

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION**

February 27, 2001 Hearing Room 343
3:00 pm Tapes 41 - 43

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

STAFF PRESENT: **Patrick Balducci, Administrator**
 Nancy Masee, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:
 SB 47 Public Hearing
 SB 296 Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2132 Public Hearing and 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 41, A		
007	Sen. Gary George	Chair. Opens meeting at 3:14 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 47.
SB 47 PUBLIC HEARING		
010	Patrick Balducci	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 47.
045	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Gives background on abuses of disabled parking permits. Describes the interim work group that addressed the issue. SB 47 is based on a recommendation of an interim work group (EXHIBIT A).
015	Jacqueline Zimmer	Director, Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD). Opposes SB 47. Oregon Disabilities Commission also opposes SB 47 (EXHIBIT B,C). Comments that the work group on SB 47 included a former director of Oregon Disabilities Commission. States that O4AD was not aware of the task force during the interim. Agrees that there is an issue of misuse of disabled parking permits. Disagrees that the meters must be plugged. Also disagrees with moving cars during parking time. Discusses issues of disabled persons' inability to use meters and other types of meters. Discusses turnover of parking places in front of businesses. Suggests working on the issue of parking permits for the disabled.
200	Jan Campbell	O4AD, Oregon Disabilities Commission, Chair, Multnomah County Disabilities Advocacy Advisory Council. Opposes SB 47. Concerned with access to meters and the time limit imposed. Access to meters varies within the state. New meters are too high for someone in a chair. Some people cannot hold coins. Asks committee to look at solutions to help persons with

		disabilities. Other states have succeeded and there is improved technology.
240	Chair George	Asks how other states deal with the parking for disabled people.
244	Sen. Carter	Asks if the work group took into consideration all areas of disabilities.
255	Zimmer	Says their group did not participate in the work group because they were not aware of the work group.
377	Sen. Carter	Says those who cannot handle the meter should not be sanctioned, just those who are cheating.
380	Sen. George	Comments that the committee is interested in trying to find a solution to the problems addressed in SB 47.
384	Zimmer	Discusses affect on income of those who have to pay for services due to disability.

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015	Campbell	Says that some disabled persons have to pay costs due to lack of access.
024	Patrick Balducci	Discusses the lack of compromising on both sides of the issue. Notes that the problem is of abuse. Approximately ten percent of the vehicles parking in Portland use placards. Suggests bar coding the placards so that identification can easily and quickly be obtained and issuing special permits to severely disabled.
075	Edward Necker	Opposes SB 47. Agrees with Jacqueline and Jan.
109	Catherine Jenness	Lane County. Agrees with Jacqueline and Jan. Discusses the varied physical disabilities are and how they affect a person's dexterity and physical ability. Opposes SB 47.
173	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Explains how the permits are processed.
250	Chair George	Suggests adding a dash number to identify different issues of parking passes by one individual.
233	Necker	Discusses the usefulness of data base information.
243	Balducci	Notes a need for a process so that meter readers can trace placards. Access would be made easier by keeping data base information more accessible to meter readers.
280	Rick Berger	Member of Disabilities Services Advisory Council for Multnomah County. Opposes SB 47. Agrees with the attempt to increase penalties for placard abusers and abuse of disabled parking spaces. Says disabled people are being punished for the abuse of a few. Discusses the economic hardship of some disabled people. Explains that the process that disabled persons have to go through to get services often involves waiting time.

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005	Theresa Flowers	Elderly in Action. Describes her personal experience using a handicapped van and scooter. Describes the effects on the handicapped of inclement weather, low income, and time consuming efforts disabled people must undergo to live in the everyday world. Suggests citizens' arrests for abusers of parking permits.
061	Patrick Rogers	Paralyzed Veterans of America. Worked with the group on SB 47. Supports most of the bill. Looking for ideas to stop abuse of disabled placards. Says that disabled people who travel need consistent rules about parking. Says abuse is the issue (EXHIBIT E) .
112	Roger Turk	Portland. Describes his personal experience as a muscular

dystrophy patient trying to get around. Frequently uses the disabled parking spaces in Portland. Says those spaces are very important to people. Convenience is important for handicapped people.

156 Turk Continues discussion on disabled parking permits. Says the parking program has improved over the years.

175 Rob DeGraff Association for Portland Progress. Supports the effort that has gone into SB 47. Gives background on retailers in downtown Portland. Emphasizes importance of street meters to downtown Portland.

250 Susan Schneider City of Portland, Government Relations. Supports interim committee's recommendations on SB 47. City of Portland is open to any ongoing work addressing parking abuse.

263 Sen. Carter Asks if there were disabled representatives on the work group.

270 Ann Larkin City of Portland, Parking Enforcement. Responds that Patrick Rogers and Roger Robinson and some other disabled volunteers working for the State Police were on the work group.

