

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

January 20, 2003 Hearing Room B

3:00 PM Tapes 1-2

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Tony Corcoran, Chair  
Sen. John Minnis, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Bruce Starr  
Sen. Vicki Walker

**STAFF PRESENT:** Celia Núñez-Flores, Committee Administrator  
Heather Gravelle, Committee Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** Organizational Meeting  
SB 12 – Public hearing and work session  
SB 133 – Public hearing and work session  
SB 134 – Public hearing  
SB 135 – Public hearing and Work session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 1, A</b>		
005	Chair Corcoran	Calls the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Opens organizational meeting.
<b><u>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
010	Chair Corcoran	Introduces members and staff.
015	Chair Corcoran	Refers committee members to the proposed committee rules <b>(EXHIBIT A).</b>
<b>020</b>	<b>Sen. Minnis</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/20/03.</b> <b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
<b>025</b>	<b>Chair Corcoran</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
035	Chair Corcoran	Closes organizational meeting. Opens public hearing on SB 12.
<b><u>SB 12 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
055	Celia Núñez-Flores	Committee Administrator. Gives members and public an overview of SB 12.
065	Nan Heim	Oregon Library Association. Provides written testimony in support of SB 12 <b>(EXHIBIT B).</b>
105	Sen. Ginny Burdick	District 18. As a member of the Senate Interim Task Force testifies in support of SB 12.
110	Jim Schepke	Oregon State Library. Testifies in support of SB 12. Provides written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT C).</b>
140	Schepke	Explains there will be a fiscal impact, but will not increase general funds dollars in the Governor's recommended budget.
180	Chair Corcoran	Closes public hearing on SB 12. Opens work session on SB 12.

**SB -12 WORK SESSION**

185 Sen. Minnis **MOTION: Moves SB 12 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the Committee on Ways and Means.**  
**VOTE: 4-0**

190 Chair Corcoran **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**  
195 Chair Corcoran Closes work session on SB 12. Opens public hearing on SB 133.

**SB – 133 PUBLIC HEARING**

205 Núñez-Flores Provides an overview of SB 133.  
210 Tom Wrosch Secretary of State Legislative Coordinator. Testifies in support of SB 133. Provides written testimony (**EXHIBIT D**).  
255 Sen. Minnis Asks about authority to change the name of the Corporation Division.  
260 Wrosch Explains.  
290 Sen. Minnis Inquires about agency mission.  
300 Wrosch Responds their mission is to facilitate the smooth operation of commerce in Oregon.  
330 Chair Corcoran Closes public hearing on SB 133. Opens work session on SB 133.

**SB – 133 WORK SESSION**

340 Sen. Minnis **MOTION: Moves SB 133 to floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**  
**VOTE: 4-0**  
355 Chair Corcoran **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**  
360 Sen. Minnis **MOTION: Moves SB 133 to be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.**  
**VOTE: 4-0**

365 Chair Corcoran **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**  
370 Chair Corcoran Closes work session on SB 133. Opens public hearing on SB 134.

**SB – 134 PUBLIC HEARING**

375 Núñez-Flores Provides overview of SB 134.  
380 Tom Wrosch Secretary of State Legislative Coordinator. Testifies in support of SB 134.

**TAPE 2, A**

025 Chair Corcoran Inquires how the bill will improve the quality of notary publics in the State of Oregon.  
030 Wrosch Explains.  
035 Peter Threlkel Director of Corporation Division. Testifies in support of SB 134. Provides written testimony (**EXHIBIT E**).  
045 Chair Corcoran Inquires about fiscal impact on cities and counties.  
050 Threlkel Explains.  
055 Sen. Minnis Expresses concern with section 2, due to the deletion of dedicated language.  
060 Threlkel States the agency would be willing to make amendments.  
080 Chair Corcoran Directs the Secretary of State office to amend Section 2, and add language to defray cost associated with the three hour public education course.

085	Threlkel	Advises staff will draft amendments and bring back to the committee for review.
090	Charles Stern	Oregon Association of County Clerks. Testifies in support of SB 134.
100	Sen. Starr	Asks whether SB 134 cover all costs.
130	Threlkel	Responds.
150	Chair Corcoran	Closes public hearing on SB 134. Opens public hearing on SB 135.

**SB 135 - PUBLIC HEARING**

155	Núñez-Flores	Provides overview of SB 135 to members and public.
165	Tom Wrosch	Secretary of State Legislative Coordinator. Testifies in support of SB 135.
275	Charles Stern	Oregon Association of County Clerks Testifies in support of SB 135. Explains SB 135 directs the Secretary of the State to adopt administrative rules for the electronic equivalent of a notary public's seal.
320	Stern	Defines digital electronic system. Explains programs in other states.
340	Sen. Minnis	Expresses concern regarding the possibilities of fraud utilizing the electronic equivalent of a notary public's seal.
350	Peter Threlkel	Director, Corporation Division. Testifies in support of SB 135. Provides written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ).
365	Sen. Starr	Expresses support of SB 135. Explains it will save the state resources and provide services to Oregonians in a cost effective manner.

**TAPE 1,B**

010	Chair Corcoran	Inquires whether there has been evidence of fraud in other states who are utilizing the electronic equivalent system.
015	Stern	Responds no. Explains intent of bill again. Predicts it will elevate the level of security.
020	Chair Corcoran	Asks about cost of the electronic equivalent system.
025	Wrosch	Describes impact of SB 135.
030	Chair Corcoran	Closes public hearing on SB 135. Opens work session on SB 135.

**SB 135 - WORK SESSION**

<b>045</b>	<b>Sen. Starr</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 135 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b> <b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
<b>055</b>	<b>Chair Corcoran</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
060	Chair Corcoran	Closed work session on SB 135 and adjourns the meeting at 4:00 pm.

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – Senate Proposed Committee Rules, Staff, 2 pp.**
- B – SB 12, written testimony, Nan Heim, 1 p.**
- C – SB 12, written testimony, Jim Scheppke, 1 p.**
- D – SB 133, written testimony, Peter Threlkel, 1 p.**
- E – SB 134, written testimony, Peter Threlkel, 3 pp.**

**F – SB 135, written testimony, Peter Threlkel, 1 p.**