HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ADVANCING E-GOVERNMENT

March 13, 2001 3:30 PM

Hearing Room E Tapes 20 – 21

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rep. Jim Hill, Chair Rep. Kathy Lowe
MEMBER EXCUSED:	Rep. Rob Patridge
STAFF PRESENT:	Mark Jolley, Committee Administrator Alice Morton, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2987 – Public Hearing HB 2649 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 20, A		
004	Chair Hill	Convenes committee at 3:30 p.m. and opens public hearing on HB 2987 and HB 2649.
HB 2987 – P	ublic Hearing	
006	Mark Jolley	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of HB 2649, which creates offense of operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone or portable computer; and, HB 2987, which preempts local lows that regulate use of cellular telephones.
010	Mark Schmidt	Fanno Creek Grange. Testifies in support of HB 2649, and provides written testimony (EXHIBIT A).
054	Rep. Lowe	Asks if the studies show any distinction between hands-free cell phones and other cell phones in terms of safety.
058	Schmidt	Says there is no data because hands-free cell phone use is so new. Continues, citing other safety hazard distractions such as reading, computer use.
087	Rep. Lowe	Asks if there is data regarding accidents caused by other types of hazards.
091	Schmidt	Responds, no, and refers to DOT report.
200	Ken Strobeck	Voice Stream Wireless. Testifies in support of HB 2987 and provides written testimony (EXHIBIT B) .
290	Bruce Shaull	Sprint. Testifies opposing HB 2649 and provides written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Says laws already exist that should be enforced, education of drivers can work more effectively than sanctions, and accident statistics do not support the need for legislation.
388	Laura Imeson	AT&T Wireless. Testifies in support of HB 2987 and against HB 2649.
420	Brian DeLashmutt	Nextel Communications. Strongly in support of HB 2987 and opposed to HB 2649.
Tape 21, A		
040	Rep. Lowe	Asks if any states have enacted such laws.

050	DeLashmutt	Responds no states have.
052	Glenn Chastain	Oregon State Police. Testifies against HB 2649.
086	Chair Hill	Asks if police take into account cell phone usage when deciding whether to issue a citation.
095	Chaistain	Responds the whole situation is assessed.
015	Dave Barenberg	League of Oregon Cities. Testifies against HB 2987 and gives information and data to supplement previous testimony. Offers to supply language for possible amendments.
163	Chair Hill	Closes public hearing on HB 2987 and HB 2649.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Alice Morton,

Mark Jolley,

Committee Assistant EXHIBIT SUMMARY

Committee Administrator

- A HB 2987, written testimony, Mark Schmidt, 8pp.
- B HB 2987, written testimony, Ken Strobeck, 2pp.
- C Hb 2649, written testimony, Bruce Shaull, 2pp.
- D HB 2987, written testimony, Scott Meisner, 1p.
- E HB 2649, written testimony, Troy Costales, 1p.