

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 12, 2003 Hearing Room 357

8:30 AM Tapes 47 - 48

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Alan Brown, Chair  
Rep. Elizabeth Beyer, Vice-Chair  
Rep. John Mabrey Vice-Chair  
Rep. Jackie Dingfelder  
Rep. George Gilman  
Rep. Mitch Greenlick  
Rep. Cliff Zauner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Janet Adkins, Administrator  
Ryan Sherlock, Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2571 – Public Hearing  
HB 2398 – Work Session  
HB 2573 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
HB 2774 – Public Hearing  
HB 2993 – Public Hearing  
HB 3138 – Public Hearing

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>Tape 47, A</b>		
003	Chair Brown	Calls the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and opens a public hearing on HB 2571.
<b><u>HB 2571 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
005	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Offers a description of HB 2571.
020	Rep. Mary Gallegos	House District 29. Offers written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ) in support of HB 2571.
055	Rep. Dingfelder	Thanks Rep. Gallegos for her testimony, and ask if she received any research from the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services regarding the revenues received from vanity license plates.
065	Rep. Gallegos	Explains that this bill is not a fix-all, but just another tool to use.
075	Chair Brown	Recesses the public hearing on HB 2571, and opens a work session on HB 2398.
<b><u>HB 2398 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
080	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Offers a description of HB 2398 and the proposed -3 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
095	Chair Brown	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2398-3 amendments dated 03/11/03.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 1 - Mabrey</b>
	Chair	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
100	Rep. Beyer	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2398 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>

115 Rep. Greenlick Commends Janet Adkins for her work on the bill.  
**120** **VOTE: 6-0**  
**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**  
**EXCUSED: 1 - Mabrey**  
**Chair Brown The motion CARRIES.**  
**GREENLICK will lead discussion on the floor.**

130 Chair Brown Closes the work session on HB 2398, and opens a public hearing on HB 2573.

**HB 2573 – PUBLIC HEARING**

135 Janet Adkins Committee Administrator. Offers a description of HB 2573.  
145 Rep. Greenlick Clarifies that all trailers are not required to be registered.  
147 Adkins Explains that registration is based on weight.  
150 Steve Knebel Scappoose, Oregon. Offers written testimony (**EXHIBIT C**) in support of HB 2573.  
200 Kelly Taylor Oregon Department of Transportation, DMV. Offers testimony regarding HB 2573.  
215 Chair Brown Asks how much use the antique plates can be.  
220 Taylor Explains the difference between antique plates and regular use plates, including where and when they can be used.  
235 Rep. Greenlick Asks if any other vehicles would fall into the category if the “motor” were eliminated from motor vehicle, as the bill would do.  
240 Taylor Explains that it would basically be only trailers.  
245 Rep. Zauner Asks if there would be any need to create new plates.  
250 Taylor Explains that there would be no need to make new plates.  
260 Chair Brown Closes the public hearing on HB 2573, and opens a work session on HB 2573.

**HB 2573 – WORK SESSION**

**265 Rep. Zauner MOTION: Moves HB 2573 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

270 Adkins Points out the definition of an antique.  
**275 VOTE: 7-0**  
**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**  
**Chair Brown The motion CARRIES.**

**280 Rep. Greenlick MOTION: Moves HB 2573 be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.**  
**VOTE: 7-0**  
**Chair Brown Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

285 Chair Brown Closes the work session on HB 2573, and opens a work session on HB 2571.

**290 Rep. Mabrey MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow REP. MABREY to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on the MOTION: Moves HB 2398 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**

