

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION**

January 30, 2001 Hearing Room 343
03:00 pm Tapes 18 - 19

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Gary George, Chair**
 Sen. Rick Metsger, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Margaret Carter
 Sen. Beverly Clarno
 Sen. Ken Messerle

STAFF PRESENT: **Patrick Balducci, Administrator**
 Nancy Masee, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:
 Oregon Farm Bureau Overview
 AAA Oregon/Idaho Overview
 Introduction of Committee Measures
 SB 276 Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 283 Public Hearing and Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 18, A		
004	Sen. Gary George	Chair. Opens meeting at 3:00 pm.
020	Jean Wilkinson	Oregon Farm Bureau. Gives overview of the Oregon Farm Bureau and transportation. Speaks about issues the farm community has with transportation and about federal safety inspections (HB 2143) (EXHIBIT A) .
030	Chair George	Asks if the American Farm Bureau supports farm truck inspection by the state.
050	Wilkinson	Responds that is being looked at with farmers and the federal government.
073	Patrick Balducci	Staff. Explains that due to limited resources, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) randomly chose the farm truck inspections.
080	Sen. Messerle	Asks if repair shops could be under contract for farm truck inspections in the farming communities. Asks the department to look into this further.
085	Wilkinson	Replies that inspection programs need to be set up under certain criteria.
099	Sen. Messerle	Comments that safety is a big concern with farm trucks.
104	Wilkinson	Replies that the federal regulations are very specific as to criteria. Discusses the issue that All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) cannot be used legally on highways and farmers need to be able to move ATVs from field to field via the highway. Comments that a bill may be introduced to that effect.
140	Chair George	Asks if the ATVs would be identified as a farm vehicle.

145	Wilkinson	Describes a possible bill that will address sifting loads on trucks. Explains there is a permit process for trucks that may leak liquid from farm produce. States there is a need for a permit for farm trucks that carry products sifting out of the truck into the air. Discusses HB 2562, as pertains to the six-month period for newly licensed 16-year-olds restricted from carrying young passengers. There is a need to transport young workers from field to field for work purposes. Farm Bureau has a special transportation committee to go over other potential bills.
214	Craig Campbell	AAA Oregon/Idaho. Discusses a suggested 2 cents per gallon gas tax based on their poll taken directly after the defeat of measure 82. Discusses registration fee increase of \$10 per year (EXHIBIT B) .
241	Chair George	Comments on ODOT report that claims studded tires do \$50 million in damage to roads each year.
244	Campbell	Responds that traditionally AAA has been opposed to a ban on studded tires. Notes that all motorists pay for the costs associated with studded tires, which is imposed by only 10 percent of all cars.
267	Sen. Clarno	Asks where the greatest amount of road damage is. Is it in the I-5 corridor?
270	Balducci	Adds that ODOT has done a study on studded tire damage. Notes that the ODOT report identifies studded tire damage outside of the Willamette Valley but also notes that most ODOT expenditures for studded tire damage mitigation occurs within the Willamette Valley.
275	Chair George	Says a copy of the ODOT report will be obtained for the committee.
287	Campbell	Explains AAA's view of the issue of alternative fuel options.
300	Chair George	Adds that the work group will be considering information on that topic.
305	Campbell	Comments that public education on alternative road funding is needed. Discusses the issues of weight mile tax and the law suit filed by the American Trucking Association law suit challenging constitutionality of the flat fee and the farm plate exemption. AAA will be an intervener in the case trying to defend those taxes.
351	Sen. Metsger	Comments that he would not be supportive of initiating a gas tax.
352	Campbell	Responds regarding initiating a gas tax. Says gas tax increases have never been approved by the people and will have to be done by the legislature. A 2 cents per gallon tax is not threatening to people.
355	Sen. Metsger	Points out that members will not be suggesting a gas tax to constituents in view of the firm defeat. Says there is a need to move on funding roads.
414	Chair George	Comments on fair taxes on trucks and a streamlined system.
TAPE 19, A		
020	Chair George	Comments on innovative thoughts being brought forward.
028	Chair George	Closes informational hearing. Opens work session to introduce legislative measures.
LC 1352 WORK SESSION		
050	Balducci	Summarizes LC 1352.
055	Committee	Discusses LC 1352.
073	Chair George	Comments that there need be no commitments to these LCs.

075	Sen. George	MOTION: Moves LC 1352 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
076	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
077	Balducci	Explains LC 2428
090	Committee	Discusses LC 2428.
169	Sen. George	Comments that there is no commitment beyond introducing it.
175	Sen. George	MOTION: Moves LC 2428 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
176	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
177	Chair George	Closes work session. Opens public hearing on SB 276.
SB 276 PUBLIC HEARING		
188	Balducci	Explains SB 276.
199	Ann Crook	Oregon Department of Aviation Director. Testifies in support of SB 276 (EXHIBIT C).
200	Chair George	States there is an amendment declaring the bill to be an emergency.
205	Crook	Explains the emergency clause would allow the bill to be in effect immediately.
185	Chair George	Closes public hearing. Opens work session on SB 276.
SB 276 WORK SESSION		
250	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 276 conceptual amendment by adding an emergency clause allowing the bill to take effect on passage.
252	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
255	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 276 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
277		VOTE: 5-0
278	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. CLARNO will lead discussion on the floor.
280	Chair George	Closes work session on SB 276. Opens public hearing on SB 283.
SB 283 PUBLIC HEARING		
285	Balducci	Explains SB 283.
290	Carol Rives	Oregon Board of Accountancy. Gives background on SB 283. Supports SB 283 (EXHIBIT D).
341	Sen. Metsger	Asks if the extra cost may be to install systems that the accountants cannot.
345	Rives	Answers yes, and the requirement has not been broadly known.
348	Sen. Carter	Asks what the impact is of not having this bill.
350	Rives	Responds it would remain status quo. Municipal corporations that are unaware of the requirements may continue to develop their systems in other ways.
352	Chair George	Closes public hearing Opens work session on SB 283.
SB 283 WORK SESSION		
354	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 283 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
355		VOTE: 5-0
356	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.
	Chair George	Adjourns meeting at 4:00 pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Written testimony, Jean Wilkinson, 1 p**
- B – Written testimony, Craig Campbell, 1 p**
- C – Written testimony, Ann Crook, 1 p**
- D – Written testimony, Carol Rives, 1 p**