

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 21, 2001
9:00 AM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 39, 40

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bruce Starr, Chair
Rep. Alan Brown, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jeff Merkley, Vice-Chair
Rep. Richard Devlin
Rep. Jeff Knopf
Rep. Donna Nelson
Rep. Joanne Verger
Rep. Cliff Zauner

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Diane Rosenbaum

STAFF PRESENT: John Leon, Committee Administrator
Kate Campeau, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2146 Public Hearing
Introduction of Committee Bills
SB 1324 (1999)

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 39, A		
004	Chair Starr	Calls the committee to order at 9:02 a.m. and opens a public hearing on HB 2146.
<u>HB 2146 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
008	John Leon	Committee Administrator. Reads brief synopsis of HB 2146.
041	Katie Iman	Chair, Board of Maritime Pilots. Testifies regarding uncertain definition of pilotage grounds. Requests rescheduling of this hearing.
070	Michael Haglund	Admiralty Counsel, Columbia River Bar Pilots. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A) and testifies on behalf of the bar pilots.
137	Roger Nelson	Bar Pilots. Testifies in support of HB 2146. Verifies problem with language in bill.
177	Rep. Verger	Comments on the protocol of things such as boarding a ship.
Comments between Rep. Verger and Mr. Nelson regarding issues around the New Carissa accident.		
230	Rep. Nelson	Asks what inspired the longitudinal limit revision.
233	Nelson	Explains revision of Section 1 of HB 2146 and legal concerns of language extending longitudinal line to seven or eight miles offshore.
260	Rep. Nelson	Asks if this is a safety factor.
268	Nelson	Responds affirmatively.
347	Dave Fiskum	Representing the Columbia River Pilots. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B) and testifies in support of HB 2146.
TAPE 40, A		
039	Chair Starr	States that parties need to work cooperatively to draft amendments and HB 2146 will be worked on again.

044 Chair Starr Closes the public hearing on HB 2146 and opens a work session for the purpose of introducing committee bills.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS

047 Leon Reads LC 2935, 3133, 3134, 3135, 3136, 3149, 3508, 3622, and 3779. Notes that most of the drafts are responding to the Attorney General's letter of guidance in terms of legislative remedy.

070 Rep. Kropf MOTION: Moves LC's: 2935, 3133, 3134, 3135, 3136, 3149, 3508, 3622, and 3779 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.

VOTE: 9-0

072 Chair Starr Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

074 Chair Starr Closes the work session.

SB 1324 (1999)

077 Leon Briefs committee on SB 1324 (1999), stating that this bill was part of the transportation comprehensive package.

097 Andrea Fogue League of Oregon Cities. Submits written material (**EXHIBIT C**) and speaks on league and various activities funds are used for.

190 Bill Penhollow Association of Oregon Counties. Reports on seven items that were identified in SB 1324. Details where money comes from and where it is spent. Refers to County Roads Revenue Table that details state and federal revenues.

299 Chair Starr Asks about construction and expansion at city level, asks if that includes new subdivisions.

330 Penhollow Answers that is not credited but would be part of the asset of the city.

350 Chair Starr Clarifies that cities of over 5,000 population are highlighted in this report.

380 Rep. Devlin Asks if county revenues are not commonly shared revenues.

400 Penhollow Answers that is correct. Notes that not all counties levy a county road property tax. States that two counties have local gas taxes and that federal forest revenues are not equally spread.

410 Rep. Merkley Asks which cities have gas taxes.

415 Fogue Answers The Dalles, Woodburn, Pendleton and Tillamook.

418 Rep. Merkley Comments that in Portland area there is Multnomah County tax. Asks if Portland has considered a gas tax by itself.

Fogue Answers that she does not know, but will follow-up on this information.

440 Rep. Merkley Refers to \$10.00 a month storm water fee, which is calculated 65% servicing the storm water off roads. Asks if transportation expenses are included in calculations.

451 Fogue Answers that she will follow-up on this for committee.

459 Rep. Zauner Asks if federal funds must be matched to receive these funds.

460 Penhollow Answers that federal funds identified are outside city and county budget and do not require a match.

TAPE 39, B

005 Rep. Nelson Asks about various funds and interest income, asks what is this income based on.

010 Penhollow Answers that interest income is interest earned on revenues as they are collected or as they are held in reserve (obligated and contingency).

029 Rep. Nelson Asks if funds are managed by the city, county or state.

040 Penhollow Answers that they are managed by each of the 36 counties and

		240 cities.
046	Rep. Nelson	Asks for clarification on categories.
058	John Leon	Contributes that legislature wanted more itemized breakdown.
060	Rep. Nelson	Asks about safety enhancements.
068	John Oshell	County Road Program Manager, Association of Oregon Counties. Answers that there is a combined report.
078	Fogue	Adds that safety and traffic maintenance have been incorporated into total report.
087	Rep. Nelson	Refers to monies collected from Multnomah County and Washington County gas tax – asks if that tax stays with those counties.
100	Penhollow	Refers to expenditure table: Explains that Multnomah County shares a portion of state highway funds and local gas taxes with the City of Portland
104	Chair Starr	Clarifies that dollars raised in the counties stays in the counties.
110	Devlin	Comments that there is a difference in revenue raised with various counties.
130	Verger	Asks in regards to federal timber receipts, what percentage goes to the schools.
140	Penhollow	Answers that under the new federal act – revenue from three highest years, (1986-1999) becomes the base amount that comes to Oregon, of that 15-20% is set aside for special enhancements for forest, determined by each county. States that Oregon law requires 75% of this amount shall be used for county road fund and 25% to the school fund.
176	Rep. Nelson	Asks if timber harvest revenue funds stay in the counties.
179	Penhollow	States that is correct.
188	Rep. Nelson	Asks if Mr. Penhollow is aware of \$1.2 billion from 1960's from federal government timber receipts (from 1960's) that have not been collected.
180	Penhollow	Answers that since 1990, county road fund receipts have lost about \$500 million in revenue.
200	Chair Starr	Announces Friday's meeting will be a field trip and that Monday's meeting will be ODOT Director Crunican's last official meeting with the committee. States that Wednesday and Friday meetings are canceled.
230	Chair Starr	Adjourns meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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John Leon,
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2146, written testimony, Michael Haglund, 5 pp.**
- B – HB 2146, written testimony, Dave Fiskum, 2 pp.**
- C – SB 1324 (1999), written testimony, Andrea Fogue, 17 pp.**