

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 05, 2001
9:00 AM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 21 - 23

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

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 2 Public Hearing**
 Oregon Department of Aviation
 HB 2133 Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2135 Public Hearing and Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 21, A		
043	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Opens a public hearing on SB 2.
<u>SB 2 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
046	Rep. Betsy Johnson	House District 1. Gives brief overview of SB 2.
096	Rep. Nelson	Commends Rep. Johnson for work she has done on behalf of aviation in Oregon.
142	Chair Starr	Closes the public hearing on SB 2.
<u>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION</u>		
147	Ann Crook	Director, Oregon Department of Aviation. Gives brief overview of Oregon Department of Aviation and SB 108 (1999), and submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A).
370	Bill Wilkins	Chair, State Aviation Board. Gives overview and discusses the formation of this new board and its accomplishments as well as goals for the future.
TAPE 22, A		
004	Rep. Kropf	Makes statement of support for State Aviation Board.
023	Rep. Brown	Commends the board for its work so far. Asks question about help for keeping the smaller airports.
033	Crook	Answers that work is being done to encourage growth of airport markets.
042	Rep. Zauner	Comments on noise problems.
049	Crook	Responds to the noise issue with small airports. Discusses study that is being done and briefly discusses resolution of this issue.
069	Rep. Zauner	Asks if he can be included at meetings.

076 Rep. Merkley Asks about airport pavement maintenance program.
089 Crook Answers that there are 101 public use programs in Oregon and all are benefited by statewide public maintenance program.
080 Rep. Merkley Asks state owned and private compete.
095 Crook Answers that there are a relatively small amount.
100 Chair Starr Re-opens the public hearing on SB 2.

SB 2 PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

105 Rep. Rosenbaum Asks Mr. Wilkins if the meetings will be less frequent.
110 Wilkins Answers that he doubts it. States that the board intends to meet at least every quarter.
115 Rep. Rosenbaum Asks if intent is to meet in person and will there be conference call meetings.
142 Rep. Kropf Asks if there are plans to build any more airports.
143 Crook Responds that part of the new budget approved by the Ways and Means subcommittee includes money for an airport in Jordan Valley. Notes that they are also working in the La Pine area.
162 Rep. Kropf Asks if there are any plans to close any airports.
163 Crook Answers that there are no airports slated for closure.
168 Rep. Nelson Asks why there was a specification that one member of the board should be resident of the area east of the Cascade range.
173 Crook Answers that she doesn't know why, but that the Governor appointed two members from eastern Oregon.
178 Rep. Nelson Asks what the Aviation Board's relationship is with the Port of Portland.
179 Crook Answers that there is no official relationship.
187 Roger Martin Representing Alaska Airlines. Gives overview of SB 2. Comments that most of the funding comes from HB 2199, which was the only part of a transportation package during the 1999 Session which actually went into effect.
236 Keith Leavitt Port of Portland. Gives overview of why they support SB 2. Advocates airport experience representation on the Aviation Board.
260 Rep. Kropf Asks what next phase of expansion is planned for Portland airport.
226 Leavitt Answers that master plan is in place for growth alternatives, using other airports, using high speed rail, including a new airport – report came back with similar recommendations of master plan, thus, third runway in very far future.
280 Rep. Kropf Asks if having two more positions on the Aviation Board is necessary because the Portland Airport is going to continue to grow. Asks about military representation.
292 Leavitt Answers he cannot speak knowledgeably on this.
301 Rep. Verger Asks why there is no representation of commercial airlines on the Aviation Board.
323 Martin Answers that there should be commercial representation.
340 Rep. Nelson States that cooperative effort is vitally necessary for everyone.
381 Rep. Starr Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 2.

SB 2 WORK SESSION

382 Rep. Devlin **MOTION: Moves SB 2 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**
VOTE: 9-0
389 Chair Starr **Hearing no objection declares the motion CARRIED. REP. KROPF will lead discussion on the floor.**

395	Chair Starr	Closes the work session on SB 2 and opens a public hearing on HB 2133.
<u>HB 2133 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
400	John Leon	Committee Administrator. Reads description of the bill. Notes oversight on the bill, which states there is a fiscal impact, but this is included in the Governor's budget so there is no impact.
435	Chair Starr	Notes that committee members have the -1 (EXHIBIT B) and -2 (EXHIBIT C) amendments presented by Senator Shields.
449	Kelly Taylor	Legislative Liaison, Department of Transportation. Gives a brief overview of HB 2133 and submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Asks the committee to support the bill.
<u>TAPE 21, B</u>		
078	Chair Starr	Asks Ms. Taylor to comment on the amendments to HB 2133.
089	Taylor	Answers that low speed vehicle is talked about separately in statutes.
081	Rep. Nelson	Asks if this designation includes things like golf carts and wheel chairs.
090	Taylor	Answers that it does not.
100	Senator Frank Shields	Senate District 9. Gives brief synopsis of HB 2133.
143	Rep. Merkley	Asks if these vehicles have same safety features.
147	Sen. Shields	Answers that vehicles are not crash tested the same way that regular vehicles are tested.
158	Rep. Merkley	Refers to page 4, stating that the registration fee is \$60. Asks what the registration fee is if it is a regular gasoline vehicle.
163	Taylor	Answers that it would be \$30.
168	Rep. Merkley	Asks why the fee is so much higher for fuel-efficient vehicles.
169	Taylor	Answers that the fuel only car is paying for use of roads. Notes that with fuel-efficient vehicles money is not coming through the fuel pump, so it must be made in registration fee.
179	Sen. Shields	Contributes that gas tax is used to fund roads. Notes that this is in anticipation of future when most vehicles will not be using great quantities of gas.
190	Rep. Devlin	Points out that \$60 registration fee for electric vehicles is existing law.
195	Taylor	Affirms that this is correct.
201	Rep. Devlin	Asks if light vehicles contribute to highway congestion.
203	Taylor	Responds that is correct.
203	Rep. Nelson	How many electric hybrids are there in the state compared to non-electric vehicles.
205	Taylor	Answers that she does not know.
224	Sen. Shields	Answers that Oregon has 6 million regular cars and there are less than 200,000 alternative fuel vehicles.
246	Rep. Nelson	Asks for clarification on CNG's (compressed natural gas). Expresses concern about increased motor home fees.
228	Taylor	Answers that motor home testimony is being taken out of administrative rule and put in statute.
243	Rep. Nelson	Asks if studies have been done to show damage, which would justify registration fee.
280	Taylor	Answers that this would provide way of registering hybrid vehicles.
296	Rep. Nelson	States that there are three programs that increase the cost of ODOT. Expresses concern about unnecessary costs for things

