

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

June 6, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room 50
Tapes 131 - 132

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

VISITING SENATE RULES & REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: **Sen. Steven Harper, Chair**
 Sen. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Jason Atkinson
 Sen. Lee Beyer
 Sen. Kate Brown

STAFF PRESENT: **Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator**
 Sara Noble, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **HB 2001 – Public Hearing**

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
Members of the Senate Committee on Rules and Redistricting were present at the invitation of The House Committee on Rules, Redistricting and Public Affairs.		
TAPE 131, A		
004	Chair Wilson	Calls the committee to order and opens a public hearing on HB 2001.
<u>HB 2001 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
Written information (Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F and G) were distributed by staff prior to the committee meeting.		
016	Rep. Carl Wilson	House District 49. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT H) and testifies in support of HB 2001-1 amendments (see EXHIBIT A from the 6/6/01 3:00 p.m. work session). Explains methods used and outcome of those methods.
087	Rep. Wilson	Refers to ORS 188.010 criteria to be used in apportionment for Legislative Assembly and Congress.
125	Rep. Greg Smith	House District 59. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT I) and testifies in support of HB 2001-1 amendments. Explains how the redistricting plans affects Central/Eastern Oregon.
173	Rep. Smith	Explains how the ports are being included in the process of redistricting.
205	Rep. Smith	Submits written information on behalf of Rep. Tim Knopp from Mr. Terry Covington (EXHIBIT J) and continues with his testimony.

222	Rep. Susan Morgan	House District 46. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT K) and testifies in support of HB 2001-1 amendments. Explains the redistricting proposal for Southern Oregon.
258	Rep. Gardner	Asks how many states have zero deviation on legislative district lines. Asks how is a judicial precedence set and was this on legislative redistricting. References the comment “history is our guide post for these plans that history of keeping the districts pretty much the same as they are right now” asks where that is located in the statute.
265	Rep. Wilson	Responds that he can not tell you how many do, but can tell you under our plan we certainly will. States in the 1991 Oregon Supreme Court set precedent. . Comments that “history is our guide post and if we are going to present a plan that is going to work I do believe that we do need to hold to precedence” as for that we look at the 1991 plan as it was approved in the courts.
283	Rep. Gardner	Asks who drew the 1991 plan.
285	Rep. Wilson	Responds the plan was drawn up by Secretary of State, Phil Keisling.
291	Rep. Devlin	Asks why would we put more emphasis on a zero deviation that is basically a snapshot in time which we know doesn’t exist anymore than we would over communities of interest that have existed over decades. Asks if it was correct that they did not insist on any less deviation than the ones in that plan.
303	Rep. Wilson	Responds he would have to go back to the Oregon Supreme Court in 1991 when they said they would not force a greater deviation on house or senate districts just to achieve statutory criteria. States that we don’t do zero deviation just for the sake of zero deviation we are doing it for “one man one vote” and explains.
327	Rep. March	References the precedence set during the 1991 redistricting and explains the part of the process. Asks if you would be planning to follow that plan. Conveys that he would encourage that public process be included in this process.
339	Rep. Wilson	Responds I currently have no plans to do that but plans are changeable to meet public needs and explains.
399	Rep. Jeff Kruse	House District 45. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT L) and testifies in support of HB 2001-1 amendments. Explains how redistricting affects the coastal area.
TAPE 132, A		
042	Rep. Dan Doyle	House District 30. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT M) and testifies in support of HB 2001-1 amendments. Explains how redistricting affects the mid-valley area.
092	Rep. Doyle	Continues with testimony on how this plan would affect Lane and Benton counties.
107	Rep. Bruce Starr	House District 3. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT N) and testifies in support of HB 2001-1 amendments. Explains how redistricting affects the tri-county area.
135	Rep. Starr	Explains the redistricting plan for Multnomah County.
175	Rep. Starr	Explains the redistricting plan for Washington County.
198	Rep. Starr	Explains the redistricting plan for Clackamas County.
225	Rep. Gardner	References (EXHIBIT D) and notes that Districts 10 and 21 were in the opposite location than in previous versions.
230	Rep. Starr	Replies he has no knowledge of why the numbers were changed.
238	Rep. March	Asks what is the population of Coos Bay and why was it

		impossible to keep whole. Conveys that the population is 15,374 and even combined with North Bend total is less than 25,000.
240	Rep. Kruse	Responds I don't have the population figures.
253	Rep. Doyle	Explains the criteria used for the coastal area.
266	Rep. March	Comments that the Hispanic community in Salem is evenly divided between House Districts 32 and 33. Asks for comments on keeping the Hispanic community in one district that would allow a greater voice for the Hispanic citizens within Salem.
275	Rep. Doyle	Responds with reasons for keeping the house districts and giving the senate district the one representation.
287	Rep. Verger	Asks what weight do you believe that public testimony had in the scheme of this plan.
312	Rep. Doyle	Responds that we did give weight to the public testimony as well as the written testimony submitted and continues with explanation.
339	Rep. Verger	Asks if the 100 signatures submitted in (EXHIBIT K) are from Sunriver.
342	Rep. Doyle	States I don't know that. Continues with additional information regarding input from the public.
355	Rep. March	References (EXHIBIT D) and asks why Tualatin would be split. Asks what consideration was given to the neighborhood association boundaries.
366	Rep. Starr	Responds the point was to get zero deviation and explains. States my understanding is that as closely as possible those were reflected, again the ultimate goal was zero deviation.
387	Rep. March	Asks what decrease in percentage of Hispanic population from the existing House District 5 do we end up with in the new districts.
TAPE 131, B		
005	Rep. Starr	Responds I don't know the exact percentage and explains that the new House District 10 substantially replicates the old House District 5 and gives additional explanation.
014	Rep. Devlin	Asks about the community interest rationale for House District 44. Asks if you put zero deviation as a higher priority than community of interest in that district. Comments that if that should ever become the boundary we can ask whoever represents that district to define the community interest.
019	Rep. Kruse	Explains that due to lack of population the areas had to be bunched north and House District 44 is a rural district so the community of interest is that. Responds that zero deviation was the benchmark and I also maintain that community interest is also well addressed.
038	Chair Wilson	Asks Rep. Devlin what would be your intentions are regarding your testimony.
040	Rep. Devlin	Responds I would hope there would be more opportunity for public comment if not outside this building at least at this building. States our intent would be to also provide our comment on the floor if this plan is passed out of committee.
047	Chair Wilson	Thanks Rep. Devlin for his comments and announces a work session for 3:00 p.m. today. States that we have taken plenty of testimony and gives reasons for scheduling the work session. Asks that if you have an alternative to this plan I would expect to see that in work session.
048	Rep. Gardner	Clarifies that a work session is being scheduled for 3:00 p.m. this

