

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

January 17, 2001
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D
Tape 3 - 4

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair**
 Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Dan Doyle, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Dan Gardner
 Rep. Bill Garrard
 Rep. Steve March
 Rep. Bruce Starr
 Rep. Joanne Verger
 Rep. Cheryl Walker

STAFF PRESENT: **Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator**
 Jennifer Goodman, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Introduction of Committee Measures**
 HB 2060 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2129 – Public Hearing

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 3, A		
004	Chair Wilson	Calls meeting to order at 1:34 PM.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEASURES</u>		
010	Rep. Doyle	MOTION: Moves: LC 1192 , LC 1193, LC 1194,LC 1195, LC 1196, LC 1197, LC 1198, LC 1201, LC 1202,LC 1204, LC 1205, and LC 1207 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.
010		VOTE: 8-0
	Chair Wilson	EXCUSED: 1 - Starr Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
<u>HB 2060 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
028	Murray Fretz	Commissioner for Oregon State Fair, submits fiscal impact statement (EXHIBIT A). Testifies that the commission endorses the increase to seven members. Recommends choosing outside Willamette Valley for a more diverse group.
040	Sen. Peter Courtney	Submits testimony (EXHIBIT B), and testifies in support of HB 2060.
127	Rep. Verger	Asks what areas the five county fair members represent at present.
132	Fretz	Responds with the information as to whom the five members are.
155	Sen. Courtney	Adds information regarding the five members. States that one comes from each congressional district.
175	Rep. Gardner	Asks if two new members will be coming from additional geographical areas.

181	Sen. Courtney	Responds that he did not recall a discussion that included this information.
202	Rep. Doyle	Asks how two additional members would improve the fair's accountability and efficiency.
213	Sen. Courtney	Responds that the point is to be accountable to all of Oregon not just Salem. Wants county members to offer helpful information to the state fair.
255	Rep. Verger	Encourages a more diversified membership.
312	Allan Westhoff	Manager, Josephine County Fair. Testifies in support of HB 2060. Offers expertise to the new membership.
348	Chair Wilson	Closes public hearing on HB 2060 and opens work session on HB 2060.

HB 2060 WORK SESSION

322	Cara Filsinger	Committee administrator. Reviews the fiscal impact report (EXHIBIT A) .
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Chair Wilson

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
The motion CARRIES.

DOYLE will lead discussion on the floor.

379	Chair Wilson	Closes work session and opens the public hearing on HB 2129.
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HB 2129 PUBLIC HEARING

382	Cara Filsinger	Explains HB 2060 to the committee.
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403	Joe Gilliam	Member of the Oregon Grocery Industry Association submits (EXHIBIT C) and explains the function of Division of State Lands.
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TAPE 4, A

006	Gilliam	Explains that there is very low compliance to this law because of no education.
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055	Patricia Spece	Controller for Roth's. Submits and reads (EXHIBIT D) .
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090	Chair Wilson	Asks Ms. Spece how long she has been with Roth's.
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091	Spece	Responds she has been with Roths for 14 years. Continues reading the written testimony
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188	Rep. Doyle	Asks Mr. Gilliam how long the Division of States Land has to capture states interest in unclaimed property.
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199	Gilliam	Responds that it is 5 years.
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221	Rep. Doyle	Asks if the time can be shortened based on the changes presented.
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226	Gilliam	Responds that the auditing period is not changed.
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234	Rep. Doyle	Asks how enforcement would be handled if the audited agency is not aware of the law.
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247	Gilliam	Responds that it is the Division of State Land's responsibility to show that the agency was aware.
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265	Rep. Verger	Asks how much revenue has gone into school fund based on these audits.
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250	Shawn Miller	Oregon Grocery Industry Association, responds that it is \$10 million a year. Explains that his goal is to comply to reunite people with their property, not to generate revenue. Refers to the bill and Franz Bakery audit.
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327	Gilliam	States that the cost of researching audits is too high.
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379	Rep. Verger	Asks how the Division of State Lands brings people together with their property.
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385	Miller	Responds that there are mailings. Notes that they need to find the link to notify people of the law as it is.
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428	John Lilly	Assistant Director, Division of State Lands submits and reads
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written testimony regarding HB 2129 (**EXHIBIT E.**)

TAPE 3, B

043	Lilly	Continues reading written testimony.
123	Rep. Starr	Asks for a written copy of the number of training sessions in the last year, where they were held, and the notification methods.
131	Lilly	Responds that it is not a very complete list, but he will get this information.
138	Rep. March	Asks if they have discussed this requirement with the Department of Revenue. Expresses concern regarding random audits.
147	Lilly	Responds that a methodology for dealing with Department of Revenue will be submitted later.
156	Chair Wilson	Comments that following up with more information is a good idea.
159	Rep. Garrard	Comments that these audits are unfair to business owners. Comments that the Division of State Lands does not treat all businesses the same.
170	Chair Wilson	Asks what the role is of Division of State Lands regarding unclaimed property.
178	Lilly	Responds that he will look into the matter.
181	Rep. Devlin	Asks questions regarding Page 2 of (EXHIBIT E.) and the 33 audits.
192	Lilly	Answers that the he will get back to the committee with that information at a later date.
195	Chair Wilson	Comments that he knows personally of someone who had this audit and it was very costly.
205	Rep. Walker	Expresses concern about frequent training as indicated on page 2 of (EXHIBIT E.) and questions how small businesses are to cope when only 40% of large companies are reporting.
223	Chair Wilson	Expresses concern over this process and requests the information previously referred to.
235	John Brenneman	Employed by a firm in the past to testify on a bill similar to HB 2129. Will contact the company he represented last time.
253	Chair Wilson	Asks Mr. Brenneman about the organization he represented in the past and how this bill concerns them.
258	Brenneman	Replies that they reunite people with unclaimed property for a fee. Notes that 32 states do have the 5- year limit.
283	Chair Wilson	Closes the public hearing on HB 2129. Adjourns meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2060, written material, Murray Fretz, 2 pp.

- B – HB 2060, written testimony, Senator Peter Courtney, 3 pp.**
- C – HB 2129, written testimony, Joe Gilliam, 1 pp.**
- D - HB 2129, written testimony, Patricia Spece, 3 pp.**
- E - HB 2129, written testimony, John Lilly, 3 pp.**