

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

February 27, 2001
3:30 P.M.

Hearing Room 50
Tapes 35 - 36

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jeff Kropf, Chair
Rep. Al King, Vice-Chair
Rep. Donna Nelson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Robert Ackerman
Rep. Dan Doyle
Rep. Elaine Hopson
Rep. Wayne Krieger
Rep. Mary Nolan
Rep. Tootie Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Ray Kelly, Committee Administrator
Michael Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Informational Meeting
Agriculture in the Classroom
SB 311A – Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 313A – Public Hearing and Work Session

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.

<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 35, A		
003	Chair Kropf	Calls meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Opens informational meeting on Agriculture in the Classroom.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
016	Jim Rutledge	State 4-H Program Leader, Extension Service, Oregon State University (OSU) and President, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom. Submits and reads prepared testimony (EXHIBIT A).
060	Chair Kropf	Asks from where they are primarily funded and why they had to get private money to hire Tami Kerr.
063	Rutledge	Answers that there is no state funding by any entity, which necessitated solicitation for private funds. Continues reading prepared testimony.
104	Tami Kerr	Program Director, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom, OSU. Describes the program.
175	Rutledge	Commends Ms. Kerr for her work with the program. Points out that agriculture is much more diverse than other areas that have Agriculture in the Classroom programs, so there is a challenge to develop a curriculum that reflects that diversity. States that they have resources to implement the program, but funding is not yet available.
241	Rep. T. Smith	Expresses support for the program. Asks if teachers can directly

246	Kerr	download lesson plans from the web site. Answers yes, they will be expanding the curriculum and providing training for teachers to use the materials more effectively.
257	Rutledge	Points out that even though teacher workshops are available, teachers do not always use the curriculum. States that they want to start an ambassador program to help continue the program into the classroom.
272	Rep. T. Smith	Asks if there is a charge for the teacher workshops.
273	Kerr	Answers no.
274	Rep. T. Smith	Asks if they can receive college credit for the workshops.
276	Rutledge	Answers that if positions were stabilized and Ms. Kerr was to become a faculty member of OSU, it would be possible to do.
279	Rep. Nelson	Asks if the program has extended to McMinnville.
288	Kerr	Answers not yet, but attempts have begun.
293	Rep. Nelson	Asks if they would work with Western Oregon University.
295	Rutledge	Answers that they would hope to work with any institution that is providing pre-service training for teachers that will work in the state of Oregon.
303	Rep. Nelson	Commends them for their work.
308	Rep. King	Discusses merits of Creswell FFA program.
321	Rutledge	Asserts that they want to obtain support of FFA at the state level. Declares that they do not want to turn every child in America into a farmer, just provide information about agriculture.
332	Kerr	Points out that they do have career information for those who are interested in a career in agriculture.
337	Rep. King	States that he worked with a very successful program to educate teachers about agriculture and he would like to see more of it.
354	Chair Kropf	Asks which grade level is the primary focus of the program.
360	Rutledge	Answers that their ultimate goal is to have curriculum across all grade levels, but nationally their current focus is in third, fourth, and fifth grades.
380	Kerr	Points out that it is more effective for the program presently to focus on elementary grades.
391	Chair Kropf	Asks how well teachers receive materials in terms of objectivity of agricultural issues.
404	Rutledge	Answers that because they are publicly funded, they have to provide objective information to maintain their credibility. States that students are naturally interested in studying plants and animals at the elementary grade level.
421	Kerr	Contends that the information is easy and friendly for teachers to use and does not require a background in agriculture.
TAPE 36, A		
015	Chair Kropf	Commends program.
024	Rep. Nelson	Asks if a documentary could be produced to promote the program. Notes that she has proposed legislation that would allow producers to promote themselves.
038	Rutledge	States that they will take help from anywhere it comes. Notes that they received small grant from the Department of Agriculture that was used to put out information.
049	Chair Kropf	Closes informational hearing. Opens public hearing on SB 311A.
<u>SB 311A – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
062	Chuck Craig	Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SB

086	Chair Kropf	311A (EXHIBIT B).
090	Craig	Asks why issue is before the committee.
		Answers that they periodically examine their statutes to determine obsolete provisions and update them.
101	Chair Kropf	Asks if there is a minimal fiscal impact.
105	Jim Cramer	Acting Administrator, Commodity Inspection Division, ODA.
		Answers yes that there are only two grain warehouses in the state that are affected.
111	Chair Kropf	Closes public hearing on SB 311A. Opens work session on SB 311A.

SB 311A – WORK SESSION

115 Rep. Nolan

MOTION: Moves SB 311A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 9-0

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.

125 Chair Kropf
128 Rep. Ackerman

MOTION: Moves SB 311A be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.

VOTE: 9-0

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

134 Chair Kropf
141 Chair Kropf

Closes work session on SB 311A. Opens public hearing on SB 313A.

SB 313A – PUBLIC HEARING

149 Craig

Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SB 313A (**EXHIBIT C**).

164 Rep. Nolan

Asks why sunset is extended through 2003 in one section of SB 313A instead of 2004 in another section.

172 Dan Hilburn

Administrator, Plant Division, ODA. Explains why the difference exists.

183 Craig

Offers further explanation.

203 Shawn Miller

Christmas Tree Growers of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 313A.

220 Chair Kropf

Closes public hearing on SB 313A. Opens work session on SB 313A.

SB 313A – WORK SESSION

223 Rep. Nelson

MOTION: Moves SB 313A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 9-0

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.

231 Chair Kropf
235 Rep. Nelson

MOTION: Moves SB 313A be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.

VOTE: 9-0

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

241 Chair Kropf
248 Chair Kropf

Closes work session on SB 313A. Adjourns meeting at 4:16 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom written information, Jim Rutledge, 30 pp

B – SB 311A, written testimony, Chuck Craig, 1 p

C – SB 313A, written testimony, Chuck Craig, 1 p