 003 | Heather Ornelas | Transit Manager, Tillamook County Transportation District. Testifies in support of SB 71. |
| 038 | Ken Hamm | General Manager, Lane Transit District. Presents written testimony (EXHIBIT D) and an information packet which includes a letter from the Lane Transit District Board of Directors, a map of transit projects in the Eugene/Springfield area, a brochure, and a presentation on the Bus Rapid Transit system (EXHIBIT E) and testifies in support of SB 71. |
| 067 | Hamm | Presents a video to the committee entitled “Bus Rapid Transit.” |
| 119 | Hamm | Continues video presentation. |
| 164 | Hamm | Reviews the advantages of Bus Rapid Transit. |
| 199 | Chair Verger | Asks about the cost of the project. |
| 203 | Hamm | Responds that the first phase is approximately \$26 million. Reviews the federal and local matches. |
| 229 | Chair Verger | Summarizes the difficulties in rural Oregon with the lack of |

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| 241 | Hamm | Greyhound service in many communities. States that efficiencies have declined in areas where transit has grown. |
| 247 | Robert | Adds that transit offers some opportunities through use of intermodal systems. |
| 258 | Sen. B. Starr | Reviews figures received on the damage to roads from studded tires. |
| 266 | Chair Verger | Discusses the damage figures and use of studded tires with Sen. B. Starr. |
| 298 | Greg Miller | Government Affairs Manager, Weyerhaeuser. Testifies in support of SB 71. Stresses that development of multimodal transportation infrastructure would benefit their competitive position. |
| 329 | Sen. B. Starr | Asks how many of his employees utilize mass transit. |
| 333 | Miller | Answers that he is not aware of the number. |
| 340 | Chair Verger | Closes the public hearing on SB 71 and adjourns the meeting at 4:32 p.m. |

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. Highway Cost Allocation Study, PowerPoint, Tom Potiowsky, 10 pp**
- B. Highway Cost Allocation Study, report, Tom Potiowsky, 70 pp**
- C. SB 71, information packet, Cindy Robert, 11 pp**
- D. SB 71, written testimony, Ken Hamm, 2 pp**
- E. SB 71, information packet, Ken Hamm, 11 pp**