275 Sen. Carter Asks if meters were discussed at the work group.

277 Larkin Says the group did not come to a conclusion on that issue. However, more discussion has centered on permit programs or identifying vehicles that would have adaptation devices that enforcement could identify.

290 Sen. Carter Asks if the of work group could continue working toward a solution.

295 Larkin Answers that some members of the group would likely be willing to meet again.

309 Sen. Messerle Says he is worried about this bill. Asks how much revenue would be gained from the meters.

318 Larkin Responds that revenue was not the reason for the work group, but that parking abuse was the focus.

323 Andrea Fogue League of Oregon Cities. Supports interim committee's recommendations. Says this is not a Portland solution but needs to be solved statewide.

343 Sen. Metsger Reiterates that there is agreement among the interested parties that there is abuse and also they agree on penalties. However, the incentives are not great enough to stop abuse. Asks if tightening access to placards, increasing fines and tighter enforcement should be part of the solution.

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040 Sen. Messerle Comments that citizens' arrests might jeopardize the safety of citizens.. Suggests tracking by license number or some kind of number.

094 Balducci Asks what is the annual parking revenue from fees and fines in the metered parking.

100 Larkin Responds she does not have a figure for the disabled penalties.

105 Balducci Clarifies the question is the amount of fees for meters and fines only.

108 Larkin Responds around \$7 million from meters plus parking fines revenue of \$3 million last year.

146 Balducci Explains how using the handheld devices, citation writers and trackers, could bring in additional income of \$500,000 - \$900,000. Through greater enforcement, the City of Portland could end abuse and raise revenue from those who formerly abused the system.

150	Larkin	Answers that the city is investigating hand-held citation writers and will be making a bid on them soon.
164	Sen. Messerle	Hopes the committee could focus on statewide answers to disabled parking abuse and how to get compliance rather than more revenue.
170	Chair George	Comments that there seems to be no objection to minor fee increases.
177	Sen. Carter	Asks to hear from Consumer and Business Affairs regarding this issue.
182	Joe Brewer	Building Codes Division. Gives background on the State Building Codes Division work regarding structural codes. States that related to the standards of parking structures and parking signs the Building Codes Division has a role according to SB 47 .
206	Curt Curtis	Oregon State Police. Supports SB 47 with regard to the enforcement part. Wants to work on this bill. Suggests a permit system. Agrees with increased fines.
242	Sen. Messerle	Asks if the volunteer enforcement persons can be of additional assistance in identifying abusers.
255	Curtis	Explains the process of volunteer enforcement officers.
270	Sen. Messerle	Asks about identifying abusers.
309	Sen. Clarno	Asks if pictured ID has been discussed.
315	Curtis	Answers it was discussed in terms of the privacy issue.
310	Chair George	Comments that this bill can be worked on from information today.
315	Chair George	Closes public hearing. Opens public hearing on SB 296.
SB 296 PUBLIC HEARING		
353	Balducci	Explains SB 296.
362	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Says the Oregon Trucking Association (OTA) is now in support of the bill.
375	Edward Scrivner	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Oregon Office. Supports the SB 296 as meeting federal minimum standards. Drivers in all states would understand this bill.
380	Chair George	Asks for questions. Opens work session on SB 296.
SB 296 WORK SESSION		
385	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 296 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
386		VOTE: 4-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Carter
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.
400	Chair	Closes work session. Opens public hearing on HB 2132.
HB 2132 PUBLIC HEARING		
401	Balducci	Explains HB 2132.
TAPE 43, A		
020	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Gives background on HB 2132. Defines "new vehicle." ODOT worked with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and they support this bill (EXHIBIT G).
024	Sen. Messerle	Asks how ODOT charges for the additional two years.
030	Taylor	Answers presently \$30 is paid every two years. Under HB 2132 \$60 is paid for 4 years and thereafter \$30 every two years.
045	Chair George	Closes public hearing. Opens work session on HB 2132.
HB 2132 WORK SESSION		
045	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves HB 2132 BE REFERRED to the Revenue Committee with a DO PASS recommendation by

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prior reference.

VOTE: 4-0

EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Carter

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

Submits **Exhibit D** from Janine Delaunay.

Adjourns at 5:05 p.m.

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Reviewed By,

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Patrick Balducci,
Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 47, Written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 2 pp**
- B – SB 47, Written testimony, Jacqueline Zimmer, 3 pp**
- C – SB 47, -2 Amendments, Jacqueline Zimmer, 1 p**
- D – SB 47, Written testimony, Janine Delaunay, 1 p**
- E – SB 47, Written testimony, Patrick Rogers, 1 p**
- F – SB 47, Written testimony, Joe Brewer, 2 pp**
- G- HB 2132, Written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 1 p**