

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMART GROWTH AND COMMERCE

March 5, 2001  
3:15 PM

Hearing Room 50  
Tapes 50 – 51

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Betsy Johnson, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Tim Knopp, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Alan Bates  
Rep. Alan Brown  
Rep. Janet Carlson  
Rep. Bill Garrard  
Rep. Jerry Krummel  
Rep. Laurie Monnes-Anderson  
Rep. Vicki Walker

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Rep. Bill Witt, Chair  
Rep. Richard Devlin

**STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel Clem, Committee Administrator  
Renee' Lunsford, Committee Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2693 Public Hearing and Work Session  
HB 2858 Public Hearing  
HB 2556 Public Hearing and Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 50, A</b>		
005	Vice Chair Knopp	Calls the committee to order at 3:20 p.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 2693.
<b><u>HB 2693 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
008	Dan Clem	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2693.
047	Ted Kunze	Fire Chief, Canby Fire District. Submits written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> and testifies in support of HB 2693.
115	Rep. Krummel	Comments on exemptions to the urban renewal law.
120	Kunze	States that there are none.
124	Rep. Krummel	Comments on the new development areas and asks if they are blighted areas.
124	Kunze	Responds that this definition is broad and that some could be considered blighted.
127	Rep. Krummel	Asks Mr. Kunze if the fire district could form an urban renewal district.
139	Kunze	Responds no. Notes that the statute mentions capitol improvement projects.
146	Rep. Bates	Comments on the referral to the Revenue Committee.
165	Michelle Deister	League of Oregon Cities. Testifies in opposition to HB 2693.
221	Rep. Carlson	Asks what local government entities have taxing abilities.
227	Deister	Responds that school districts, libraries, counties and cities do.
234	Rep. Carlson	Asks Ms. Deister to explain rural area fire districts versus urban fire districts.

242	Deister	Responds that there are some cities that contract for fire protection service.
257	Rep. Garrard	Comments on exempt fire districts and revenues.
258	Deister	States that it could cause the municipality to go into compression.
281	Steve Wheeler	City Manager, Tualatin and administrator, Tualatin Development Commission. Testifies in opposition to HB 2693.
350	Rep. Krummel	Comments on allowing urban renewal districts to return properties to the tax roles sooner than the urban renewal plan calls for.
364	Wheeler	States that he is not aware of this.
372	Rep. Krummel	Asks Mr. Wheeler about cooperative efforts.
380	Wheeler	Responds that the redevelopment law requires full participation of taxing entities.
398	Vice Chair Knopp	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2693.
<b><u>HB 2693 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
400	Rep. Bates	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2693 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on School Funding and Tax Fairness/Revenue Committee.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 8-0</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 3 - Devlin, E. Johnson, Witt</b>
405	Vice Chair Knopp	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
425	Vice Chair Knopp	Closes the work session on HB 2693 and opens a public hearing on HB 2858.

**HB 2858 PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TAPE 51, A**

040	Clem	Explains HB 2858.
066	Candy Phillips	Oregon Governor's Small Business Council. Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 2858 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
146	Ron Fox	Business and Industry Team Manager, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD). Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 2858 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
200	Rep. Krummel	Asks for a definition of small business.
205	Fox	Responds that the statute contains a 200-employee designation.
210	Rep. Krummel	Questions the types of services that are not being provided.
219	Phillips	Comments on her experiences with asking and receiving information about her small business.
237	Rep. Carlson	Questions the need for an additional agency.
248	Phillips	Explains that she received very little support from the small business agency.
275	Rep. Carlson	Comments on the advantages of having a small business council.
286	Fox	States that the council exists under the Governor's initiative and this bill would make it a permanent advisory body to small business.
295	Rep. Garrard	Asks Mr. Fox if the council recommended this.
300	Phillips	Responds affirmatively.
307	Rep. Garrard	Asks about the functions of this office.
312	Fox	Responds that the council's recommendation was that this office should function as a service to all small business.
333	Phillips	States that small businesses need a clearinghouse.
368	Rep. Bates	Asks Ms. Philips for names of the government agencies that did not respond to her inquiries.
377	Phillips	Responds that the Secretary of State's office, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Administrative

426 Rep. Walker Services are some of the agencies.  
Asks who provides support for the Governor's Small Business Council (GSBC) at this time.

448 Jerry Hoffman Small Business Advocate. Responds that he was given the assignment to staff the GSBC.

455 Rep. Walker Asks Mr. Hoffman if he feels a new agency is needed.  
469 Hoffman Responds affirmatively. Explains his experiences at several small business summits.

**TAPE 50, B**

010 Rep. Walker Asks about the administering of monies to small business providers.

030 Hoffman Responds that they do this now with contracts and believes they do a good job.

047 Rep. Walker Asks what Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Fox's positions are on the proposed amendments.

050 Hoffman Responds that they both support the amendments.

058 Vice Chair Knopp Closes the public hearing on HB 2858 and opens a public hearing on HB 2556.

**HB 2556 PUBLIC HEARING**

070 Clem Explains HB 2556.

084 Rep. Tom Butler House District 60. Testifies in favor of HB 2556.

187 Rep. Walker Asks why there is a referral to the Ways and Means Committee.

196 Rep. Butler Responds he does not know, but he will find out.

202 Rep. Walker Comments on the opinion of the food bank.

205 Rep. Butler Comments that this gives another avenue for funds and possible financing for the bridge fund.

216 Vice Chair Knopp Notes that the private activity bond will provide this.

223 Rep. Butler Comments on activity approval of the authority.

233 Rep. Brown Asks about the revenue sources that retire the bonds.

237 Rep. Butler Responds that the bonds will be structured based upon what resources the organization has and states that the bond is collateralized by the physical facilities.

278 Vice Chair Knopp Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2556.

**HB 2556 WORK SESSION**

279 **Rep. Bates** **MOTION: Moves HB 2556 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.**

289 Rep. Monnes-Anderson Asks if there are other groups that need to be added to this list.

313 Rep. Krummel Responds that the word "food bank" is generic and states that this a way to lend support without cost.

339 Vice Chair Knopp States that the policy issue is sound.  
**VOTE: 9-0**  
**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**  
**EXCUSED: 2 - Devlin, Witt**  
**The motion CARRIES.**

280 **Vice Chair Knopp** Closes the work session on HB 2556 and adjourns the committee at 4:40 p.m.  
300 Vice Chair Knopp

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Reviewed By,

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – HB 2693, written testimony, Ted Kunze, 2 pp.**

**B – HB 2858, written testimony, Candy Phillips, 67 pp.**

**C – HB 2858, written testimony, Ron Fox, 1 p**