

**SENATE REVENUE COMMITTEE**  
**April 3, 2003 1:00 PM STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Senator Ryan Deckert, Chair  
Senator Ted Ferrioli, Vice Chair  
Senator Tony Corcoran  
Senator Lenn Hannon  
Senator Bruce Starr

Members Excused: Senator Charlie Ringo

Witnesses Present: Andrea Henderson, Oregon Community College Association  
Rick Levine, Rogue Community College  
Joe Johnson, Clackamas Community College  
Craig Smith, Chemeketa Community College  
Laurie Wimmer Whelan, Oregon Education Association  
Rob Wagner, American Federation of Teachers  
David Williams, Oregon School Employees Association  
Richard Kosesan, Lifeline Renewable Energy Inc.  
Brad Higby, Renewable Northwest Project

Staff Present: Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Office  
Mazen Malik, Legislative Revenue Office  
Richard Yates, Legislative Revenue Office  
Tara Lantz, Committee Assistant

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005 Chair Deckert Calls meeting to order at 1:23pm.

**OPENS WORK SESSION ON HB 2135**

020 Sen. Starr MOTION: MOVES HB 2135-1 AMENDMENTS DATED 3/4/03 BE ADOPTED.

026 Richard Yates Explains HB 3135-1 amendments. Exhibit 1.

030 Sen. Deckert ORDER: HEARING NO OBJECTION, MOTION PASSES: 4-0-2.  
SENATORS EXCUSED: HANNON, RINGO.

032 Sen. Starr MOTION: MOVES HB 2135 TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS  
AS AMENDED RECOMMENDATION.

034 Sen. Deckert ORDER: HEARING NO OBJECTION, MOTION PASSES: 4-0-2.  
SENATORS EXCUSED: HANNON, RINGO.  
Sen. Starr will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

**OPENS WORK SESSION ON SB 223**

043 Mazen Malik Explains the changes made to SB 223. Exhibits 2-3.

057 Sen. Starr MOTION: MOVES SB 223-1 AMENDMENTS DATED 2/26/03 BE  
ADOPTED.

059 Sen. Deckert ORDER: HEARING NO OBJECTION, MOTION PASSES: 4-0-2.

SENATORS EXCUSED: HANNON, RINGO.

- 060 Sen. Starr MOTION: MOVES SB 223 TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS AS AMENDED RECOMMENDATION.
- 062 Sen. Deckert ORDER: HEARING NO OBJECTION, MOTION PASSES: 4-0-2. SENATORS EXCUSED: HANNON, RINGO. Sen. Starr will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 720

- 080 Richard Yates Explains SB 720 which establishes the community college capital construction account within the general fund and authorizes sale of bonds. Exhibits 4-6.
- 121 Andrea Henderson Gives background on the Oregon Community College capital construction package. Exhibit 8, slides 1-8. Explains proposed amendments. Exhibit 7.
- 211 Rick Levine Discusses new campus projects at community colleges around the state. Exhibit 8, slides 9-10.
- 294 Sen. Deckert Asks how much money they tried to bond for in the last general election.
- 296 Levine Responds that they tried to bond for the entire amount.
- 315 Sen. Deckert Asks if the state is sending a message to the public that they will be rewarded regardless of whether they vote to increase taxes or not.
- 330 Sen. Hannon Points out that it would be rewarding the people who voted yes because they will pay for the local share of the projects.
- 381 Sen. Ferrioli Responds that promises have been kept and that the message to the public would be one that is positive and credible.
- 406 Joe Johnson Discusses professional/technical building projects. Exhibit 8, slides 11-12.

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- 068 Craig Smith Discusses classroom construction and remodel projects. Exhibit 8, slides 13-18.
- 154 Laurie Wimmer Whelan Testifies in support of SB 720 because it is an integral piece of the educational infrastructure that contributes to economic recovery in Oregon and job creation and training.
- 167 Rob Wagner Testifies in support of SB 720 because it would increase faculty and staff morale, is an economic development tool, and is a step forward for community colleges.
- 182 David Williams Testifies in support of SB 720 for the same reasons as Wagner.

CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 720

OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 874

- 230 Mazen Malik Explains SB 874 which exempts wind turbines from property taxation. Exhibit 10. Points out that there is an identical bill in the house and that it might have to start there for revenue reasons. Discusses revenue and fiscal impacts.

330	Richard Kosesan	Gives the reasoning behind the bill and discusses similar incentives in other states. States that counsel has advised them to start the bill in the house because it raises revenue. Testifies in support of SB 874 because it would create incentives to develop alternative energy sources.
401	Sen. Deckert	Discusses other bills working towards a statewide policy to create incentives for development of wind generation.  Discussion follows.

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020	Brad Higby	Testifies in support of SB 874 because it would create jobs and help economically hurting areas of the state.
046	Sen. Deckert	Suggests that the process used with the strategic investment program might be replicable for this area.
048	Higby	Responds affirmatively.
062	Sen. Deckert	Adjourns meeting at 2:16pm.

Tape Log Submitted by,

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**Exhibit Summary:**

1. HB 2135, Richard Yates, Proposed HB 2135-1 Amendments, 1p.
2. SB 223, Mazen Malik, Staff Measure Summary, 1p.
3. SB 223, Mazen Malik, Proposed SB 233-1 Amendments, 1p.
4. SB 720, Richard Yates, Staff Measure Summary, 1p.
5. SB 720, Richard Yates, Bonds Authorized for Community Colleges, 1p.
6. SB 720, Richard Yates, ORS 341.933, 1p.
7. SB 720, Richard Yates, Proposed SB 720-1 Amendments, 8pp.
8. SB 720, Andrea Henderson, Oregon Community College Capital Construction Package, 17pp.
9. SB 720, Rocky Dallum, Written Testimony, 1p.
10. SB 784, Mazen Malik, Staff Measure Summary, 1p.