

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

April 18, 2003 Hearing Room C
9:30 AM Tape 71

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Jeff Kropf, Chair**
 Rep. Terry Beyer
 Rep. Dave Hunt
 Rep. Donna Nelson
 Rep. Patti Smith

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Rep. George Gilman, Vice-Chair**
 Rep. Kelley Wirth, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: **Ray Kelly, Committee Administrator**
 Anna Suess, Committee Assistant

MEASURE HEARD: **HB 3264 – 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
TAPE 71, A		
002	Chair Kropf	Calls the committee to order at 9:42 A.M. and opens a work session on HB 3264.
<u>HB 3264 – WORK SESSION</u>		
005	Ray Kelly	Committee Administrator. Introduces the proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A) to HB 3264.
035	Ted Lorensen	Submits (EXHIBIT B) and provides testimony on the intent of the proposed amendments to HB 3264 and provides written testimony
050	Rep. Hunt	Asks for clarification that in certain cases the State Forrester will review the plans for approval.
055	Lorensen	States that the bill will create a subtle difference, however the approval will still be allowed.
070	Chair Kropf	Comments on the testimony submitted by Lorensen.
085	Chair Kropf	Informs the members that the proposed amendments are not ready to adopt, and states the intent is to move the amendments when HB 3264 comes before the senate.
090	Ray Wilkinson	Oregon Forest Industries Counsel (OFIC). Provides testimony in support of HB 3264.
125	Rep. Nelson	Asks for clarification on the purpose of HB 3264 and what it will accomplish.
130	Chair Kropf	States that HB 3264 was designed to make a small change that will have a very positive impact for the Department of Forestry.
145	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the definition of the first sentence of HB 3264, "Provides the State Forester does not approve plans for forestry operations" and asks for the purpose of this definition.

150	Chair Kropf	States this was the basis for the current lawsuit filed February 28, 2002. Elaborates on the lawsuit against the Department of Forestry.
160	Rep. Nelson	Asks for clarification on how this bill will affect the Board of Forestry and the Department of Forestry.
175	Lowenstein	States the state forester has specific responsibilities under the Forest Practices Act and states that HB 3264 only relates to those specific responsibilities.
195	Rep. Nelson	Asks for clarification that it is the State Forester's job to propose the plan not state it is the absolute plan.
200	Lowenstein	States that under the State Foresters Act, the statute requires the operator to propose the plan and submit it for the State Forester's approval. States the State Forester will indicate whether the plan is in compliance.
205	Rep. Nelson	Asks who elects the State Forester.
207	Lowenstein	Answers the Board of Forestry.
210	Rep. Hunt	MOTION: Moves HB 3264 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. VOTE: 6-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Wirth
212	Chair Kropf	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. KROPF will lead discussion on the floor.
220	Chair Kropf	Closes the work session on HB 3264 and adjourns the meeting at 9:56 A.M.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 3264, proposed amendments, staff, 1 p.

B – HB 3264, written testimony, Ted Lorensen, 2 pp.