

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

April 2, 2003 Hearing Room C
1:00 PM Tapes 50-51

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. David Nelson, Chair**
 Sen. Vicki Walker, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Roger Beyer
 Sen. Rick Metsger

STAFF PRESENT: **Dennis Dotson, Committee Administrator**
 Heather Gravelle, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 710 – Public Hearing**
 SB 711 – Public Hearing
 SB 712 – Public Hearing
 SB 713 – Public Hearing
 SB 714 – Public Hearing
 SB 715 – 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 50, A		
005	Chair Nelson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Opens a public hearing on SB 710, SB 711, SB 712, SB 713, SB 714, & SB 715.
<u>SB 710 , 711, 712, 713, 714, 715 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
015	Mark Long	Administrator, Building Codes Division (BCD). Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715.
025	Long	Provides an overview of SB 710. Explains history and the intent. States it is designed to promote consistency and timeliness of state services on a region wide basis.
030	Long	Advises SB 710 will have a fiscal impact. Explains extending the surcharges that are collected in the tri-county area to help support BCD dispute resolutions, enforcement and interpretations.
040	Long	Clarifies the intent of SB 711. Explains it prioritizes inspections and plan reviews. Focuses on life safety elements, and modifies specific electrical and plumbing plan review provisions. Adds it has a provision to allow an architect or engineers provide plan reviews for residential structures.
050	Long	States SB 712 is the companion bill to SB 715. Explains SB 712 suggests if it is a state owned or operated facility, the state will work with BCD to plan review and inspect those projects.
060	Long	Describes SB 713 asks BCD to work with Metro area partners, such as Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties. States the intent is to combine a system that will interconnect the building departments so contractors will apply, pay and receive building codes approval electronically.
080	Long	States it will ensure timeliness and flexibility. Adds SB 713 will allow BCD to lay out the course for seeking Federal funding.
085	Long	Summarizes SB 714 is the alternate permit option. States it will

		allow BCD to work with various boards to develop flexible and innovative permitting systems for minor, non-life-safety work. Promotes working with industry.
100	Long	Expresses SB 715 is identified as the rapid approval bill. Explains it does need technical changes. States BCD is working with industry to work out the criteria.
108	Long	Illustrates BCD will bring SB 710 through SB 715 forth as a package at that point.
110	Chair Nelson	Inquires which bills will need to go to the Committee on Ways and Means for a fiscal impact statement.
115	Long	Answers SB 710 is the only bill going to the Committee on Ways and Means.
122	Nathan Phillips	Chair, Electrical and Elevator Board. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Explains the proposed bills will streamline Building Codes processes. Adds these are positive steps towards increasing efficiency.
125	Phillips	Explains the regionalization bill will assist with compliance issues, in terms of permitting and licensing. Adds consistency in code interpretation would improve throughout the State, which has been an issue in the past.
130	Rich Thomas	Independent Contractors of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Acknowledges the bills will encourage consistency throughout jurisdictions. Adds the prioritizing of plan reviews is extremely important. States a great deal of time will be saved and efficiency will improve.
145	John Killin	Director, Government Affairs, Associated Builders and Contractors. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. States the proposed package of bills will lead to a great future for Oregon.
155	Bill Cross	Director, Oregon Building Officials Association. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT A) .
160	Jim Muir	Legislative Committee, Oregon Building Officials Association. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Stresses the only possible issue with the package of bills, is SB 711.
175	Muir	Explains the issue with SB 711, is the provision for allowing dwellings under 4,000 square feet to receive outside plan review or no plan review. Feels it is a step backward for safety. Adds concerns of their insurance ratings staying on track.
220	Chair Nelson	Shares the Governor is pushing streamlining on the basis of economical development. Adds there is some time to iron out specific issues, although there are time constraints.
240	Chair Nelson	Acknowledges the time limit is ten days.
250	David Barrenberg	League of Oregon Cities. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Thanks Building Codes Division for all their help and support and assistance.
275	Bob Shiprack	Secretary, Oregon Building Trades. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Provides a brief history of how the package of bills evolved.
385	Shiprack	States he is here today, representing the industry in support of streamlining the permit regulatory process.
400	Burton Weast	Oregon Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors of America. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. States the package of bills represent a very broad cross

section of groups.

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015	Paul Phillips	National Association of Electrical, Plumbing and Sheet Metal Contractors. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. States full support of the package of bills. Asserts those who oppose the bills, represent a failure in the permitting and regulatory process in the State of Oregon.
065	Chair Nelson	Inquires what the percentage of unemployment is for specific industries.
070	Shiprack	Answers and provides estimate of 25% of those who are unemployed. Adds the rate is growing.
105	Sen. Metsger	Thanks everyone involved for their hard work on the package of bills. Adds the key of economic development is streamlining and identifying what the priorities are.
135	Scott Barrie	Oregon Building Industry Association (OBIA). Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Supports the entire package. Adds the immense help these bills will provide to industry, both commercial, and residential.
145	Harvey Matthews	Associated Oregon Industries. Testifies in support of SB 715. Explains having consistency when you are regulating is a critical factor.
150	John Chandler	Legislative Advocates, Urban Developers Coalition. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715.
175	Chandler	States this particular package of bills are exactly what Oregon needs to get moving forward again. Adds many state agencies are supportive and ready to expedite the process. States it is critical to rebuilding the building permit and regulatory system.
265	Jessica Harris	Associated General Contractors. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715. Comments on the benefits of passing the package of bills. Expresses they will enable businesses to move forward in a timely manner.
310	Ralph Groener	AFSME. Testifies in opposition of SB 711. States he is supportive of the remaining bills in the package.

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045	Cindy Robert	American Institute of Architects. Testifies in support of SB 710 through SB 715.
055	Steve Kafory	Oregon Remodel Association. Testifies in support of SB 710, SB 713, and SB 714. Adds the others don't apply. Comments it can be very frustrating to have so many different requirements in the local jurisdiction. States these bills develop consistency, which is what the industry needs.
100	Chair Nelson	Requests the groups work together to iron out any pending issues, before the April 14, 2003 meeting.
110	Sen. Walker	Asks if all the bills have subsequent referrals to the Committee on Ways and Means.
112	Chair Nelson	Explains only SB 710 will go to the Committee on Ways and Means.
115	Chair Nelson	Closes the public hearing SB 710 through SB 715. Adjourns the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 711, written testimony, Bill Cross, 1 p