

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STREAM RESTORATION
& SPECIES RECOVERY

February 28, 2001
1:00 P.M.

Hearing Room E
Tapes 44 - 46

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Bob Jenson, Chair**
 Rep. Jan Lee, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Randy Leonard Vice-Chair
 Rep. Tim Knopp
 Rep. Jeff Kruse
 Rep. Patti Smith
 Rep. Al King
 Rep. Carolyn Tomei
 Rep. Kelley Wirth

STAFF PRESENT: **Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Committee Administrator**
 Linda K. Gatto, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Public Hearing**
 HB 2788
 Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2872

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 44, A		
003	Chair Jenson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 2788.
<u>HB 2788 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
020	Kristina McNitt	Representing the Oregon Water Resources Congress. Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 2788 (EXHIBIT A).
082	Chair Jenson	Referencing page 2, line 13 of the bill, asks whether “the whole of irrigation systems” includes pipelines.
093	Bill Ganong	Legal counsel to the Klamath Irrigation District. Responds that they believe it does. Explains that the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prefer clear definitions, and there is no definition of the whole of an irrigation system.
108	Chair Jenson	Asks if there is court precedent on this issue.
109	Ganong	Responds that to his knowledge there are no appellate opinions that define this term.
127	Brad Harper	Executive Director, Water for Life. Submits written testimony of Keith Cyrus (EXHIBIT B) and comments on the litigation that the Cyrus family is involved in with the Squaw Creek Irrigation District. Requests that the committee defer action on HB 2788 until this litigation is resolved.
183	Rep. Lee	Questions if it is mute point since the statute would not be effective until it is adopted.
184	Harper	Disagrees and states that there could be appeals and the law

198	Ganong	could take affect while the case is still pending. Notes that there may be a condemnation proceeding pending. Explains what could take place in this proceeding.
258	Chair Jenson	Closes the public hearing on HB 2788 and opens a public hearing on HB 2872.

HB 2872 – PUBLIC HEARING

260	Sandy Thiele-Cirka	Committee Administrator. Provides overview on HB 2872.
294	Mike Dewey	Representing the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Provides background information on the assistance that the legislature provided last session to the agriculture and natural resource community with regard to research and extension.
322	Tom McCoy	President, Oregon Wheat Growers League. Explains what the 1999 Legislative Assembly provided to the wheat industry.
390	Dewey	Comments that the 1999 legislature appropriated approximately \$12.8 million more than the Governor’s budget. Notes that the Governor’s proposed budget for the 2001-2003 biennium de-funds this \$12.8 million.

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036	Thayne Dutson	College of Agricultural Sciences Dean and Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station Director, Oregon State University (OSU). Provides a PowerPoint presentation on the Oregon Invest database.
136	Dutson	Continues PowerPoint presentation.
162	Chair Jenson	Asks for clarification regarding the economic benefit to the State of Oregon by the OSU experiment stations’ work that is being done.
163	Dutson	Responds that this figure is just for the Agricultural Experiment Station work. States that these are dollars that go directly into the economy.
177	Chair Jenson	Asks for clarification that this benefit has not appeared recently, but that the OSU experiment stations have historically provided this kind of benefit.
183	Dutson	Responds affirmatively. Continues presentation. Comments that the bill adds back to OSU’s budget the amount that was reduced in the Governor’s budget.
275	Chair Jenson	Asks what will happen if the legislature does not fund this.
276	Dutson	Responds that they would have almost \$17 million less than they have currently, and they would have to make reductions in personnel and other expenditures.
285	Chair Jenson	Asks what the specific reductions would be.
288	Dutson	Responds that it would be difficult to determine the specifics right now.
309	Lyla Houglum	Extension Service Dean and Director, Oregon State University. Provides background information on the Extension Service. Comments on HB 2872 and the work the Extension Service has done as a result of the resources that were acquired in the 1999 Session.

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025	Chair Jenson	Talks about the SB 1010 bills and asks if the Extension Service is gearing up to be of assistance in regard to non point-source pollution.
033	Houglum	Responds affirmatively. Discusses the Master Gardener Program.
051	Chair Jenson	Asks if this program is active in the Portland metropolitan area.

