

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

March 07, 2001 Hearing Room C
3:00 PM Tapes 43 - 44

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 454 – Public Hearing**
 SB 598 – Public Hearing
 SB 507 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 765 – 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 43, A		
001	Vice Chair Gordly	Calls meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and opens public hearing on SB 454.
<u>SB 454 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
008	Keith Putman	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 454.
048	Bob Schultz	Program Manager, City of Portland. Shows concern with safety and maintenance issues with SB 454(EXHIBIT A). Asserts that authority over city parks and recreation facilities should remain with the city.
060	Stephen Bosak	Oregon Recreation and Park Association. Opposes SB 454 (EXHIBIT B).
110	Shad Johnson	BMX rider. Speaks to the value and popularity of extreme- sports (EXHIBIT C). Supports SB 454.
270	Nick Bratton	BMX rider. Testifies in favor of SB 454. Relates that the City of Eugene is excluding bikes from the new parks.
290	Kent Dahlgren	Kexsos Coalition. Testifies against SB 454 (EXHIBIT D). Describes damages and injuries in parks.
379	Sean Reno	BMX rider. Testifies to the advantages of biking in support of SB 454 and indicates that very little damage is done by bikes.
420	Jeremy Murray	BMX rider. Testifies to the fact that the state needs to take the lead because the cities are unwilling. States that there are no budget increases indicated.
420	Ben Ward	Bike Riders Organization of Oregon. Testifies in favor of SB 454 and willingness to help finance parks.
480	Pat Collins	Father of BMX rider. Testifies in favor of SB 454.
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057	Mike Sherrod	Testifies in favor of SB 454. Rides bikes and skates and states that both sports can co-exist.
075	Justin Ferry	BMX rider. Agrees with testimony supporting SB 454.
096	David Barenberg	League of Oregon Cities, City of Newberg, Testifies in opposition to SB 454 because of limited resources and issue should be resolved on a local level.
120	Staff	Submits written testimony of Charlie Hales, City of Portland (EXHIBIT E) . Submits written testimony of Randall Westrick, City of Woodburn (EXHIBIT F) .
127	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on SB 454 and opens public hearing on 598.

SB 598 – PUBLIC HEARING

135	Putman	Explains SB 598.
140	Steve Vincent	Avista Corporation. Testifies in support of SB 598. Points out the need for rate changes.
205	Brian Hirschhorn	Avista Corporation. Recaps the need for SB 598 (EXHIBIT G) . Expresses need for price control. Says the commission establishes interest rate and is reviewed periodically.
335	Gary Bauer	Northwest Natural Gas. Proposes that SB 598 would give the Public Utility Commission greater flexibility.
331	Joan Smith	Public Utilities Commission. Testifies in favor of SB 598 (EXHIBIT H) .

TAPE 43, B

025	Kevin Lynch	PacifiCorp. Testifies in support of SB 598 (EXHIBIT I) .
074	Katherine McDowell	PacifiCorp. Explains the accrual amounts and who gets it and what is deferred as extraordinary power costs and it is done by amortization.
085	Cindy Finlayson	Portland General Electric(PGE). Notes that SB 598 adds a tool. (EXHIBIT J) .
254	Brad Van Cleve	Business Customer Coalition. Testifies in opposition of SB 598. Notes SB 598 will result in higher consumer rates (EXHIBIT K) .
400	Jeff Bissonnette	Citizen’s Utility Board of Oregon. Highlights key points against SB 598 (EXHIBIT L) . Asserts that SB 598 gives utilities an increased ability to collect additional monies without having to go through a normal rate case process.
510	Staff	Submits written testimony of Idaho Power in support of SB 598 (EXHIBIT M) .
516	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on SB 598 and opens work session on SB 765.

SB 765 – WORK SESSION

TAPE 44, B

045	Sen. Gordly	MOTION: Moves SB 765 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Information Management and Technology.
		VOTE: 6-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Corcoran
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
040	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 765 and opens public hearing on SB 507.

SB 507 – PUBLIC HEARING

059	Putman	Explains SB 507.
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077	Fred VanNatta	Liberty Northwest. Expresses support of SB 507 and highlights the background.
100	Jessica Harris	Association of General Contractors (AGC). Expresses the economical need for SB 507 (EXHIBIT N). Submits written material as example of dual coverage and the financial disadvantage to competing businesses (EXHIBIT O).
132	Tom Mattis	Deputy Administrator, Workers' Compensation Division. Says there is a need for SB 507. Demonstrates the support of Management Labor Advisory Board (MLAC) (EXHIBIT P).
182	Jerry Manahan	Workers' Compensation Division. Explains the issues of rates between Washington and Oregon.
235	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on SB 507 and opens work session on SB 507

SB 507 – WORK SESSION

260	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves SB 507 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 6-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Corcoran
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.
284	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on SB 507 and adjourns meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 454, written testimony, Bob Schultz, 1 p.**
- B – SB 454, written material, Stephen Bosak, 1 p.**
- C – SB 454, written material, Shad Johnson, 13 pp.**
- D – SB 454, written material, Kent Dahlgren, 3 pp.**
- E – SB 454, written testimony, Charlie Hales, 1 p.**
- F – SB 454, written testimony, Randall Westrick, 1p.**
- G – SB 598, written material, Steve Vincent, 4 pp.**
- H – SB 598, written testimony, Joan Smith, 2 pp.**
- I – SB 598, written testimony, Kevin Lynch 1 p.**
- J – SB 598, written testimony, Cindy Finlayson, 1 p.**
- K – SB 598, written testimony, Brad Van Cleve 3 pp.**
- L – SB 598, written testimony, Jeff Bissonette 2 pp.**
- M – SB 598, written testimony, John Gale, 1 p.**

N – SB 507, written testimony, Jessica Harris, 1 p.
O – SB 507, written material, Jessica Harris, 3 pp.
P – SB 507, written material, Tom Mattis, 1 p.