

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 06, 2005
3:10 P.M.

Hearing Room C
Tapes 48 - 49

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

STAFF PRESENT: **Judith Callens, Committee Administrator**
 James Goulding, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

SJM 7 – Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 961 – Public Hearing
SB 640 – Public Hearing
SB 71 – Work Session
SB 566 – Public Hearing
SB 894 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 48, A		
003	Chair Verger	Calls the committee to order at 3:23 p.m. Opens a public hearing on SJM 7.
<u>SJM 7 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
022	Don Mann	General Manger, Port of Newport. Presents his written testimony in favor of SJM 7 (EXHIBIT A).
085	Chair Verger	Expresses her concern regarding how much of an impact sending memorials to Washington D.C. really has. Considers if there is a way to strengthen the message.
093	Mann	Remarks on the congressional support for this issue. Feels this memorial will be well received. Offers that this is one more tool of support.
095	Chair Verger	Observes the crucial funding needs for local ports. Talks about the situation at the Port of Coos Bay. Closes public hearing on SJM 7. Opens a work session on SJM 7.
<u>SJM 7 – WORK SESSION</u>		
125	Sen. Whitsett	MOTION: Moves SJM 7 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
127		VOTE: 3-0-2 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Metsger, Prozanski The motion CARRIES.
	Chair Verger	SEN. VERGER will lead discussion on the floor.
133	Chair Verger	Closes work session on SJM 7. Opens a public hearing on SB

SB 961 – PUBLIC HEARING

140	Judith Callens	Committee Administrator. Explains the provisions of SB 961.
150	Pat Egan	Port of Portland. Submits written testimony in favor of SB 961 (EXHIBIT B).
190	Egan	Discusses the needs to address pilotage issues in assisting marine commerce.
235	Jeff Krug	Marine Operations, Port of Portland. Relays his background as a maritime pilot.
269	Krug	Testifies in support of SB 961. Notes the decline in the number of vessels coming into local ports.
310	Krug	Feels this needs to be addressed to help Oregon ports remain competitive.
340	Chair Verger	Asks how the task force created by this measure would help lower business costs.
345	Egan	Replies that this will force a conversation on rate making in the pilotage process. Talks about the current difficulties of negotiating between parties.
359	Chair Verger	Observes the primary goal is starting a dialogue to improve the process. Discusses the appropriation of funds from the general fund.
375	Egan	Talks about the potential makeup of the task force. Comments on the potential appropriation of funds from tariffs.
397	Chair Verger	Observes that Oregon needs to be more competitive.
TAPE 49, A		
007	Tom Gallagher	Columbia River Bar Pilots. Presents written testimony in opposition to SB 961 (EXHIBIT C).
045	Gallagher	Agrees there needs to be a dialogue. Feels the focus is too narrow to cause a significant result.
053	Dave Fiskum	Columbia River Pilots. Testifies in opposition to SB 961. Expresses the concerns of river pilots with the proposed legislation.
085	Fiskum	Observes that task forces are more effective when they have strong leadership. Touches on the committees concern regarding funding the task force.
115	Chair Verger	Voices her opinions on Mr. Gallagher's testimony. Wonders what they would recommend instead of SB 961.
130	Fiskum	Feels the cost of commerce on the river goes far beyond pilotage. Observes the need for a broader perspective.
147	Gallagher	Acknowledges the difficulty of bringing opposing parties to the table.
169	Chair Verger	States they cannot legislate cooperation.
173	Gallagher	Makes additional remarks.
175	Lori Sundstrom	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Presents written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Discusses the background and relations between the Maritime Board and ODOT. Talks about budgetary considerations.
200	Chair Verger	Desires to know the opinions of the committee members.
220	Sen. Whitsett	Voices his desire for additional pilotage representation on the task force.
231	Sen. Prozanski	Wonders about the task force costs. Considers the possibility of it being an interim process.
259	Chair Verger	Offers her hopes for a resolution to this problem. Closes the public hearing on SB 961. Opens a public hearing on SB 640

SB 640 – PUBLIC HEARING

295 Judith Callens Explains the -3 amendment to the measure (**EXHIBIT E**). Notes the other proposed amendments are base upon the -3 amendments. Describes the various changes made by the -4 (**EXHIBIT F**), -5 (**EXHIBIT G**), -6 (**EXHIBIT H**), -12 (**EXHIBIT I**), -13 (**EXHIBIT J**), -14 (**EXHIBIT K**), and -15 amendments (**EXHIBIT L**).

355 Sen. Prozanski Wonders about the production of biometric ID cards. Considers if it will be on site or at a centralized location.

359 Callens Replies the -3 amendments keeps things as is, notes the -4 amendments create the centralized issuance by mail.

395 Callens Continues to detail the variations between the proposed amendments.

TAPE 48, B

004 Callens Concludes describing the amendments.

015 Chair Verger Discusses the amendments. States they will come back to this measure. Closes public hearing on SB 640. Opens a work session on SB 71.

SB 71 – WORK SESSION

021 Chair Verger Offers an overview of the “Connect Oregon” proposal.

030 Callens Discusses the provisions of the measure. Describes the proposed -4 amendments (**EXHIBIT M**).

083 Sen. Whitsett MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 71-4 amendments dated 4/1/05.

087 Sen. Metsger Notes some issues he had with the measure that the -4 amendments resolve. Voices concerns that some of the language is too broad. Feels the focus should be on the improvement of the transportation system as a whole. Appreciates the need to move this forward.

