

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

February 06, 2003 Hearing Room D
8:30 AM Tapes 14 - 15

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
Rep. Kelley Wirth

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

MEASURES HEARD: Work Session - Introduction of Committee Measures
HB 2454 - Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 133 - Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 148 - Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 150 - Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 153 - Public Hearing and Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 14, A		
005	Chair Krummel	Calls meeting to order at 8:40 AM. Opens work session on LC 1930 (EXHIBIT A).
<u>LC 1930 WORK SESSION</u>		
011	Chair Krummel	Explains the draft. Notes moving it as a committee bill does not necessarily oblige member support.
015	Chair Krummel	MOTION: Moves LC 1930 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
018		VOTE: 4-0-3
	Chair Krummel	EXCUSED: 3 - Kitts, Nelson, Wirth
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
023	Chair Krummel	Closes work session on LC 1930. Opens public hearing on HB 2454.
<u>HB 2454 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
025	Patrick Brennan	Reads Staff Measure Summary (SMS) on HB 2454. Adds the bill has no fiscal impact.
048	Rep. Joanne Verger	House District 9. Explains HB 2454. Introduces guests.
054	Gary LeTellier	Executive Director, Coos County Airport District. Testifies in favor of HB 2454 (EXHIBIT B). Explains the bill and its context according to statute and airport property tax.
094	Ann Crook	Director, Oregon Department of Aviation. Testifies that the bill would ensure all publicly owned airports are treated equally with respect to property taxes (EXHIBIT C).
114	Rep. Verger	Informs the committee of the -1 amendment for the bill (EXHIBIT D).

128	Chair Krummel	Clarifies the language of the amendment.
144	Sen. Ken Messerle	Senate District 5. Urges support of the bill.
150	Chair Krummel	Asks if he is aware of the -1 amendments and is in agreement with them.
155	Sen. Messerle	Affirms.
173	Gil Riddell	Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Gives testimony. Reminds the committee of information regarding taxes.
185	Chair Krummel	Asks if the policy described exists in the statutes.
188	Riddell	Affirms.
196	Chair Krummel	Asks if Mr. Riddell is suggesting that an unfunded mandate exists currently.
202	Riddell	Negates. Responds he was merely reminding the committee of a policy that has not yet been funded.
207	Rep. Mabrey	Explains the current policy as he understands it.
221	Riddell	Provides that with the amendments, AOC has no problem with the bill.
238	Rep. Nelson	Offers that she is a co-sponsor of the bill. Asks which commercial airline serves North Bend.
243	Rep. Verger	Answers that Alaska and Horizon do. Adds the airport is used frequently and that it brings economic development into the area. States that in her mind HB 2454 is a housekeeping bill.
262	Chair Krummel	Points out the number of corporate and private airplanes that utilize the airport. Closes public hearing and opens work session on HB 2454.

HB 2454 WORK SESSION

289	Rep. Prozanski	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2494-1 amendments dated 2/5/03.
292		VOTE: 6-0-1
	Chair Krummel	EXCUSED: 1 - Wirth
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
295	Rep. Prozanski	MOTION: Moves HB 2494 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Revenue by prior reference.
298		VOTE: 6-0-1
	Chair Krummel	EXCUSED: 1 - Wirth
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
299	Chair Krummel	Closes work session on HB 2454. Opens public hearing on SB 133.

SB 133 PUBLIC HEARING

301	Brennan	Reads SMS on SB 133.
305	Peter Threlkel	Director, Corporate Division, Secretary of State. Testifies in favor of SB 133 (EXHIBIT E).
365	Rep. Nelson	Asks if 'commerce' is an adequate name for the division, as it is more of an administration office.
380	Threlkel	Replies the name was proposed by the division. Adds the office is not entirely sold on it.
391	Chair Krummel	Clarifies the purpose of the bill relating to the name.
TAPE 15, A		
004	Threlkel	Responds that the bill would not require them to return in the event of a change.
007	Chair Krummel	Requests if this action has occurred in other divisions.

009 Threlkel Affirms.
012 Chair Krummel Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 133. Informs the committee that the bill came out of the Senate General Government committee with a unanimous vote and passed the Senate unopposed.

SB 133 WORK SESSION

025 Rep. Nelson Requests that SB 133 be placed on the consent calendar.
040 Rep. Prozanski MOTION: Moves SB 133 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.
043 VOTE: 5-0-2
Chair Krummel EXCUSED: 2 – Kitts, Wirth
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
044 Chair Krummel Closes work session on SB 133. Opens public hearing on SB 148.

SB 148 PUBLIC HEARING

045 Brennan Reads SMS on SB 148.
048 Carol Rives Administrator, Oregon Board of Accountancy (OBA). Testifies in favor of SB 148 (**EXHIBIT F**).
072 Rep. Nelson Comments on fiscal responsibility.
076 Rives Agrees.
078 Chair Krummel Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 148.