052	Houglum	Responds affirmatively.
055	Rep. Smith	Asks if there is a cost to attend the program.
057	Houglum	Responds that there is a charge to take the class and a requirement to volunteer time back to the program to further outreach in the community.
068	Rep. Kruse	Asks if the Extension Service still has the Family Community Leadership Program.
078	Houglum	Responds affirmatively.
095	Rep. Lee	Asks if the Extension Service provides assistance to communities under the CREP program.
097	Houglum	Responds affirmatively. States that she will provide the committee with information on the various programs the Extension Service has in watershed and water quality.
106	Rep. Wirth	Comments on the programs as a transfer of technology.
126	Houglum	Discusses funding sources and how the funds are utilized.
154	Hal Salwasser	College of Forestry Dean and Forest Research Lab Director, Oregon State University. Submits written material (EXHIBIT C) and testifies on the value of Oregon's investment in the Forest Research Lab.
218	Salwasser	Responds to an earlier question by Chair Jenson by commenting on the personnel reduction and the effect on the graduate students.
242	Sen. Ted Ferrioli	Senate District 28. Urges the committee to look at the bill and think about the communities that benefit. Testifies in support of HB 2872.
364	Alan Kanaskie	Forest Pathologist, Oregon Department of Forestry. Submits written material (EXHIBIT D) and provides slide show on Swiss needle cast disease of Douglas fir.
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118	Greg Filip	Director, Swiss Needle Cast Cooperative. Provides an overhead presentation on the Swiss Needle Cast Cooperative.
171	Mark Gourley	Starker Forests, Corvallis. Comments on the devastating effects of this disease.
217	Sharon Beck	Legislative Chairman, Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Testifies on the research that the OSU Range Resources Department has accomplished as a result of the funding from the 1999 Session.
277	Beck	Continues testimony on the need for science in the SB 1010 planning process. Urges the committee to reinstate the funding necessary to continue research.
315	Bob Beck	Rancher. Testifies on the need for continued funding of the research stations.
347	Kent Madison	Echo. Comments on the importance of extension and research. Submits and reads written testimony regarding the marine science portion of HB 2872 (EXHIBIT E).
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052	Madison	Encourages the committee to support HB 2872.
063	Jim Rutledge	State 4-H Program Leader, and President, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (AITC). Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT F) and testifies on the agricultural literacy programs being developed jointly by 4-H and AITC.
075	Dona Coon	Past President, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation. Testifies on the benefits of the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom program. Encourages the committee to support HB 2872.

151	Melissa Mosier	Citizen, Coburg. Provides personal experiences in the 4-H program.
194	Ginny Galvin	Citizen, Turner. Provides personal experiences in the 4-H program. Encourages the committee to support HB 2872.
Written testimony of John McCulley, representing Tree Fruit Growers, in support of HB 2872 submitted by staff for the record (EXHIBIT G).		
286	Chair Jenson	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2872.
<u>HB 2872 WORK SESSION</u>		
290	Rep. Kruse	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2872-1 amendments dated 2/27/01.
VOTE: 9-0		
394	Chair Jenson	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
295	Rep. Kruse	MOTION: Moves HB 2872 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, with an additional recommendation that the bill be sent to the Natural Resources subcommittee.
308	Rep. Tomei	Explains that she will be voting against the motion.
341	Rep. Knopp	Comments that the committee is reviewing the policy issue.
		States that he will support the motion.
355	Chair Jenson	Expresses support for the bill and comments on the need for the bill.
VOTE: 8-1		
AYE: 8 - King, Knopp, Kruse, Lee, Leonard, Smith P, Wirth, Jenson		
NAY: 1 - Tomei		
443	Chair Jenson	The motion CARRIES.
444	Chair Jenson	Closes the work session on HB 2872 and adjourns the committee at 3:04 p.m.

(Tape #47 not used)

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2788, written testimony, Kristina McNitt, 2 pp.**
- B – HB 2788, written testimony of Keith Cyrus, Brad Harper, 1 p**
- C – HB 2872, written material, Hal Salwasser, 26 pp.**
- D – HB 2872, written material, Alan Kanaskie, 24 pp. (and oversized exhibits)**
- E – HB 2872, written material, Kent Madison, 2 pp.**

F – HB 2872, written testimony, Jim Rutledge, 2 pp.

G – HB 2872, written testimony of John McCulley, Staff, 2 pp.