

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

February 19, 2001 Hearing Room C
3:00 PM Tapes 28 - 31

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Roger Beyer, Chair**
 Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Jason Atkinson
 Sen. Tony Corcoran
 Sen. Ryan Deckert
 Sen. Steve Harper
 Sen. Charles Starr

STAFF PRESENT: **Keith Putman, Committee Administrator**
 Pam Brunell, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 59 – Public Hearing**
 SB 116 – Work Session
 SB 117 – Work Session
 SB 118 – Work Session
 SB 119 – Work Session
 SB 275 – Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
 SB 292 – Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 28, A		
003	Chair Beyer	Calls the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and opens public hearing on SB 59.
<u>SB 59 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Keith Putman	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 59.
010	Sen. Ken Messerle	Senate District 24. Introduces history of SB 59 and further expresses the importance of taking action. Compares SB 59 with Indiana bill.
073	Rep. Joanne Verger	House District 47. Expresses her support of SB 59.
082	Sen. Frank Shields	Senate District 9. Testifies in favor of SB 59.
123	Veral Tarno	Former Senator, District 24. Testifies in support of SB 59.
166	Danielle Shimotakahara	Student, Coos-No-Violence Peace Project. Presents her proposal to limit access to violent video games, SB59 (EXHIBIT A).
200	Shimotakahara,D	Shows video demonstrating violent games (EXHIBIT B).
318	Steven Shimotakahara	Doctor, Oregon Medical Association. Expresses support of SB 59 (EXHIBIT C). Demonstrates the harmful effects of violent video games on children. Mentions that the penalties may need to be amended. Defines violent video games. Discusses the first amendment and the amusement industry.
TAPE 29, A		
040	Shimotakahara,S	Continues testimony, citing examples.
110	Sen. Corcoran	Asks about need for social programs that identify problems.

126	Shimotakahara,S	Details further causes and diverse remedies.
283	Talitha Batdorff	Third grade student, Milner Crest School. Testifies in support of SB 59.
305	Sevilla Ludwig	Florence, Oregon. Supports SB 59.
335	Teresa Sherwood	Owner of Pizza Parlor. Testifies in favor of SB 59 (EXHIBIT D). Conveys that their restaurant has removed violent videos.
TAPE 28, B		
010	Staff	Submits written testimony supporting SB 59 from Myrtle Point First United Methodist Church (EXHIBIT E).
030	Craig Strobel	United Methodist Church. Testifies in support of SB 59 (EXHIBIT F). Refers to Lt. Col. David Grossman’s article “Trained to Kill” comparing military boot camp with video games. Explains the association of fun and pleasure with violence as a conditioning factor.
130	Andrea Meyer	American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Opposes SB 59 as a content base regulation directed at particular expression. Agrees to submit written testimony.
194	Jerry Johnston	Oregon Amusement and Music Operators Association. Voices opposition to SB 59. Describes the entertainment value of amusement games. Speaks to the fact of industry policing themselves by putting the right games in the right atmosphere. States that the trend is toward less violence.
TAPE 29, B		
030	Johnston	Alleges that the industry needs to do more and be more diligent in labeling games.
084	Meyer	Explains the problematic language of SB 59 and the content is protected by first amendment.
150	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on SB 59 and opens work session on SB 117.
<u>SB 117 – WORK SESSION</u>		
170	Putman	Explains SB 117.
180	Chair Beyer	Explains intent to combine SB 116, SB 117, SB 118 and SB 119 into one bill, SB 118, as it has the proper relating clause. Adds that each of the bills has issues to be worked out independently first.
203	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 117 and opens work session on SB 118.
<u>SB 118 – WORK SESSION</u>		
205	Putman	Explains SB 118 and amendments.
235	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 118 and opens work session on SB 119.
<u>SB 119 – WORK SESSION</u>		
237	Putman	Explains SB 119 as being sent to Legislative Council.
230	Andy Morrow	Explains his draft of amendment to SB 119.
275	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 119 and opens public hearing on SB 275.
<u>SB 275 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
290	Putman	Explains SB 275.
300	Steve Santos	Brownsfields Redevelopment Coordinator. Testifies in support of SB 275 (EXHIBITS G).
TAPE 30, A		
010	Santos	Discusses details of SB 275 and the wording of granting loans to those liable.
151	Hanan Bowman	Rural Development Initiatives. Testifies in support of SB 275,

212	Chair Beyer	which gives rural Oregon additional tools to use for site remediation. Closes public hearing on SB 275 and opens work session on SB 275.
<u>SB 275 - WORK SESSION</u>		
218	Sen. Gordly	MOTION: Moves SB 275 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
	Chair Beyer	VOTE: 5-0
		EXCUSED: 2 - Corcoran, Deckert
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. HARPER will lead discussion on the floor.
230	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 275 and opens public hearing on SB 292.
<u>SB 292 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
230	Staff	Submits written material from Oregon Economic & Community Development Department (EXHIBIT H).
234	Putman	Explains SB 292 and wording problem in amendment.
250	Bill Scott	Director, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.
400	Ken Armstrong	Testifies in support of SB 292 (EXHIBIT I). Oregon Ports Group. Expresses agreement with amendments and explains the –2 amendments. Contends that the amendments are housekeeping only not policy shifts.
TAPE 31, A		
003	Keith Leavitt	Port of Portland. Agrees with SB 292 amendments and explains the –4 amendments (EXHIBIT J).
030	Chair Beyer	Close public hearing on 292 and adjourns the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 59, written testimony, Danielle Shimotakahara, 2 pp.**
- B – SB 59, video tape, Danielle Shimotakahara, oversized.**
- C – SB 59, written testimony, Steven Shimotakahara, 3 pp.**
- D – SB 59, written testimony, Teresa Sherwood, 1 p.**
- E – SB 59, written material, United Methodist Church, 1 p.**
- F – SB 59, written material, David Grossman’s article, Craig Strobel, 14 pp.**
- G – SB 275, written material, Steven Santos, 15 pp.**

H – SB 292, written material, Doris Penwell, 8 pp.

I – SB 292, written material, Bill Scott, 8 pp.

J – SB 292, written material, Keith Leavitt, 1 p.