

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

February 03, 2003
8:30 a.m.

Hearing Room B
Tapes 11 - 12

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

STAFF PRESENT: **Judith Callens, Committee Administrator**
 Patricia Nielsen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 95 – Public Hearing**
 SB 242 – 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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 11, A		
005	Chair Shields	Calls the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Opens public hearing on SB 95.
<u>SB 95 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Judith Callens	Committee Administrator. Presents overview of SB 95.
025	Nora Schliske	Ewenique Suffolks. Testifies in favor of SB 95. Demonstrates uses and disposal of various syringes.
075	Sen. Fisher	Asks about re-use of syringes.
080	Schliske	Describes.
090	Sen. Fisher	Comments on historical use of syringes.
095	Schliske	Responds.
100	Sen. Fisher	Asks about disposal of syringe parts.
105	Schliske	Explains.
125	Vice-chair Beyer	Points out statutory wording being addressed.
135	Katie Fast	Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Testifies in support of SB 95.
150	Chair Shields	Asks about possible contamination of syringes.
155	Fast	Responds.
165	Greg Addington	Oregon Farm Bureau. Testifies in support of SB 95.
185	Kristan Mitchell	Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association. Testifies in opposition to SB 95. Describes regulation of medical waste. Raises concern that once syringe parts are detached, they are indistinguishable from each other. Suggests enforcement agencies may levy fines.
250	Sen. Corcoran	Asks about disposal of contaminated material.
255	Mitchell	Discusses.
285	Chair Shields	Comments on specific situations.
300	Vice-chair Beyer	Clarifies intent of proposed language.
315	Sen. Fisher	Suggests there will be violations with or without the change.
330	Marcia Keith	Oregon Veterinary Medical Association. Testifies in support of SB 95. Submits written testimony of Glenn M. Kolb (EXHIBIT A).

355	Chair Shields	Asks about complaints received by veterinarians.
360	Keith	Responds.
375	Bob Danko	Department of Environment Quality (DEQ). Testifies and discusses concerns of waste management agencies:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible contamination of syringe from needle during use • Difficulty of distinguishing human syringes from animal husbandry syringes

TAPE 12, A

005	Chair Shields	Asks about different levels enforcement of disposal law in different areas.
010	Danko	Explains difference was in handling and collection of sharps but not disposal.
020	Vice-chair Beyer	Clarifies DEQ issue is statutory requirement.
025	Danko	Responds.
045	Schliske	Returns to show syringes.
050	Chair Shields	Asks about marking the syringes themselves.
055	Schliske	Answers.
060	Vice-chair Beyer	Comments on possible change to syringe structure.
075	Sen. Fisher	Discusses uses of syringes outside medical field.
090	Chair Shields	Asks for parties to bring amendment. Closes public hearing on SB 95. Opens public hearing on SB 242.

SB 242 – PUBLIC HEARING

100	Callens	Presents overview of SB 242.
115	Chuck Craig	Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Testifies in favor of SB 242. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B). Discusses possible amendment for emergency clause.
155	Rep. Jeff Kropf	District 17. Testifies in favor of SB 242. Discusses food safety requirements of countries which import Oregon products. Describes advantages provided by the certification of food production processes.
240	Sen. Fisher	Asks about food safety restrictions of Japanese importers.
260	Chair Shields	Comments further.
265	Rep. Kropf	Discusses process certification programs already in place. Acknowledges trade issues.
315	Craig	Responds further.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary program • Already available from private services • Government certification is more sought than private certification
345	Jim Cramer	ODA. Discusses voluntary nature of process certification program. Offers to propose amendment to clarify the program is voluntary.
395	Craig	Responds further.

TAPE 11, B

005	John Szczepanski	ODA. Testifies and describes marketplace demands for Oregon exports. Discusses advantages of process certification program. Describes consumer concerns over food safety.
060	Chair Shields	Asks for description of proposed program.
065	Cramer	Discusses ODA assets and personnel already in place.
070	Chair Shields	Asks about difference in agency staff workload.
075	Cramer	Explains auditing process.
110	Chair Shields	Asks about possible amendment.

115	Craig	Discusses emergency clause.
120	Sen. Fisher	Asks about funding for services to be provided.
125	Craig	Responds.
145	Chair Shields	Suggests amendment.
155	Greg Bennett	Grower, packer and shipper of onions. Testifies in support of SB 242. Describes foreign markets and response of Oregon growers.
180	Sen. Corcoran	Asks about documentation to be provided with exports.
185	Bennett	Discusses.
195	Chair Shields	Advises the bill will be back with amendment, to be passed out. Closes public hearing on SB 242. Adjourns the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 95, written testimony of Glenn M. Kolb, 1 p

B – SB 242, written testimony, Chuck Craig, 2 pp

C – SB 242, written testimony, J Szczepanski, 1 p