

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

January 27, 2003  
8:30 a.m.

Hearing Room B  
Tapes 5 - 6

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **Sen. Frank Shields, Chair**  
                                  **Sen. Roger Beyer, Vice-Chair**  
                                  **Sen. Tony Corcoran**  
                                  **Sen. Bill Fisher**

**STAFF PRESENT:**       **Judith Callens, Administrator**  
                                  **Patricia Nielsen, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**     **Informational Meeting**  
                                  Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) overview  
                                  Office of Energy implementation report

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 5, A</b>		
005	Chair Shields	Calls the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Opens informational meeting.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
<b><u>Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Overview</u></b>		
010	<b>Lauri Aunan</b>	<b>DEQ.</b> Presents overview of DEQ and key points of DEQ work. Refers to submitted written material ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
040	Aunan	Reviews agency approach to legislative session and agency priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhance services to draw businesses to Oregon</li><li>• Maintain environmental accomplishments</li><li>• Keep delegation of federal regulation</li></ul>
055	Aunan	Reviews legislative proposals. Refers to written evaluation of SB 196 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ) relating to hazardous waste.
090	Aunan	Discusses fee ratifications in SB 197 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
095	Vice-chair Beyer	Asks about clean water temperature violations in Oregon streams.
100	Aunan	Responds.
105	Vice-chair Beyer	Asks about potential changes to temperature standards.
110	Aunan	Explains.
125	Vice-chair Beyer	Clarifies that DEQ set the standards with federal ratification.
130	Aunan	Offers to return with additional information.
135	Chair Shields	Asks about Western Oregon rivers which do not meet temperature standards.
137	Aunan	Offers to provide additional information.
140	Sen. Fisher	Expresses concerns over agency insistence on standards which many

streams have never attained.

170 Chair Shields Requests history of temperature standards used by DEQ.

180 Aunan Offers to set up specific testimony for the committee to cover the issue. Discusses development of total maximum daily load (TMDL) standards.

215 Chair Shields Asks about change in levels of pollution from non-point sources over time.

220 Aunan Discusses.

240 Chair Shields Comments it measures the effectiveness of DEQ programs.

250 Vice-chair Beyer Suggests there is now more pollution from non-point sources because point sources have become regulated.

260 Chair Shields Asks for records of agency programs and regulation of specific pollutants.

265 Aunan Answers.

275 Chair Shields Asks about proposed legislation for fee increases.

278 Aunan Responds.

290 Sen. Fisher Asks about U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation over other states' programs. Expresses concern over increased fees.

295 Aunan Discusses. Describes activities and membership of interim work group.

**Oregon Office of Energy (OOE) Implementation Report**

345 **Mike Grainey** **OOE Director.** Testifies and discusses statewide efforts to increase and stabilize energy supply in Oregon. Refers to submitted written testimony (**EXHIBIT D**).

**TAPE 6, A**

005 Grainey Continues and discusses legislative changes to increase statewide energy supply.

065 Grainey Discusses biomass energy development. Refers to submitted report (**EXHIBIT E**).

140 Grainey Reports on building of new power plants in Oregon.

155 Grainey Discusses radioactive material transport and refers to written report (**EXHIBIT F**).

175 Grainey Submits and summarizes statewide energy plan (**EXHIBIT G**).

180 Chair Shields Asks about restrictions on truck transport of hazardous material.

185 Grainey Responds.

200 Chair Shields Asks for information about cost of wind farms.

205 Grainey Discusses development of resource.

255 Chair Shields Asks about impact of wind generators on land use.

260 Grainey Explains evolution of generator equipment.

270 Chair Shields Asks about development of photo-voltaic energy sources.

275 Grainey Discusses.

290 Chair Shields Closes informational meeting. Adjourns the committee at 9:22 a.m.

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – DEQ, fact sheet, L. Aunan, 1 p**

**B – DEQ, SB 196 fact sheet, L. Aunan, 1 p**

**C – DEQ, SB 197 fact sheet, L. Aunan, 1 p**

**D – OOE, written testimony, M. Grainey, 2 pp**

**E – OOE, biomass energy facility directory, M. Grainey, 16 pp**

**F – OOE, radioactive material transport report, M. Grainey, 10 pp**

**G – OOE, Oregon energy plan, M. Grainey, 54 pp**