310	Taylor	like computer programming. Answers that DMV needs to change/modify computer system. Notes that this is the only way to keep Oregon's laws and allow Oregon DMV to put hybrid vehicles on the road legally.
320	Rep. Brown	Comments regarding size of motor home.
325	Taylor	Answers that there are very few motor homes.
338	Rep. Brown	Question regarding speed limit, and would vehicles be able to operate on that speed limit.
344	Taylor	Answers that the reason for the -2 amendment is that it gives local jurisdiction authority to decide whether they want those vehicles on the edge of town up to the speed limit of 45 or whatever.
354	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks Ms. Taylor if she is aware of any other states that have separate registration fees for hybrids and gasoline passenger vehicles. Asks if other states have set a registration fee specifically for hybrid vehicles.
360	Taylor	Answers that she does not know, but will find out.
370	Senator Devlin	Adds that diversity creates gas tax as sole source of income as hybrids become more viable. Notes that the DMV will have to come up with new technologies.
390	Rep. Devlin	Comments on funding transportation system into the future.
403.	Monty King	Executive Director, Oregon Independent Auto Dealers Association. Testifies as to the merits of this bill and its impact on "Lemon Law" buy-back.
TAPE 22, B		
025	Rep. Merkley	Asks how it was initially discovered that car was a lemon buy-back car.
029	King	Answers that the car was sold to someone else who checked into the car and refused to buy the car.
030	Rep. Merkley	Asks what happened to the car at that point.
045	King	Answers that the dealer still has the car.
049	Rep. Devlin	Asks if DMV could possibly record history of vehicle.
065	King	Answers that there has been some national branding legislation proposed, but nothing is really in place. Suggests that Car Facts should be able to check on car history.
098	Chair Starr	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2133.
<u>HB 2133 WORK SESSION</u>		
102	Rep. Nelson	Asks what difference in the cost of MUV compared to gas using car.
106	Rep. Devlin	Answers that he looked at Toyota and Honda modals, normal delivery \$20,000 for base price.
118	Rep. Merkley	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2133-1 and HB 2133-2 amendments.
		VOTE: 9-0
120	Chair Starr	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
123	Rep. Merkley	MOTION: Moves HB 2133 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
132	Rep. Nelson	Asks that if a study is done to show the hybrid vehicles are not as damaging to highways as gas cars, that an adjustment can be made.
142	Chair Starr	Refers to cost allocation study being done by ODOT that would speak to Rep. Nelson's concerns.
150	Rep. Nelson	Comments that she requests justification for raising the

162 Rep. Starr registration fee.
Clarifies that hybrid car is included with electric car in the statute.

168 Chair Starr **VOTE: 9-0**
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
REP. DEVLIN will lead discussion on the floor.

174 Chair Starr Closes the work session on HB 2133 and opens a public hearing on HB 2135.

HB 2135 PUBLIC HEARING

175 Leon Reads description of HB 2135. States that there is no fiscal impact or adverse impact to Governor’s budget.

187 Taylor Gives overview of HB 2135, which addresses learner permit extensions and emergency permit waiting permit. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT E**).

256 Rep. Starr Asks if changing the tests in anyway would lower the standards.

264 Taylor Answers no that would not happen.

268 Rep. Verger Answers for clarification on emergency permit.

270 Taylor Explains that when a teenager has their driver’s license taken away because of alcohol related reasons, a Class C license can be issued.

300 Rep. Kropf Commends ODOT’s work.

304 Rep. Zauner States that DMV’s computer upgrades are excessive.

310 Taylor Responds that DMV’s computer upgrades will save money and time.

320 Rep. Nelson Asks when this will go into effect.

325 Taylor Answers that she’s not really sure.

328 Rep. Starr Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2135

HB 2135 WORK SESSION

335 Rep. Devlin **MOTION: Moves HB 2135 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**
VOTE: 9-0
AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
The motion CARRIES.
REP. ZAUNER will lead discussion on the floor.

343 Chair Starr Closes the work session on HB 2135 and adjourns meeting at 10:50 a.m.

353 Rep. Starr

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Oregon Department of Aviation, HB SB 2 Public Hearing, written testimony, 3pp.**
- B – HB 2133, Amendment –1, 1p.**
- C – HB 2133, Amendment –2, 1p.**
- D – Oregon Department of Transportation, HB 2133, Kelly Taylor, written testimony, 2pp.**
- E - Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority, written testimony, HB 2133, submitted by staff, 2 pp.**
- F – Oregon Department of Transportation, HB 2134, Kelly Taylor, written testimony, 2pp.**