afternoon for something we haven't taken any public testimony on after the plans have been presented. Comments that this has not been going on for almost six months we only received the census data in March.

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Chair Wilson

Closes the public hearing on HB 2001 and adjourns the committee at 9:38 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Sara Noble,
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Cara Filsinger,
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2001, written information, staff , 51 pp.**
- B – HB 2001, written testimony, Rep. Jerry Krummel, 1 p**
- C – HB 2001, written testimony, Liz Toy, 1 p**
- D – HB 2001, written information, Rep. Wilson, 6 pp.**
- E – HB 2001, written information, Rep. Wilson, 2 pp.**
- F – HB 2001, written information, Rep. Wilson, 2 pp.**
- G – HB 2001, written information, Rep. Wilson, 1 p**
- H – HB 2001, written testimony, Rep. Wilson, 6 pp.**
- I – HB 2001, written testimony, Rep. Greg Smith, 4 pp.**
- J – HB 2001, written information, Terry Covington, 9 pp.**
- K – HB 2001, written testimony, Rep. Susan Morgan, 2 pp.**
- L – HB 2001, written testimony, Rep. Jeff Kruse, 4 pp.**
- M – HB 2001, written testimony, Rep. Dan Doyle, 3 pp.**
- N – HB 2001, written testimony, Rep. Bruce Starr, 6 pp.**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

June 6, 2001
3:00 PM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 133

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. Cherryl Walker

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: **Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator**
 Sara Noble, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **HB 2001 – Work Session**

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TAPE 133, A		
004	Chair Wilson	Calls the committee to order at 3:05 p.m. and opens a work session on HB 2001. Submits the –1 amendment (EXHIBIT A) along with the CD-ROM disk containing the data for the –1 amendment (EXHIBIT B).
<u>HB 2001 – WORK SESSION</u>		
007	Rep. Devlin	Expresses his thoughts and concerns regarding HB 2001.
052	Rep. Devlin	States he will be voting no and serves notice of possible minority report.
053	Rep. Gardner	Asks if we are going to allow any public testimony that wishes to come before us. Comments that we have a member of the Hispanic community here to testify on HB 2001. Asks even though that is a significant growth area we are not going to allow the testimony.
056	Chair Wilson	States he would like to keep the meeting as a work session with no testimony and explains his thoughts. Conveys that it would be my preference not to today and explains.
073	Rep. Gardner	Indicates he was not aware the public was asked to testify this morning. Notes the map released this morning, has not been reviewed by the general public.
079	Chair Wilson	Refers that when you have a public hearing people know they can come and testify. Appreciates comments expressed.
085	Rep. Gardner	Expresses his thoughts and concerns regarding HB 2001.
109	Rep. Gardner	States he will be voting no and serves notice of possible minority report.
110	Rep. March	Expresses his thoughts and concerns regarding HB 2001.
138	Rep. March	Notes some technical problems with the –1 amendment that may require correction.

149	Rep. March	Serves notice of possible minority report.
153	Rep. Verger	Expresses her thoughts and concerns regarding HB 2001.
182	Rep. Doyle	Offers comments to views expressed in this meeting.
213	Rep. Doyle	States he will be voting aye.
216	Rep. C. Walker	Explains the different opportunities provided for public comments in regard to HB 2001.
237	Rep. C. Walker	Conveys those from the Hispanic community who have testified on HB 2001.
242	Rep. Garrard	Relates his feelings that we have given ample opportunity for public input.
254	Rep. Gardner	Clarifies that the lack of public input is not public input prior to a plan but public comment after a plan has been drawn.
258	Chair Wilson	Relates previous history regarding redistricting and expresses his thoughts regarding HB 2001.
305	Rep. Starr	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2001-1 amendments dated 6/6/01.
		VOTE: 9-0
309	Chair Wilson	Hearing no objection declares the motion CARRIED.
311	Rep. Starr	MOTION: Moves HB 2001 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 5-4
		AYE: 5 - Doyle, Garrard, Starr, Walker C, Wilson
		NAY: 4 - Devlin, Gardner, March, Verger
314	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
		REP. WILSON will lead discussion on the floor.
343	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 2001 and adjourns the committee at 3:25 p.m.
	Staff	Submits the –MR2 amendment (EXHIBIT C) and the CD-ROM disk containing the data for the –MR2 amendment (EXHIBIT D).

Submitted By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2001, -1 amendment, Rep. Carl Wilson, 193 pp.**
- B – HB 2001, CD-ROM disk, Rep. Carl Wilson**
- C – HB 2001, -MR2, Staff, 167 pp.**
- D – HB 2001, CD-ROM disk, Staff**