

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION**

March 20, 2001 Hearing Room 343
3:00 pm Tapes 58 - 59

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:
 HB 2232A Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 697 Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 635 Public Hearing
 SB 636 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 58, A		
005	Sen. Gary George	Chair. Opens meeting at 3:10pm. Opens public hearing on HB 2232A.
HB 2232A PUBLIC HEARING		
018	Patrick Balducci	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2232A.
025	Dallas Wyand	Legislative Fiscal Office. Explains background on HB 2232A and the need to update legislative oversight.
035	Chair George	Asks for any questions. Closes public hearing. Opens a work session on HB 2232A
HB 2232A WORK SESSION		
038	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves HB 2232A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
40		VOTE: 4-0
		EXCUSED: 1 – Clarno
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. MESSERLE will lead discussion on the floor.
045	Chair George	Opens public hearing on SB 635 and SB 636.
SB 635 AND SB 636 PUBLIC HEARING		
048	Chair George	SB 635 and SB 636.
050	Balducci	Explains SB 635 and SB 636.
076	Bernice Harlan	Describes the veterans' hopes for a military museum. Supports SB 635 and SB 636.
108	Frances Snodgrass	Veterans of Foreign Wars 661 (VFW). Supports SB 635 and SB 636.
117	Sam Snodgrass	VFW 661. Supports SB 635 and SB 636.
118	Col. Mike Caldwell	Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department. Gives background on SB 635 and SB 636. Describes artifacts for

		<p>museum and explains that there is a lack of space to display these items. Funding is needed for this museum. Says SB 635 and SB 636 will not bring much change. Long range construction is being considered for Camp Withycomb in about 10 years when two headquarters will be combined and museum space is planned there.</p>
210	Chair George	<p>Comments that some bills come forward so that the issue will be made known to the public. Asks if the upcoming Lewis and Clark Celebration is being considered.</p>
215	Col. Caldwell	<p>Comments that Camp Rilea sits on the Oregon trail. Explains some attempts to appeal to the Lewis and Clark celebration that is coming up. Camp Withycomb does not have plans for that commemoration as yet.</p>
267	Sen. Carter	<p>Asks the cost of this bill.</p>
277	Col. Caldwell	<p>Answers the equivalent of one employee's salary</p>
280	Balducci	<p>Explains the governor's budget recommendation.</p>
285	Caldwell	<p>Explains the present operation cost is extremely low budget. Projects costs by expanding. It has been added to the Ways and Means Budget of the Governor's budget.</p>
318	Sen. Clarno	<p>States cost of aircraft hanger at Portland airport is \$4.8 million a year and it remains empty. Describes the huge buildings leased part time. The PERS fund makes payments on the bond. They may be torn down.</p>
364	Haslan	<p>Stresses education through the museum displays. Wants to see that busloads of school children visit the museum.</p>
393	Sen. Metsger	<p>Asks if there are any private funds available for this endeavor.</p>
TAPE 59, A 017	Col Caldwell	<p>Responds there are two draft proposals to the military department to seek private funding. There are plans for a military museum auxiliary to explore funding sources. Comments on the large amount of time spent dealing with this funding every year.</p>
050	Sen. Metsger	<p>Comments that leadership is needed to reach this goal of housing a museum.</p>
066	Sen. Clarno	<p>Comments on the need to gather schools and the public to move forward on this museum.</p>
070	Chair George	<p>Emphasizes the need to get moving on the issue of a military museum.</p>
080	Ed Hughes	<p>Oregon Veterans. Speaks about Military Museum Tour plans. Explains military tour plans through HB 3845.</p>
138	Sen. Carter	<p>Says the legislature has to lobby for the future of this project. Asks if priority for costs of this project is set every two years.</p>
144	Col. Caldwell.	<p>Responds the military department asks the administration to maintain the museum at the present level, which is inadequate. The administration chose not to fund that and it then went to Ways and Means. The committee directed us to fund this from another part of our budget.</p>
174	Sen. Carter	<p>Asks veterans are prepared to ask the legislature to fund the museum every year.</p>
280	Sen. Messerle	<p>Comments on the Coos Bay military base at the end of World War II.</p>
331	Mac McDonald	<p>Salem Veterans. Supports SB 636 as amended. Suggests changes in Section 6, line 17 Oregon State Defense Force. And on line 19 change 1 to 2. Add "or members of veterans' organizations." Opposes SB 635 because Oregon Veterans</p>

TAPE 58, B

010 Doug Tindall
052 Chair George
059 Sen. Metsger

Affairs should run their own museum.

ODOT. Testifies regarding highway signing near the museum.
Asks the size of the sign designating the veterans' highway.
Suggests the veterans would like it to remain honoring veterans and not a destination sign. At Hwy 212, one half mile ahead, it be designated.

065 Tindall
070 Chair George

Comments that destination signing needs to be overhead.
Closes public hearing on SB 635 and SB 636. Opens public hearing on SB 697.

SB 697 PUBLIC HEARING

080 Balducci
115 Mike Marsh

Explains SB 697 and the -1 amendment.
ODOT. Comments that the bill makes sense. Flat fees need to be adjusted to a rate that pays for the costs or to eliminate flat fees.

120 Metsger
122 Marsh
125 Sen. Metsger

Asks what the fiscal will be.
Comments about \$4,000 to \$8,000.
Closes public hearing on SB 697. Opens work session.

SB 697 WORK SESSION

128 Sen. Carter

MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 697-1 amendments dated 3/19/01.

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VOTE: 5-0

Chair

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

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Sen. Carter

MOTION: Moves SB 697 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.

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VOTE: 4-0

Chair

EXCUSED: 1 – George
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. GEORGE will lead discussion on the floor.

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Members

Discuss the forthcoming schedule for the committee.

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Vice Chair Metsger

Adjourns at 4:20 pm.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Nancy Masee,
Committee Assistant

Patrick Balducci,
Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 635, Written testimony, Doug Tindall, 1 p