

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

March 13, 2001
3:30 PM

Hearing Room 50
Tapes 42 - 43

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Donna Nelson, Vice-Chair

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2164 – Public Hearing and Work Session
HB 2200 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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| <u>TAPE/#</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| TAPE 42, A | | |
| 004 | Chair Kropf | Calls meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2164. |
| <u>HB 2164 – PUBLIC HEARING</u> | | |
| 008 | Ray Kelly | Committee Administrator. Reads summary of HB 2164. Explains amendments. |
| 024 | Ross Holloway | State Forests Program Director, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2164 (EXHIBIT A). |
| 049 | Rep. Krieger | Asks if ODF has the support of counties. |
| 052 | Ray Craig | Assistant State Forester, ODF. Answers that they do. |
| 057 | Rep. King | Asks for clarification regarding HB 2164 amendments. |
| 061 | Craig | Clarifies amendments. |
| 070 | Jesse Backman | Tillamook County. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2164 (EXHIBIT B). |
| 087 | Chair Kropf | Asks if Mr. Backman is involved in the effort for the Tillamook Interpretive Center. |
| 088 | Backman | Answers that he works for the prison facility doing reforestation and maintenance of parks. |
| 094 | Chair Kropf | Asks if Mr. Backman supports the interpretive center. |
| 095 | Backman | Answers yes. |
| 106 | Rep. Krieger | Explains his work on structure-based management and the |

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| | | Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Explains related financial issues. |
| 153 | Rep. Doyle | Asks if use of terms that are added in amendments regarding watersheds would change the intent of HB 2164. |
| 163 | Craig | Explains funding of watershed council. |
| 171 | Chair Kropf | Closes public hearing on HB 2164. Opens work session on HB 2164. |
| <u>HB 2164 – WORK SESSION</u> | | |
| 174 | Rep. Krieger | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2164-1 and –3 amendments dated 2/5/01 and 3/13/01. |
| | | VOTE: 8-0 |
| | | EXCUSED: 1 - Nelson |
| 186 | Chair Kropf | Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. |
| 187 | Rep. Krieger | MOTION: Moves HB 2164 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means. |
| 191 | Rep. Hopson | Speaks in favor of HB 2164. |
| | | VOTE: 8-0 |
| | | AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. |
| | | EXCUSED: 1 - Nelson |
| 219 | Chair Kropf | The motion CARRIES. |
| 222 | Chair Kropf | Closes work session on HB 2164. Opens public hearing on HB 2200. |
| <u>HB 2200 – PUBLIC HEARING</u> | | |
| 218 | Kelly | Reads summary of HB 2200. Explains amendments. |
| 252 | Craig | Explains proposed amendments to HB 2200. |
| 273 | Dr. James Cathcart | Forest Resource Trust Manager, ODF. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2200 (EXHIBIT C). |
| TAPE 43, A | | |
| 026 | Chair Kropf | Asks if the program benefits private landowners as well as the state. |
| 029 | Cathcart | Answers yes. Explains benefits for private landowners. |
| 036 | Craig | Offers further clarification about benefits for management of forestlands. |
| 051 | Chair Kropf | Asks if there are other opportunities for land that is already in production to be counted as carbon offset. |
| 056 | Cathcart | Answers yes. Explains that any forest management activity that increases the carbon storage ability of the forest would be recognized under the program. |
| 076 | Peter West | Green Power Director, Renewable Northwest Project. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2200 (EXHIBIT D). |
| 129 | Darcy Davis | American Lands Alliance. Submits and reads prepared testimony supporting concepts of HB 2200 (EXHIBIT E). |
| 217 | Rep. Doyle | Asks if the Sierra Club is part of American Lands Alliance. |
| 219 | Davis | Answers no. |
| 222 | Rep. Doyle | Asks if Ms. Davis is aware of concerns of Sierra Club regarding the issue. |
| 226 | Davis | Answers that the issue is very contentious and explains the position of the Sierra Club. |
| 246 | Rep. T. Smith | Asks who else is involved in similar programs. |
| 248 | Davis | Answers that American Lands Alliance is the only group working with climate change and forestry issues although there |

258 Rep. T. Smith are groups that they work with in their efforts.
Asks if there are any states, agencies or countries that are implementing similar programs.

260 Davis Answers that there has been support for Oregon’s program, but it has not been implemented elsewhere.

263 Rep. T. Smith Notes that Oregon is an experiment in regard to carbon sequestration.

265 Davis Concurs. Expresses the importance of implementing the program effectively to provide a workable precedent for potential future programs.

293 Rep. King Asks for more focus on Ms. Davis’s testimony regarding the prohibition on the use of genetically engineered trees.

296 Davis Answers that the potential uses of genetically engineered trees are vast. Explains potential uses for such trees.

309 Rep. King Asks Ms. Davis how she views genetic issues related to trees.

320 Davis Answers that there is a difference between crossbreeding and other genetic processes and “outright manipulation” of genes that would not naturally occur in trees.

333 Rep. King Asks for examples of situations where carbon-sequestering practices have resulted in environmental harm.

337 Davis Explains example of potential conversion of native habitats into forests that would not naturally occur and would result in irrigation or other work to maintain unnatural habitats, resulting in environmental problems.

361 Chair Kropf Closes public hearing on HB 2200. Opens work session on HB 2200.

HB 2200 – WORK SESSION

369 Rep. Nolan **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2200-1 amendments dated 3/13/01.**
VOTE: 8-0
EXCUSED: 1 – Nelson

374 Chair Kropf **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

377 Rep. Nolan **MOTION: Moves HB 2200 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.**
VOTE: 8-0
AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
EXCUSED: 1 – Nelson

390 Chair Kropf **The motion CARRIES.**

392 Chair Kropf Closes work session on HB 2200. Adjourns meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Ray Kelly,
Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2164, written testimony, Ross Holloway, 2 pp

- B – HB 2164, written testimony, Jesse Backman, 1 p**
- C – HB 2200, written testimony, James Cathcart, 5 pp**
- D – HB 2200, written testimony, Peter West, 1 p**
- E – HB 2200, written testimony, Darcy Davis, 2 pp**