

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

February 23, 2001
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 27 - 28

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: HB 2575 – PUBLIC HEARING
HB 2171 – WORK SESSION
SB 185 – PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION
HB 2061 – WORK SESSION

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 27, A		
004	Chair Wilson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Opens a public hearing on HB 2575.
<u>HB 2575 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Bill Bradbury	Secretary of State. Testifies in support of HB 2575. Reviews the bill including the two contribution report issues. Proposes that the Secretary of State receive a contribution and expenditure report (C&E) before the primary election on initiative petitions that are circulated. Continues that he would like to move back the filing date for the first and second pre-election reports by one week.
048	Rep. Devlin	Asks how much information will be available to the public.
058	Bradbury	Replies that electronic filing would be helpful. Adds that the earlier the reports are filed the earlier the media can report to the public.
074	Lynn Rosik	Secretary of State's Office Elections Division. Submits and testifies in support from (EXHIBIT A) .
163	Rep. Starr	Asks if the large contribution limit is \$500.
165	Rosik	Responds that that is correct from a single source in a single day.
166	Rep. Starr	Asks how long that statute has been on the books.
168	Rosik	Responds that it has been there for quite a long time. Explains that it is only the aggregate in a single day.
177	Rep. Devlin	Agrees with the proposal of the extension of the filing dates. Asks about the reporting of expenditures right before elections. Believes this lets the opponent know your strategy.

198	Rosik	Responds that by moving it back a week it avoids a full third report. Continues testifying from (EXHIBIT A) .
258	Rep. Garrard	Concerned about faxing in the report on a daily basis. Adds that some candidates may not always have access to a fax machine.
270	Rosik	States that she understands his concern.
277	Rep. Gardner	Asks how many fax machines are available in the Secretary of State's Office.
281	Rosik	Responds that they have an upgraded machine and plenty of memory. Adds that she does not anticipate a problem.
308	Chair Wilson	States that they have a big good machine.
311	Rep. Verger	Asks if this bill is to accommodate the staff and not the candidate.
318	Rosik	Responds that it does not accommodate the staff. Adds that it is to supply the information to the public.
348	Rep. Verger	Asks if there is much demand for these reports.
258	Rosik	Responds that there are many requests, mostly from campaign participants. Adds that she would like the information to go directly to the public, not filtered through the media.
376	Rep. March	Agrees with the concept of revealing more information. Expresses concern regarding the reporting and suggests a three tiered reporting threshold.
404	Rosik	States that she would be open to looking into that. Adds that they are not firm on the \$500 limit.
415	Rep. Walker	States that the daily filing would be difficult for the staff and costly.
438	Rosik	Responds that this should rarely apply to small campaigns because they don't generally go over the \$500 a day.
478	Kristen Leonard	Oregon Education Association. Submits and testifies from (EXHIBIT B) . Supports the intent of the bill but would like there to be more reporting more often.
TAPE 28, A		
060	Leonard	Refers to the high cost of petitions.
071	Steve Lanning	AFL-CIO. States that reporting needs to occur earlier so the public knows who is paying for initiatives.
092	Tricia Smith	Oregon Schools Employee Association. Believes that reporting of contributions should be done during the signature-gathering phase. Adds that there should be more reporting than is stated in HB 2575.
132	Bill Sizemore	Executive Director Oregon Taxpayers United. States that he is familiar with the initiative process. Adds that paid petitions have always been conducted. Concludes that the initiative process is not corrupt. States that the only thing this bill does is to create more paperwork.
188	Becky Miller	Oregon Taxpayers United. States that C&E reports can be 400 pages.
189	Sizemore	States that the public does not care where the money comes from to pay for initiatives. Adds that he does not believe that disclosure would affect the ability to collect signatures. Believes that \$500 is much too low to bother reporting.
260	Rep. Devlin	Asks if the paperwork would really be that much of a burden since reporting would be done periodically.
284	Miller	Responds that they have to enter it all into the database. Adds that corrections done after submission could cause chaos.
322	Sizemore	States that aggregate donations are added at the end of the time.

