

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 25, 2003  
8:00 AM

Hearing Room C  
Tapes 35 – 36

**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:** **HB 2265 – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **HB 2214 A – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **HB 2216 – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **HB 2261 A – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **SB 312 – Public Hearing**  
                                  **SB 417 – Public Hearing**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 35, A</b>		
002	Chair Metsger	Calls the committee to order at 8:07 a.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 2265.
<b><u>HB 2265 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
010	Bruce Warner	Director, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Provides written testimony in support of HB 2265 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
025	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2265.
<b><u>HB 2265 – Work Session</u></b>		
030	Sen. Nelson	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2265 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b> <b>VOTE: 3-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Starr</b>
040	Chair Metsger	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b> <b>SEN. NELSON will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
045	Chair Metsger	Closes work session and opens a public hearing on HB 2214 A.
<b><u>HB 2214 A – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
050	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Provides written testimony in support of HB 2214 A ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
065	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2214 A.
<b><u>HB 2214 A – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
070	Vice Chair B. Starr	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2214A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b> <b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
080	Chair Metsger	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b> <b>SEN. DECKERT will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
090	Chair Metsger	Closes work session and opens a public hearing on HB 2216.
<b><u>HB 2216 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		

100	Taylor	Provides written testimony on HB 2216 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
115	Chair Metsger	Asks about HB 2216's potential impact on antique classic cars.
120	Taylor	Answers.
123	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2216.
<b><u>HB 2216 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
125	<b>Vice Chair B. Starr</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2216 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
135	<b>Chair Metsger</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
		<b>SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
140	Chair Metsger	Closes work session and opens a public hearing on HB 2261 A.
<b><u>HB 2261 A – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
150	Taylor	Provides written testimony in support of HB 2261 A ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
160	Chair Metsger	Asks about the accuracy of the tests.
165	Taylor	Responds.
175	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 2261A.
<b><u>HB 2261 A – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
180	<b>Vice Chair B. Starr</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2261A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
185	<b>Chair Metsger</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
		<b>SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
300	Chair Metsger	Closes work session and opens a public hearing on SB 312.
<b><u>SB 312 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
210	Sen. Deckert	Introduces SB 312. Provides written testimony in support of SB 312 ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).
250	Chris Hagerbaumer	Program Director, Oregon Environmental Council (OEC). Provides written testimony in support of SB 312 ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ).
335	Russ Beaton, PhD	Professor of Economics, Willamette University and a Hybrid Car Owner. Begins testimony in support of SB 312.
400	Chair Metsger	Asks about tax incentives for purchase of hybrid vehicles.
410	Hagerbaumer	Responds and elaborates.
<b><u>TAPE 36, A</u></b>		
010	Hagerbaumer	Continues.
015	Chair Metsger	Asks for clarification on registration fees and tax credits.
025	Beaton	Responds.
030	Vice Chair B. Starr	Asks if there is support of eliminating the tax credits.
035	Hagerbaumer	Responds.
050	Vice Chair B. Starr	Asks for clarification on road use fees for hybrid vehicles.
053	Hagerbaumer	Responds and elaborates.
100	Sen. Nelson	Asks about global temperature impact and its relation to Hybrid cars.
108	Hagerbaumer	Responds.
120	Sen. Nelson	Asks about scientific tree ring studies.
125	Hagerbaumer	Asks for clarification of the question.
127	Sen. Nelson	Elaborates on tree ring studies.
145	Beaton	Comments.
150	Sen. Deckert	Comments on scientific opinions of global costs, specifically a CSPAN debate.
160	Beaton	Comments on global warming and Hybrid vehicles.
200	Dick Yates	Legislative Revenue. Provides overhead presentation on SB 312 ( <b>EXHIBIT G</b> ).
260	Chair Metsger	Asks about numbers and vehicle costs presented in testimony.
280	Yates	Clarifies and elaborates.

320	Chair Metsger	Inquires about light vehicles versus heavier vehicles when estimating user fees.
330	Yates	Answers and elaborates.
345	Sen. Deckert	Asks about road quality deterioration of vehicles.
350	Yates	Responds.
365	Vice Chair B. Starr	Comments on the numbers presented.
410	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing on SB 312 and opens a public hearing on SB 417.

**TAPE 35, B**

**SB 417 – PUBLIC HEARING**

010	Sen. Ferrioli	District 9. Begins testimony in support of SB 417. Provides legislative history of constituent concerns from previous years.
060	Chair Metsger	Comments on the quality costs.
075	Ferrioli	Responds.
085	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing on SB 417 and reopens a public hearing on SB 312.

**SB 312 – PUBLIC HEARING**

085	Al Jubitz	Hybrid Preasia Owner. Provides testimony in support of SB 312.
194	Mike Marsh	ODOT. Comments on the need to have user fees for all vehicle users.
235	Sen. Deckert	Asks about fiscal impacts on the bill.
240	Marsh	Responds.
252	Sen. Deckert	Asks about other costs, such as weight distribution.
255	Marsh	Responds.
260	Andrea Fogue	League of Oregon Cities. Provides testimony in opposition of SB 312. Comments on the need for user fee costs.
280	Jim Edelson	Green Leasing LLC. Provides testimony in support of SB 312 and provides written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ).
350	Bill Penhollow	Association of Oregon Counties. Provides testimony in opposition to SB 312.
400	Chair Metsger	Comments on the issue of studded tires.
440	Chair Metsger	Closes public hearing on SB 312 and adjourns the committee at 9:30 a.m.

The following prepared testimony is submitted for the record without public testimony on SB 312.

Eban Goodstein	Submits written testimony ( <b>Exhibit I</b> )
Mike Marsh	Submits written testimony ( <b>Exhibit J</b> )
Rivka Gervurtz	Submits written testimony ( <b>Exhibit K</b> )
Bruce Warner	Submits written testimony ( <b>Exhibit L</b> )

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – HB 2265, written testimony, Bruce Warner, 1 p**
- B – HB 2214A, written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 1 p**
- C – HB 2216, written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 1 p**
- D – HB 2261A, written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 1 p**
- E – SB 312, written testimony, Sen. Ryan Deckert, 1 p**
- F – SB 312, written testimony, Chris Hagerbaumer, 6 p**
- G – SB 312, overhead presentation, Dick Yates, 1 p**
- H – SB 312, written testimony, Jim Edelson, 1 p**
- I – SB 312, written testimony, Eban Goodstein, 1 p (not present in hearing)**
- J – SB 312, written testimony, Mike Marsh, 1 p (not present in hearing)**
- K – SB 312, written testimony, Rivka Gervurtz, 2 pp (not present in hearing)**
- L – SB 312, written testimony, Bruce Warner, 2 pp (provided after hearing)**