

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION**

March 15, 2001 Hearing Room 343
3:00 pm Tapes 56 - 57

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, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:
 SB 173 Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 665 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 ,56 A		
020	Sen. Gary George	Chair. Opens meeting at 3:20 pm. Announces SB 85 will not be heard today. Opens work session on SB 665.
SB 665 WORK SESSION		
026	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 665 be REFERRED to the Judiciary Committee. VOTE: 3 – 0 – 2 Aye – Carter, Metsger, George Excused: Clarno, Messerle
035	Chair George	MOTION PASSED. Closes work session. Opens public hearing on SB 173.
SB 173 PUBLIC HEARING		
034	Patrick Balducci	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 173. Explains the –2 amendment.
040	Chair George	Announces that ODOT is willing to pass out the bill today with a minor amendment to be made on the House side.
065	Cindy Hoover	North Bend, Oregon. Displays a battery-operated scooter. Says it is safe, clean and quiet. Asks about the amendment.
080	Balducci	Explains that the –2 amendment requires one to be 16 years of age or older, and a child under that age would be given a ticket for using the scooter as well as the parents issued a ticket.
090	Hoover	Asks if persons under age 16 could operate it.
092	Balducci	Answers no.
097	Douglas Lyn	Director, Columbia Willamette Clean Cities Coalition. Made up of volunteers from Vancouver to Eugene. Clean Cities Initiative was started 8 years ago by the U.S. Department of Energy. Promotes alternative vehicles to cut emissions.
112	Chair George	Comments on ways cities are encouraging clean air and clean

121	John Geffen	cities and the role of scooters. Says this is a reasonable bill. General Manager, Ron Tonkin Alternative Vehicles. Supports SB 173 with the –2 amendment. Describes the scooters (EXHIBIT A) .
171	Sen. Carter	Thanks Mr. Geffen and ODOT and OSP for their work on this bill. Supports SB 173.
173	Tim Connolly	Tim’s Motorsports. Supports SB 173. Says the law should treat these scooters as bicycles. Encourages alternative transportation to alleviate air pollution and traffic (EXHIBIT B) .
	Chair	Commends the scooter. Closes public hearing open work session
SB 173 WORK SESSION		
174	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 173-2 amendments dated 03/14/01.
		VOTE: 3-0
		EXCUSED: 2 - Clarno, Messerle
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
178	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 173 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
180		VOTE: 3-0
		EXCUSED: 2 - Clarno, Messerle
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. CARTER will lead discussion on the floor.
182	Chair George	Closes work session on SB 173. Opens public hearing on HB 2746.
HB 2746 PUBLIC HEARING		
185	Balducci	Explains HB 2746.
340	Susan Schneider	City of Portland. Supports HB 2746. Explains why the city supports the bill. Saves money for the city and the state (EXHIBIT C) .
350	Chair George	States that DEQ supports HB 2746.
352	Schneider	Agrees that DEQ supports this bill.
355	Douglas Lyn	Director, Columbia Willamette Clean Cities Coalition, and on the Governor’s Sustainable Suppliers Council. Supports HB 2746.
360	Sen. Carter	Asks about the “no” votes in the House committee.
362	Schneider	Answers that two no votes were from an area in Portland air maintenance shed that objects to being included. It was a protest vote.
	Chair	Closes public hearing. Adjourns at 3:50 pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 173, Written testimony, Jon Geffen, 2 pp

B –SB 173, Written testimony, T. Connolly, 2 pp

C – HB 2746, Written testimony, S. Schneider, 1 p