

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER

March 11, 2003 Hearing Room B
8:30 A.M. Tape 35

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Bob Jenson, Chair**
 Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Linda Flores
 Rep. Jeff Kruse
 Rep. Mike Schaufler
 Rep. Carolyn Tomei

STAFF PRESENT: **Pete Test, Committee Administrator**
 Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **HB 2226 & HB 2227 – Public Hearing**
 HB 2491 – Public Hearing

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 35, A		
003	Chair Jenson	Calls meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2226 and HB 2227.
<u>HB 2226 & HB 2227 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
011	Pete Test	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2226 and HB 2227.
033	Lee Beyer	Commissioner, Public Utility Commission (PUC). Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2226 and HB 2227 (EXHIBIT A).
053	Chair Jenson	Asks if PUC represents ratepayers.
055	Beyer	Explains PUC role in representing ratepayers. Continues explanation of regulations of HB 2226 and HB 2227. Explains proposed amendments.
161	Rep. Kropf	Asks about benefits relating to recovery of funds.
169	Beyer	Offers example of when to authorize funds and who is responsible for them.
212	Rep. Kropf	Notes that there will be redress through court system.
240	Chair Jenson	Asks for clarification of language in HB 2227.
266	Beyer	Clarifies language in HB 2227.
299	Chair Jenson	Closes public hearing on HB 2226 & HB 2227. Opens public hearing on HB 2491.
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<u>HB 2491 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
301	Pete Test	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 2491.
312	Rep. Betsy Johnson	House District 31. Testifies in support of HB 2491.
362	Chair Jenson	Expresses support for HB 2491. Closes public hearing on HB 2491. Adjourns meeting at 9:02 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2226 & HB 2227, written testimony and proposed amendments, Lee Beyer, 5 pp