

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON**  
**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 11, 2003 Hearing Room HR D  
1:00 Tape 39

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**        **Rep. Jeff Kropf, Chair**  
                                 **Rep. George Gilman, Vice-Chair**  
                                 **Rep. Kelley Wirth, Vice-Chair**  
                                 **Rep. Terry Beyer**  
                                 **Rep. Dave Hunt**  
                                 **Rep. Donna Nelson**  
                                 **Rep. Patti Smith**

**STAFF PRESENT:**        **Ray Kelly, Committee Administrator**  
                                 **David Peffley, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURE HEARD:**        **HB 2344 – Public Hearing**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 39, A</b>		
003	Chair Kropf	Calls the meeting to order at 1:10 PM and opens a public hearing on HB 2188.
<b><u>HB 2344 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
022	Ray Kelly	Summarizes HB 2344.
036	Bill Kluthing	Western Council of Industrial Workers. Urges the committee to adopt HB 2344 in order to harvest fire-burned timber.
070	Rep. Nelson	States concern for HB 2344. Asks why we would have the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) involved in making decisions regarding forest practices.
083	Kluthing	States that he will try to get back with Rep. Nelson with an answer.
087	Chair Kropf	Addresses Rep. Nelson's concern and the reasons for not putting timelines into the bill. Also notes that flexibility was a concern in the drafting of the bill.
116	Rep. Nelson	Suggests that we get the salvage out of the forest immediately. Asserts that this bill lacks a sense of urgency and that it needs an oversight agency, but not DAS.
145	Chair Kropf	Asks if Rep. Nelson would be comfortable with another oversight agency, but not DAS.
149	Rep. Nelson	States that she would be find that acceptable.
153	Chair Kropf	States that this legislation will go into effect after a fire.
171	David Peltier	States concern with HB 2344. Urges the committee to consider restoration as well as harvesting programs. Urges funding for

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long-term research. States that he's not opposed to harvesting, but urges the legislature to be careful and balanced. Hopes to move this forward on Thursday. Adjourns the meeting at 1:34.

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**No Exhibits**