

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

February 10, 2003
8:00 AM

Hearing Room C
Tapes 21, 22

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Rick Metsger, Chair**
 Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Ryan Deckert
 Sen. David Nelson

STAFF PRESENT: **Amy Joyce, Committee Administrator**
 Annastasia Suess, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Informational Meeting

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 21, A		
002	Chair Metsger	Calls the committee to order at 8:03 a.m. and opens an informational hearing.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
010	Marty Brantley	Director, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECD). Begins presentation of the overview of the department. Provides written material (EXHIBIT A).
050	Brantley	Continues discussion on the Overview of OECD: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakdown of budget by program• Breakdown of budget by fund type• Budget, 1987 – 2003• Department functions
100	Brantley	Begins discussion on the economics of Oregon from 1975 to 2002: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual job growth of nonfarm employment• Annual job growth of manufacturing• Long term unemployment trends (1988-2002)
200	Brantley	Begins discussion of Oregon versus others: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washington 2002 unemployment rate for selected areas• Oregon 2002 unemployment rate for selected areas
250	Brantley	Begins discussion on population growth: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Population growth of Oregon versus U.S. 1981 to 2009• Oregon estimated and projected population age group distribution, (1980 to 2040)
320	Brantley	Begins discussion on employment growth: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Average annual growth in employment by sector (1991 to 2002)• Average annual growth in employment in manufacturing• Oregon major sector industry mix (1974 to 2002)• Oregon manufacturing sectors• Oregon vs U.S. major manufacturing sector employment growth

TAPE 21, B (22 A repeat of 21 A)

025	Sen. Deckert	Asks about the numbers related to job growth.
035	Brantley	Answers.
055	Brantley	Begins discussion on the goals of OECD:DD: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase immediate job growth• Support of business location and expansion• Improve accountability to ensure appropriate return• Market Oregon to attract new business to Oregon• Encourage growth of traded sectors
220	Brantley	Begins discussion on Proposed legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding for workforce training• Improve incentives• Lodging tax for tourism marketing• International trade
280	Chair Metsger	Comments on the need of implementing the goals presented.
300	Brantley	Responds and elaborates.
350	Chair Metsger	Asks if there is a time line set to develop the goals, and asks if it will be shared with the legislature.
370	Brantley	Answers.
390	Chair Metsger	Asks about the marketing of Oregon new business in relation to current negative criticism of Oregon.
400	Brantley	Responds.

TAPE 22, B

030	Sen. Deckert	Asks about how to grow the trade sector and what impact it will have on controversy.
040	Brantley	Responds.
075	Sen. Starr	Asks about bills targeted to specific industries in relation to the improving tools mentioned in the presentation.
090	Brantley	Answers.
120	Vice Chair B. Starr	Asks about a job position for tracking of foreign investment recruitment.
135	Brantley	Responds.
145	Sen. Nelson	Comments on the need to create the perception that rural areas of Oregon need fewer restrictions, citing the water restrictions placed in large cities that affect rural areas.
185	Brantley	Responds.
190	Sen. Nelson	Asks about health care and its relation to the infrastructure economy.
210	Brantley	Answers.
260	Chair Metsger	Asks for clarification on measuring anticipated transportation needs and linkages of infrastructures.
280	Brantley	Responds.
350	Vice Chair B. Starr	Comments on positive personal experience with OECD:DD staff.
390	Chair Metsger	Closes informational meeting and adjourns the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Economic Development, presentation materials, Marty Brantley, 37 pp