**295 VOTE: 7-0**  
**Chair Brown Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

300 Chair Brown Closes the work session on HB 2573, and opens a public hearing on HB 2571.

**HB 2571 – PUBLIC HEARING**

315 Andrea Morgan Oregon Department of Education. Offers testimony regarding HB 2571.

320	Mordale Dunsworth	Oregon Department of Education. Offers testimony regarding HB 2571.
325	Chair Brown	Opens a public hearing on HB 2774, 2993, 3138.
<b>HB 2571, 2774, 2993, 3138 – PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
335	Kelly Taylor	Oregon Department of Transportation. Offers testimony regarding HB 2571, 2774, 2993, 3138 with reference to <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> .
<b>TAPE 48, A</b>		
045	Taylor	Continues with testimony regarding HB 2571, including the administrative and budgetary problems associated with contests.
230	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks how the public and dealers are notified about new plates.
235	Taylor	Explains how dealers and customers are notified about and may obtain the plates, explaining that direct advertising would be a misuse of highway money.
275	Rep. Steve March	House District 46. Offers testimony in support of HB 2993, and asks Ms. Taylor if it is more economical to issue new plates all at once.
305	Taylor	Explains that there is some efficiency from processing the new plate designs at the same time, but the process is still substantial.
320	Rep. Zauner	Clarifies that the startup for a new plate is \$150,000.
325	Taylor	Acknowledges that new plates are \$150,000.
330	Rep. Zauner	Asks whether any specialty plate has recovered the cost through sales.
335	Taylor	Explains that the new plates cost \$150,000, but plates with the group name on them cost about \$4000.
340	Rep. Mabrey	Clarifies figures on the funds being distributed.
345	Taylor	Acknowledges that the funds in question are what have been distributed to the group.
350	Rep. Greenlick	Clarifies that the plate proposed by HB 3138 would not be a new plate, but a symbol added to a plate.
355	Taylor	Explains that as the bill is written it would require DMV issuing an entirely new plate. Explains which groups can use symbols and which are required to use only lettering.
370	Rep. Greenlick	Recalls that the intent of HB 3138 was not to create an entirely new plate.
375	Rep. Dingfelder	Points out that the language in the bill does indicate the use of a symbol the “Star of Life.”
380	Taylor	Explains that as the bill is written with the symbol language it would require a new plate be issued.
385	Rep. Greenlick	Restates that creating a new plate was not his intent in supporting the bill.
390	Chair Brown	Points out that Rep. March’s plate would need \$100 thousand dollars which would come from the general fund.
395	Rep. March	Explains where the \$100,000 figure came from, and where the money would need to come from.
<b>TAPE 47, B</b>		
015	Chair Brown	Invites Rep. Johnson to offer testimony regarding HB 2774.
020	Rep. Betsy Johnson	House District 31. Offers testimony in support of HB 2774, and outlines the function and efforts of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Organization.
065	Rep. Greenlick	Ask whether there is any danger of making the license plates difficult to do its primary duty of displaying the plate number.
075	Rep. March	Explains that he did not envision making an entirely new design.
085	Rep. Johnson	Explains that while visibility is an issue, raising cancer

awareness is also an important issue.

100 Rep. Zauner Asks whether there could be any means to better figure the interest in the proposed plates, to clarify the interest.

110 Rep. March Points out that California currently has cancer awareness plates, and possibly those numbers could be used to figure the interest in Oregon.

115 Taylor Expresses concern for using information regarding specialty plates sales from other states.

130 Rep. Beyer Ask if there has been any effort to require the organizations to pay the costs upfront.

135 Taylor Observes that some types of plates are required to be funded by the group upfront; however other plates are funded through state funds.

160 Rep. Zauner Refers to the groups which are supposed to pay the costs of the plates, and asks if the state was ever paid back for these costs.

165 Taylor Explains that the state paid the initial costs up front.

170 Rep. Zauner Asks whether a mailing could be sent out with a list of possible specialty plates and whether people would purchase those plates.

175 Taylor Explains that she is unsure whether highway fund money could be used for this purpose.

185 Chair Brown Asks if HB 2993 would require a new plate.

190 Taylor Clarifies that the plate proposed would require an amendment to statute 805.205; however the statute would currently allow the group to place their name on the plate without a change in statute.

200 Rep. Greenlick Asks how much it costs to just place the name on the plate.

205 Taylor Guesses the cost would be around \$15,000.

210 Chair Brown Clarifies that by just placing the name of the group on the plate no legislation is required.

215 Taylor Acknowledges that placing the name could be done under current law.

217 Chair Brown Points out the Lewis and Clark bicentennial is unique and could warrant an entirely new plate, but clarifies that this would then cost \$150,000.

220 Taylor Acknowledges that the cost would be around \$150,000.

225 Rep. Johnson Observes that the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Organization would not want to fund that amount of money upfront.

235 Chair Brown Asks what amount of money has been budgeted by the state for the bicentennial activities.

240 Rep. Johnson Explains that the original request was \$300,000 but by the end of the special sessions the funding was \$97,500.

260 Rep. Zauner Asks whether the license plate frame could be used to promote the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

265 Rep. Johnson Invites Rep. Zauner to pursue this possibility, and further discusses promotion of the event.

290 Chair Brown Thanks the representatives for their testimony, and explains that HB 3138's requester is unable to be at the meeting, so it will be held over to the next meeting.

295 Rep. Zauner Comments on his disinterest in seeing his bill cost the state, so it may need an amendment.

300 Adkins Asks whether the sponsors require a symbol or would be happy with wording.

305 Rep. Greenlick Expresses the need to meet with the requester and rework the bill.

310	Rep. Beyer	Asks whether additional spots would need to be created in this case.
315	Taylor	Explains that this requires more money to create the additional infrastructure.
325	Chair Brown	Closes the public hearing on HB 2571, 2774, 2993, and 3138. Adjourns the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – HB 2571, written testimony, Rep. Mary Gallegos, 1 p.**

**B – HB 2398, -3 amendment, Staff, 5 pp.**

**C – HB 2573, written testimony, Steve Knebel, 1 p.**

**D – HB 2571, 2774, 2993, 3138, Specialty and Group Plate Information, Kelly Taylor, 1 p.**