

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

May 11, 2001  
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D  
Tape 110

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

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Rep. Dan Gardner  
Rep. Joanne Verger

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

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 3555 – PUBLIC HEARING  
HB 2578 – WORK SESSION

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 110, A</b>		
004	Chair Wilson	Opens the meeting at 1:34 p.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 3555.
<b><u>HB 3555 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
009	Representative Patty Smith	House District 56. Introduces Del Cesar. Explains that he brought the bill to her.
021	Del Cesar	Submits and testifies in support of the bill from <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> . Describes his experience in getting this bill to committee. Explains that he has a private retirement plan unlike most public employees. Explains that when the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) members received a tax rebate, he as part of The Dalles was overlooked. Asks that the tax rebate apply to all public employees not just PERS members. Believes this was an oversight of the legislature. Reads from <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> . Refers to the 1990 tax book and quotes from it.
118	Chair Wilson	Explains that this bill has a referral to the Revenue Committee.
123	Rep. March	Believes that revenue would need to calculate the fiscal impact. Adds that it may affect more than just The Dalles.
127	Cesar	Replies that there are a lot of smaller communities that may have been left out.
140	Rep. Devlin	Explains that the money was untaxed and then taxed but that the benefits were increased.
149	Cesar	Explains that he wants the same consideration as other public employees.
154	Chair Wilson	Closes the public hearing on HB 3555 and opens a work session on HB 2578.

**HB 2578 – WORK SESSION**

167 Lynn Rosik

Assistant Attorney General for the Secretary of State’s Elections Division. Reviews an amendment from the Secretary of State’s Office. Explains that the office does not want to be responsible for false statements in the political context. Adds that the private right of action is in effect today. Explains that it was understood that the Attorney General relieved the Secretary of State of the responsibility regarding false statements. Explains that the amendment replaces the word ‘fraud’ to return the statute to how it was originally intended.

241 Chair Wilson

Expresses concern regarding false information about a candidate that is disseminated. Asks what the process would be under the current law.

253 Rosik

Responds that there is a statute he can use. Adds that he has the recourse of a private right of action.

268 Rep. Devlin

States that there have been a couple of suits filed. Adds that one was settled out of court.

281 Rep. Garrard

**MOTION: Moves HB 2578 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

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**VOTE: 7-0**

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**

**EXCUSED: 2 - Gardner, Verger**

**The motion CARRIES.**

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Chair Wilson

Rep. Starr

**MOTION: Moves HB 2578 be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.**

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**VOTE: 7-0**

**EXCUSED: 2 - Gaardner, Verger**

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

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Chair Wilson

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Closes the work session on HB 2578 and adjourns the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Jennifer Goodman,  
Committee Assistant

Cara Filsinger,  
Committee Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – HB 3555, written testimony, Del Cesar, 1 p.**