

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 21, 2001
4:00 p.m.

Hearing Room C
Tapes 129 - 130

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**
 Jennifer Simmons, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 173 – Work Session**
 SB 323 – Work Session
 SB 685 – Work Session
 SB 933 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 126, A		
001	Chair Starr	Begins meeting at 4:10 p.m. Opens a work session on SB 173.
<u>WORK SESSION – SB 173A</u>		
019	John Leon	Administrator. Explains the bill.
051	Rep. Vicki Walker	Testifies in favor of the bill. Speaks about the proposed amendments.
091	Jon Geffen	Ron Tonkin, Alternative Fuel Vehicle Division. Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT A).
137	Rep. Merkley	Asks Geffen if he supports the proposed amendments.
138	Geffen	Answers yes.
140	Rep. V. Walker	Speaks about a conceptual amendment
154	Rep. Kropf	Asks if California is phasing out all two-stroke and adding in tier II engines.
160	Geffen	Answers yes.
164	Rep. Kropf	Asks if this is a less polluting tier II motor.
166	Geffen	Answers that it is cleaner than a four-stroke engine.
169	Rep. Merkley	Asks if the engines are fuel-injected.
170	Geffen	Answers that they are carbureted.
171	Rep. Merkley	Asks how they are less polluting than other two-stroke engines.
173	Geffen	Answers that he can supply the Representative with further information at a later time.
176	Rep. Merkley	Says that since this is not effective until 2008 they should wait for more information. Asks if they would be comfortable pursuing this later on down the line.
192	Rep. Walker	Answers that they are comfortable with that.

203 Sen. Carter Testifies in favor of the bill. Speaks about the work done by the Senate General Government and Transportation Committee on this bill.

241 Rep. Nelson Asks how much these scooters cost.

243 Geffen Answers that they range from \$400 to \$1700.

250 Rep. Merkley **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 173-A3 amendments dated 05/21/01.**

253 **VOTE: 9-0**

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

262 Sen. Merkley **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 173-A4 amendments dated 05/21/01.**

270 **VOTE: 9-0**

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

273 Rep. Merkley **MOTION: Moves SB 173 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**

280 **VOTE: 9-0**

Chair Starr **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. WALKER will lead discussion on the floor.** Closes the work session and opens a work session on SB 323.

WORK SESSION – SB 323

293 Leon Updates the committee on the work that has recently been done on this bill.

306 Rep. Brown **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 323-4 amendments dated 5/21/01.**

312 **VOTE: 9-0**

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

316 Rep. Brown **MOTION: Moves SB 323 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.**

321 **VOTE: 9-0**

Chair Starr **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.** Closes the work session and opens a work session on SB 685.

WORK SESSION - SB 685

345 Leon Explains that an amendment to this bill has been introduced. Asks Ken Armstrong to give the committee more information regarding the amendment.

356 Ken Armstrong Oregon Ports Group. Speaks about the proposed amendment.

383 Rep. Verger Says that this amendment eases her previous concerns with the bill.

401 Rep. Merkley **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 685-1 amendments dated 05/18/01.**

405 **VOTE: 9-0**

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

407 Rep. Merkley **MOTION: Moves SB 685 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**

410 **VOTE: 9-0**

Chair Starr **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. VERGER will lead discussion on the floor.** Closes the work session and opens a work session on SB 933.

PUBLIC HEARING – SB 933

426 Leon Briefly updates the committee on the bill.

452 Bill Penhollow Association of Oregon Counties. Testifies in support of the bill.

016	Laura Pryor	Judge, Gilliam County. States her support of the bill. Explains the situation that would be alleviated with this bill.
064	Rep. Merkley	Asks if the structure of another bill would work to accomplish this same goal.
070	Pryor	Answers that she has not looked at the bills side by side to be able to determine that.
076	Penhollow	Explains that they want this for counties and believe that it is a simpler way to accommodate all of the areas of the state.
104	Chair Starr	Asks if the Lower John Day Partnership could sell bonds and deal with transportation projects under the structure in HB 3408.
109	Penhollow	Answers that he believes that they could.
110	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks if the formation of entities requires a vote by the people.
113	Penhollow	Answers yes.
120	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks what authority would be granted by the bill that they do not currently have.
127	Pryor	Answers that they will be able to bond across jurisdictions.
152	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks if a larger city would have an advantage in an election.
157	Pryor	Answers by explaining that each entity would have one vote.
190	Rep. Nelson	Asks if there was a sunset to the last intergovernmental agreement.
192	Penhollow	Answers no.
195	Rep. Nelson	Asks if that agreement only covers correctional facilities.
196	Penhollow	Answers yes.
198	Rep. Nelson	Asks if the approval of the entity is voted on by the people.
207	Pryor	Responds that the agreement is done by a board.
220	Rep. Nelson	Asks for clarification, if the formation of the independent intergovernmental agreement is voted on by the people
227	Penhollow	Answers yes.
264	Rep. Nelson	Says that she does not see in the bill that the public would approve the formation of the entity itself.
265	Pryor	Responds that only the bonding is voted on by the public.
325	Chair Starr	Says that he intends to move this bill to the Rules Committee.
339	Penhollow	Clarifies that he was incorrect in stating that there is an election for the formation of the agreement. Reiterates that only the bonding is voted on by the public.
360	Andrea Fogue	League of Oregon Cities. Says that they believe that this is a good idea, however, they also believe that it needs work.
367	Jacob Brostoff	1000 Friends of Oregon. Expresses concerns about this bill. Says that they think that HB 3408 works better to accomplish the same goal.
399	Chair Starr	Closes the public hearing on SB 933 and opens a work session on SB 933.

WORK SESSION – SB 933

401 Rep. Rosenbaum

MOTION: Moves SB 933 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage.

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VOTE: 7-0

Chair Starr

EXCUSED: 2 - Devlin, Merkley

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. Closes the work session on SB 933. Points out the SB 685 had a prior referral to the Revenue Committee. Reopens a work session on SB 685.

WORK SESSION – SB 685

434 Rep. Brown

MOTION: Moves to RESCIND the vote to send SB 685 to the floor with a DO PASS

RECOMMENDATION

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VOTE: 7-0

EXCUSED: 2 - Devlin, Merkley

Chair Starr

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

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Rep. Brown

MOTION: Moves SB 933 with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on House School Funding and Tax Fairness/Revenue Committee.

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VOTE: 7-0

EXCUSED: 2 - Devlin, Merkley

Chair Starr

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. Closes the work session and adjourns the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – written testimony, SB 173, Jon Geffen, 3 pp