

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 11, 2001  
8:00 a.m.

Hearing Room D  
Tapes 118 - 119

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

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Leon, Committee Administrator  
Jennifer Simmons, Committee Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 3909 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
HB 3876 – Public Hearing  
HB 3408 – Public Hearing  
Public  
Hearing  
HB 3969 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
HB 3970 – Work Session

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 118, A</b>		
002	Chair Starr	Begins the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Opens a public hearing on HB 3969.
<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING – HB 3969</u></b>		
006	Rep. Cedric Hayden	Testifies in favor of the bill. Speaks about the benefits of adopting this bill. Says that the funds shall be used for repairing the bleachers at the State Fairgrounds.
035	Sherry Hunter	Oregon Horsemen's Association. Reads from written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .
075	Rep. Merkley	Asks where the name "Kiger" comes from.
076	Hunter	Answers by explaining that the Kiger horse was a horse native to Oregon. Says that the horses remained purebred due to being landlocked in the Steens Mountains. States the interest that people all over the nation have in these horses.
099	Chair Starr	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 3969.
<b><u>WORK SESSION – HB 3969</u></b>		
103	Rep. Rosenbaum	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 3969 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.</b>
105		<b>VOTE: 8-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Devlin</b>

Chair Starr

**PUBLIC HEARING – HB 3909**

114 Leon  
130 Chair Starr

**WORK SESSION – HB 3909**

137 Rep. Brown

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Chair Starr  
Rep. Brown

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165 Rep. Rosenbaum

173 Rep. Brown

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Chair Starr

**PUBLIC HEARING - HB 3876**

195 Leon  
206 John Shank

**TAPE 119, A**

067 Rep. Verger  
075 Rep. Kropf  
080 Chair Starr

**PUBLIC HEARING – HB 3408**

086 Leon  
102 Dennis Mulvihill

182 Dick Feeney

327 Chair Starr

333 Feeney  
366 Chair Starr

373 Feeney  
388 Chair Starr

397 Feeney  
418 Rep. Rosenbaum  
432 Feeney

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.** Closes the work session and opens a public hearing on HB 3909.

Gives brief update of the bill.

Speaks about the bill and the amendments. Closes public hearing and opens a work session on HB 3909

**MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3909-4 amendments dated 05/10/01.**

**VOTE: 7-0**

**EXCUSED: 2 - Devlin, Kropf**

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**MOTION: Moves HB 3909 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on Ways and Means BE RESCINDED.**

States her support of the bill in its original form. Says that she will support the amended bill but believes it will be harder for the group to report back.

States his support of the bill in its amended form.

**VOTE: 8-0**

**EXCUSED: 1 - Devlin**

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**REP. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.** Closes work session and opens a public hearing on HB 3876.

Explains the bill.

Oregon State Grange. Presents short video. Reads from written testimony (**EXHIBIT B**).

Thanks Mr. Shank for his in depth work on this issue.

Also thanks Mr. Shank for his work.

Closes the public hearing on HB 3876 and opens a public hearing on HB 3408

Gives an overview of the bill.

Washington County. Gives history and description of their goal with this bill.

Executive Director, TriMet. Reads from written testimony (**EXHIBIT C**) and submits proposed amendments to the bill (**EXHIBIT D**). Speaks about the need to send this to the voters.

Asks if this authority is in place of or a compliment to the existing MPO's.

Answers that he believes it is a compliment.

Asks if Feeney foresees a situation where a project is identified, ODOT has funds to do the background work, but does not necessarily have the funds to build the project.

Reiterates that it is a complimentary project.

Asks if Feeney sees this as a vehicle for richer areas to take advantage of.

Says that he believes this to be a solution for all of Oregon.

Asks why this proposal is needed.

Answers that they cannot currently do multi jurisdictional acts.

**TAPE 118, B**

020 Rep. Rosenbaum Asks why wouldn't voter approval be required to set up this new entity.

025 Feeney Answers that they would not get any money without voter approval.

035 Mulvihill Explains how the idea came to the table.

064 Dave Barrenberg League of Oregon Cities. Says that this is not the answer to transportation funding, it is a tool to help work towards a solution.

108 Rep. Nelson Asks if the Mid Willamette Transportation Committee could be empowered to do the same thing.

123 Barrenberg Answers that this way they can send funding issues to the voters.

130 Rep. Nelson Asks why they can't send funding issues to the voters.

136 Barrenberg Answers that he does not know exactly why but he would be happy to get back to Rep. Nelson with an answer to her question.

144 Rep. Verger Says that in rural areas regionalization is not a popular idea.

170 Feeney Says that this has a specific purpose of uniting counties specifically for transportation funding.

223 Mulvihill Speaks about the gas tax being unpopular and says that it is not working to pay for the cost of roads. Says that this allows us to look at other ways to pay for roads.

252 Barrenberg Adds that regional efforts work in some areas and not in others, but that it will be very helpful to the areas that can work together.

274 Rep. Verger Says that she wants to help the entire state, not just one area.

313 Rep. Merkley Asks if this would harm the state's ability to improve the transportation system.

325 Barrenberg Answers that this will take efforts from local areas as well as the statewide funding services.

344 Chair Starr States that this is just an additional tool for locals to address local needs.

362 Rep. Devlin Says that there are other areas are interested than metropolitan areas.

397 Rep. Merkley Says that people's enthusiasm regarding state transportation funding is going to be diminished if they have voted for local transportation funding. Asks about the public meeting rules.

**TAPE 119, B**

003 Mulvihill Says that they are subject to the public meeting laws.

006 Rep. Merkley Responds that the bill states that only one public meeting is required.

010 Mulvihill Asserts that this is a flaw and should be fixed. Says that the idea is to have public access to this process.

022 Rep. Merkley Says that it does not appear to him that the bonding will be put before the voters.

031 Feeney Describes what will specifically be subject to a public vote.

044 Mulvihill Explains the process for deciding on projects and approval of bonding.

065 Rep. Merkley Asks why there are no requirements that the board members be representing various stakeholders.

081 Feeney Answers that the Intergovernmental Agreement would stipulate the nature of the board members.

103 Randy Tucker 1000 Friends of Oregon. Testifies that many of their concerns with this bill have been taken care of. Says that they are neutral on this bill.

163	Rep. Verger	Asks if we should be looking at a statewide approach to transportation funding.
170	Tucker	Answers that he does believe that a commitment to statewide transportation funding is more feasible.
193	Rich Peppers	Oregon Public Employees Union. Says that due to frustration with statewide funding they are excited about the idea accessing regional funding. States that they are neutral on this bill.
235	Chair Starr	Closes the public hearing on HB 3408 and opens a work session on HB 3970.

**WORK SESSION – HB 3970**

240	Leon	Provides the committee an overview of the bill.
260	Rep. Starr	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 3970 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.</b>
280	Chair Starr	<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Brown, Devlin, Merkley</b> <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b> Closes the work session on HB 3970 and adjourns the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Jennifer Simmons,  
Committee Assistant

John Leon,  
Committee Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – written testimony, HB 3969, Sherry Hunter, 3 pp**
- B – written testimony, HB 3876, John Shank, 7 pp**
- C – written testimony, HB 3804, Dick Feeney, 1 pp**
- D – proposed amendments, HB 3804, Dick Feeney, 6 pp**