

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

February 27, 2003 Hearing Room D
8:30 AM Tapes 24 - 25

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jerry Krummel, Chair
Rep. Donna Nelson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Floyd Prozanski, Vice-Chair
Rep. Brad Avakian
Rep. Derrick Kitts
Rep. John Mabrey

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Kelley Wirth

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Brennan, Committee Administrator
Jeana Harrington, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2167 – Public Hearing
Informational Meeting – TRI-MET

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.

<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 24, A		
004	Chair Krummel	Calls meeting to order at 8:42 AM. Opens public hearing on HB 2167.
HB 2167 PUBLIC HEARING		
014	Patrick Brennan	Committee Administrator. Reads Staff Measure Summary (SMS).
020	Chair Krummel	Comments.
029	Jack Kenny	Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS). Testifies on HB 2167 (EXHIBIT A) .
060	Oscar Sweeten-Lopez	Oregon Commission of Voluntary Action and Service (OCVAS). Testifies on HB 2167 (EXHIBIT B) .
090	Rep. Nelson	Asks how each of the commissions is funded.
095	Kenny	Responds the commissions are funded primarily by federal dollars.
100	Lopez	Adds that the funds come the mainly from Corporation for National and Community Service.
107	Rep. Nelson	Requests the amount the commissions receive from the general fund.
111	Kenny	Answers that \$177,000 is received from the general fund.
115	Rep. Nelson	Asks if the allocation will be divided between the commissions.
118	Kenny	Explains they are exploring options.
131	Chair Krummel	Poses questions regarding current statute.
138	Lopez	Responds.
140	Chair Krummel	Asks the commissions to inform the committee when they are ready to move forward with an amended bill.
147	Kenny	Affirms.
150	Chair Krummel	Explains the committee would like to move the amendments

		quickly.
152	Kenny	Concurs.
153	Rep. Nelson	Asks if the Portland State University (PSU) option will be finalized with the amendments.
157	Kenny	Responds that is the intent of the both commissions.
159	Chair Krummel	Agrees with the importance of a solution.
170	Chair Krummel	Closes public hearing on HB 2167. Opens informational meeting on TRI-MET.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

184	Olivia Clark	TRI-MET. Introduces the video. Distributes informational materials (EXHIBIT C).
203	Rep. Mabrey	Comments on the video.
208	Clark	Continues. Outlines the history of TRI-MET.
227	Rep. Nelson	Asks about the past payroll tax and its origin
229	Clark	Explains the payroll tax.
268		Video presentation on TRI-MET.

TAPE 25, A

003		Video presentation continues.
048	Clark	Comments on the Productivity Improvement Program (PIP).
067	Carolyn Young	TRI-MET. Explains the goals of PIP with regard to employee involvement. Explains the PIP implementation process.
120	Rep. Mabrey	Comments on the ability of PIP to foster ideas. Adds it could be a blueprint for many departments.
137	Rep. Nelson	Remarks on the relevance of the video. Asks if TRI-MET is a union.
142	Young	Affirms and explains union involvement of members.
149	Rep. Nelson	Assumes PIP is an open entity. Clarifies TRI-MET produces an income. Asks about the budget. Comments on the efficiency of TRI-MET overhead.
159	Clark	Responds concerning income.
165	Rep. Kitts	Notes the reduction of landscaping costs. Asks if TRI-MET acquired an exemption from landscaping requirements.
173	Young	Explains TRI-MET works with local government to follow guidelines.
192	Rep. Kitts	Clarifies TRI-MET is not circumventing any requirements.
198	Young	Affirms. Comments that TRI-MET may have overextended initially.
208	Chair Krummel	Notes that landscaping is evolving towards a more native species.
217	Rep. Nelson	Asks if TRI-MET is part of METRO.
220	Chair Krummel	Responds it is not.
222	Rep. Nelson	Clarifies as to the management of districts.
225	Clark	Explains the mass transit and transportation districts in Oregon.
247	Rep. Nelson	Wonders how TRI-MET can impose a payroll tax.
249	Clark	Responds that the legislature gave TRI-MET the authority. Explains the statute.
265	Chair Krummel	Comments on the importance on employee input on saving funds. Closes the informational meeting. Adjourns the meeting at 9:30 AM.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2167, prepared testimony, Jack Kenny, 2 pp

B – HB 2167, prepared testimony, Oscar Sweeten-Lopez, 1 p

C – Informational, TRI-MET, Olivia Clark, 2 pp