118 Sen. Whitsett Comments on some pieces of the -4 amendments that he feels weaken the bill.

138 Sen. Prozanski Feels this measure provides a needed starting point.

145 Sen. B. Starr Thanks Sen. Verger for her assistance in pulling this together. Feels the -4 amendments are a great improvement to SB 71 as drafted.

170 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.

177 Chair Verger MOTION: Moves SB 71 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
Sen. Whitsett

185 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.
Chair Verger

191 Chair Verger Closes the work session on SB 71. Opens the public hearing on SB 640.

SB 640 – PUBLIC HEARING

200 Chair Verger Observes she will need additional time to study the multitude of amendments.

205 Sen. Prozanski Remarks on the value of having more time to examine the amendments. Feels they are moving in the right direction to address the concerns raised by various parties.

225	Chair Verger	Notes the intent to bring this measure back at a later hearing.
230	Cyndy Birmingham	Washington County resident. Testifies in favor of SB 640.
275	Birmingham	Outlines the impact of identity theft and the disruption caused to her family.
329	Chair Verger	Appreciates her coming to testify before the committee.
		Wonders if the identity thief was caught.
335	Birmingham	States the thief was caught, but the problems took a while to resolve.
370	Chair Verger	Closes public hearing on SB 640. Opens a public hearing on SB 566.

SB 566 – PUBLIC HEARING

380	Chair Verger	Discusses the provisions of the measure.
390	Sen. Prozanski	Mentions the -2 amendments (EXHIBIT N) and the changes they make.
415	Sen. Bill Morrisette	Senate District 6. Testifies in favor of SB 566.
TAPE 49, B		
005	Sen. Morrisette	Discusses the proposed -2 amendments to SB 566.
038	Sen. Prozanski	Mentions they might want to move the discussion to SB 894.
043	Sen. Morrisette	Concludes his testimony on SB 566.
050	Sen. Prozanski	Remarks on highway designation language proposed by Senator Johnson
060	Chair Verger	Closes public hearing on SB 566. Opens a public hearing on SB 894.

SB 894 – PUBLIC HEARING

062	Bob Russell	President, Oregon Trucking Associations. Testifies in favor of SB 894 with the -5 amendments (EXHIBIT O).
090	Russell	Remarks on the parties involved in the discussion regarding the “hole in the air” needed for moving large trucks.
120	Russell	Talks about the categories of roads being discussed.
150	Christopher Henry	Transportation Planning Engineer, City of Eugene. Passes out oversized map of Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (EXHIBIT P). Opposes SB 894 and favor SB 566.
185	Chair Verger	Requests that he clarify his previous statement.
190	Henry	Reiterates that they are trying to reach a compromise. Talks about the design process involved for vehicle clearance.
217	Chair Verger	Asks him to about road reinforcement.
220	Henry	Relates that the design process has to take into account the kinds of vehicles passing on a given roadway.
230	Leonard Goodwin	Assistant Public Works Director, City of Springfield. Presents written testimony that they cannot support SB 894 (EXHIBIT Q). Feels Sen. Morrisette’s -2 amendments to SB 566 appear to meet all of the cities concerns.
255	Chair Verger	Observes the -2 amendments to SB 566 don’t seem to address the increase in freight over time.
273	Sen. Prozanski	Clarifies the routes through Springfield.
277	Scott Bricker	Policy Director, Bicycle Transportation Alliance. Discusses his concern with capacity issues.
300	Bricker	Talks about potential highway designations.
330	Chair Verger	Expresses the need to address this issue.
357	Russell	Makes additional comments.
360	Sen. Prozanski	Notes the letter from Oregon City given to the committee (EXHIBIT R).
380	Russell	Comments he doesn’t know about other specific city concerns.
410	Chair Verger	Closes the public hearing on SB 894. Adjourns the committee at

5:11 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **SJM 7, Written testimony, Don Mann, 11 pp**
- B. **SB 961, Written testimony, Pat Egan, 2 pp**
- C. **SB 961, Written testimony, Tom Gallagher 2 pp**
- D. **SB 961, Written testimony, Lori Sundstrom, 1 p**
- E. **SB 640, -3 amendments, staff, 3 p**
- F. **SB 640, -4 amendments, staff, 10 pp**
- G. **SB 640, -5 amendments, staff, 14 pp**
- H. **SB 640, -6 amendments, staff, 9 pp**
- I. **SB 640, -12 amendments, staff, 3 pp**
- J. **SB 640, -13 amendments, staff, 10 pp**
- K. **SB 640, -14 amendments, staff, 14 pp**
- L. **SB 640, -15 amendments, staff, 10 pp**
- M. **SB 71, -4 amendments, staff, 5 pp**
- N. **SB 566, -2 amendments, staff, 1 p**
- O. **SB 894, -5 amendments, staff, 1 p**
- P. **SB 894, Goods Movement and Intermodal Facilities Map, Christopher Henry, 1 p**
- Q. **SB 894, Written testimony, Leonard Goodwin, 1 p**
- R. **SB 894, Letter from Oregon City, staff, 1 p**