SB 148 WORK SESSION

085 Chair Krummel Discusses consent calendar placement.
092 Rep. Prozanski MOTION: Moves SB 148 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.
095 VOTE: 6-0-1
Chair Krummel EXCUSED: 1 - Kitts
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
096 Chair Krummel Closes work session on SB 148. Opens public hearing on SB 150.

SB 150 PUBLIC HEARING

098 Brennan Read SMS on SB 150.
099 Rives Administrator, OBA. Testifies in favor of SB 150 (**EXHIBIT G**). Explains the bill regarding late fees for registration. Relates to statute. Supposes the necessary authorization had been removed inadvertently from the ORS.
137 Rep. Nelson Asks what revenue is anticipated by the bill.
141 Rives Estimates \$3,500 to \$3,700 for the biennium.
151 Rep. Nelson Inquires if they have the right to turn delinquent fees over to a collection agency.
154 Rives Remarks that they have the right, and additionally, the obligation to the collection of delinquent fees.
156 Rep. Nelson Asks what occurs if fees remain unpaid.
158 Rives Explains there is disciplinary action for a fine. Adds that it is possible to revoke or suspend a license in this case, although the situation has never occurred.
168 Chair Krummel Points out the board is funded solely by the fees from the licensees. Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 150.

SB 150 WORK SESSION

174 Rep. Prozanski MOTION: Moves SB 150 to the floor with a DO PASS

**recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT
CALENDAR.**

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Chair Krummel

VOTE: 7-0

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

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Chair Krummel

Closes work session on SB 150. Opens public hearing on SB 153.

SB 153 PUBLIC HEARING

185

Brennan

Reads SMS on SB 153. Refers members to the fiscal analysis for the bill.

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Chair Krummel

Shares this information with the committee.

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Rives

Administrator, OBA. Testifies in support of SB 153 (**EXHIBIT H**). Explains the bill concerning examinations for accountants. Explains learning centers who now conduct the exam and details the future cost of the exam if the bill is not passed. Indicates the imposition this exam places on people.

294

Rep. Kitts

Clarifies the amount deemed necessary for the exam.

301

Rives

Explains the board currently has the authority to determine the fee.

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Rep. Nelson

Asks what endorers they have.

327

Rives

States that Oregon Association of Certified Public Accountants (OACPA) will support the bill.

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Rep. Nelson

Questions whether they have officially expressed support.

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Rives

Explains the association will as the OACPA legislative liaison was present at the meeting on this. Knows of no one who is in opposition of the bill.

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Rep. Nelson

Asks if all Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) are required to be part of the association.

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Rives

Responds no.

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Rep. Nelson

Requests the number of members.

Rives

Replies that about 80 percent of Oregon CPAs are members.

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Rep. Mabrey

Clarifies that test takers cannot see the exam nor the answers after the exam. Asks if that process will continue.

368

Rives

Affirms. Explains the exam will continue to be undisclosed as the questions are used nationwide.

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Chair Krummel

Asks if the server will have an online connection once the test is computerized.

381

Rives

Responds that the server's security is sophisticated and that several national tests are given through the Baltimore-based group they plan to employ.

TAPE 14, B

005

Rives

Conveys that OBA should not be the collection agent for the funds for each of the candidates. Adds the requirement would test its resources and workload. Defines it as the important aspect of the bill.

026

Chair Krummel

Notes that. Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 153.

SB 153 WORK SESSION

031

Rep. Prozanski

Asks if the bill should be placed on the consent calendar.

034

Chair Krummel

Answers there may be discussion as there are accountants present in the House.

037

Rep. Prozanski

MOTION: Moves SB 153 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

040

VOTE: 7-0

	Chair Krummel	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. WIRTH will lead discussion on the floor.
044	Chair Krummel	Closes work session on SB 153.
045	Rep. Kitts	MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow REP. KITTS to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on the MOTION: Moves SB 133 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.
048	Rep. Kitts	MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow REP. KITTS to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on the MOTION: Moves SB 148 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.
052	Rep. Wirth	MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow REP. WIRTH to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on the MOTION: Moves SB 133 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.
065	Chair Krummel	Informs the committee that the meeting on Tuesday, February 11 is cancelled. Adjourns meeting at 9:38 AM.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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- A – LC Draft 1930, Staff, 4 p**
- B – HB 2454, Gary LeTellier, 2 p**
- C – HB 2454, Ann Crook, 1 p**
- D – HB 2454 Proposed Amendments, Rep. Verger, 1 p**
- E – SB 133, Peter Threlkel, 1 p**
- F – SB 148, Carol Reeves, 1 p**
- G – SB 150, Carol Reeves, 1 p**
- H – SB 153, Carol Reeves, 1p**