337	Rep. Devlin	States that the bill only adds one additional reporting.
351	Miller	Responds that over time there is an increase in the paperwork. Expresses concern regarding the crunch time before elections.
368	Chair Wilson	Asks for a summation.
369	Sizemore	Sates that he believes the public does not care where the money comes for initiative drives.
376	David Buchannan	Oregon Common Cause. States that people do care and are interested in where the money comes from. Adds that the ones who do care stand in for others that may eventually care. Believes that it is necessary for the public to have this information. Adds that the media uses this information and passes it on to the public.
TAPE 27, B		
030	Rep. Garrard	States that the \$500 threshold is too low a number Adds that this will cause too much reporting on the part of the candidate. Asks what amount would trigger concern.
039	Buchannan	Replies that he would like to see all amounts reported but in the interest of compromise would like to see a low dollar amount.
078	Chair Wilson	Closes the public hearing on HB 2575 and opens a work session on HB 2171.
<u>WORK SESSION – HB 2171</u>		
085	Chair Wilson	Reviews HB 2171. Asks Ms. Rosik to explain page 6 subsection 9 on the –2 amendments (EXHIBIT C).
117	Lynn Rosik	Responds that a first demand includes only 5% of the vote. Adds that a second demand includes an additional 10% counting of the vote. Continues that demand three is made to recount all the votes. Explains that demand three can only take place if demands one and two show a need.
135	Rep. Devlin	States that someone has to pay for the recount. If the winner changes the state has to pay for the vote.
146	Representative V. Walker	District 41. Supports the amendments.
157	Chair Wilson	Asks her to describe her recent race for representative.
163	Rep. V. Walker	Explains that she had a write-in opponent who had no guidelines under statute as to when to declare candidacy. Adds that the opponent could have waited until August to accept. Explains that the county clerks would like to broaden this to county and state elections.
187	Chair Wilson	Asks Ms. Rosik if her department had any comments.
188	Rosik	Agrees with Representative V. Walker regarding the deadline for write-in candidates.
201	Rep. V. Walker	States that her opponent did win the republican nomination but had he not, the party would have been out valuable time to select another candidate.
217	Rep. Devlin	MOTION: Moves to amend HB 2171 with the -2 amendments dated 1/29/01.
221		VOTE: 8-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Gardner The motion CARRIES.
229	Chair Wilson Rep. Devlin	MOTION: Moves HB 2171 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
233		VOTE: 8-0

	Chair Wilson	AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 1 - Gardner
		The motion CARRIES.
		REP. V. WALKER will lead discussion on the floor.
245	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 2171 and opens a public hearing on SB 185.
<u>SB 185 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
261	Paul Romain	Oregon Petroleum Marketers Association. Testifies in support of SB 185. Reviews the history of SB 185. States that due to a glitch in the law people were told to repay monies not really owed. Requests a reimbursement to the people who did pay.
317	Chair Wilson	Closes the public hearing on SB 185 and opens a work session on SB 185.
<u>SB 185 – WORK SESSION</u>		
322	Rep. Devlin	MOTION: Moves SB 185 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
325		VOTE: 8-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 1 - Gardner
	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
		REP. C. WALKER will lead discussion on the floor.
337	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on SB 185 and opens a work session on HB 2061.
<u>HB 2061 – WORK SESSION</u>		
345	Rep. Doyle	MOTION: Moves HB 2061 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Forestry and Agriculture.
		Then BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.
348	Chair Wilson	Explains to Representative Garrard why they are referring this bill.
357	Cara Filsinger	Committee Administrator. Explains that the Forestry and Agriculture committee has a similar bill.
362		VOTE: 8-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Gardner
	Chair Wilson	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
363	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 2061.
367	Rep. Verger	Asks if there will be a quorum for the 4:00 PM meeting.
370	Chair Wilson	States that there will be a quorum. Adjourns the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

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Reviewed By,

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Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2575, written testimony, Lynn Rosik, 4 pp.**
- B – HB 2575, written testimony, Kristen Leonard, 1 p.**
- C – HB 2171, -2 amendments, staff, 6 pp.**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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4:00 PM

Hearing Room D
Tape 29

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MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: WORK SESSION – HOUSE RULE AMENDMENTS

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TAPE 29, A		
001	Chair Wilson	Calls the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.
WORK SESSION – HOUSE RULE AMENDMENTS		
003	Chair Wilson	Reviews the amendments to house rules (EXHIBIT A). Details that it adds a new standing committee named Land Use and Regulatory Fairness. States that Representative Max Williams will be the chair.
013	Rep. Devlin	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 2/23/01.
019	Rep. Devlin	Asks if other committees closely related to land use will get these bills.
029	Chair Wilson	Responds that as far as he is aware House Rules, Redistricting, and Public Affairs will have no further obligations regarding the newly proposed committee.
033		VOTE: 8-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Verger
	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
039	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session and adjourns the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

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A – Proposed Rules Change, staff, 1 p.