

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

May 31, 2001 Hearing Room 343

3:00 pm Tapes 11 -12

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Margaret Carter**

STAFF PRESENT: **Janet Adkins, Administrator**
 Nancy Masee, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:
 HB 2142 Public Hearing

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 11, A		
003	Sen. Verne Duncan	Chair. Opens meeting at 3:05pm. Opens public hearing on HB 2142.
HB 2142 PUBLIC HEARING		
015	Rep. Bruce Starr	District 3. Gives background on HB 2142. States this bill will gain \$400,000,000 to Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) projects around the state. Raises title fee on vehicles to \$30. Describes how truckers and all parties came to agreement on HB 2142.
140	Chair Duncan	Thanks Rep. Starr. Asks for questions.
150	Sen. Metsger	Thanks Rep. Starr. Asks what vehicle title fees are for neighboring states.
177	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Replies fees range from \$3 to \$60 and some states charge tax in addition.
194	Rep. Starr	Asks the committee to be cautious about amending this bill.
205	Joan Robinson	Legislative Counsel. Explains section by section HB 2142.
384	Chair Duncan	Explains that a work session for this bill may be scheduled later.
395	John Watt	Jackson County Transportation Consortium. President of Oregon Highway Users Association.
TAPE 12A		
028	Watt	Continues presentation with remarks that support highway financing through this bill. Supports HB 2142A.
055	Marshall Coba	American Automobile Association (AAA). Supports HB 2142A.
060	Al Elkins	Oregon Tow Truck Association. Supports HB 2142A.
065	Dee Bridges	Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association. Supports HB 2142A.
073	Andrea Fogue	League of Oregon Cities. Supports HB 2142A. Thanks Rep. Starr for bringing this bill forward. Supports this Oregon Transportation Investment Act (EXHIBIT A).

093	Bill Penhollow	Association of Oregon Counties. Introduces Commissioner Steve McClure from Union County.
098	Steve McClure	President, Association of Oregon Counties. Supports HB 2142A.
123	Jessica Harris	Associated General Contractors (AGC). Supports HB 2142A, the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.
144	Doug Riggs	Represents Metro and Central Oregon Cities. Supports HB 2142A.
112	Chair Duncan	Asks for any questions.
117	Kristin Mitchell	Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association. Explains the organization has many vehicles on the road. Supports HB 2142A.
165	Lincoln Cannon	Oregon Forest Industries Council (OFIC) (EXHIBIT B). Supports HB 2142A.
200	Matt Blevins	Oregon Environmental Council (OEC). Supports HB 2142A in part. OEC has concerns with HB 2142A. Explains OEC would like language in the bill to specify prioritizing preservation before modernization.
220	Randy Tucker	1000 Friends of Oregon. Explains the organization's philosophy on how money should be spent on roads (EXHIBIT C). Opposes new roads until there are clear policies on road projects. Supports in part HB 2142A.
212	Tucker	Says HB 2142A does not specify preservation of roads. Oregon lacks enforceable guidelines that lead to cost efficiencies. Opposes HB 2142A in its present form but would allow amendments. Appreciates work on this transportation package and hopes further improvement on HB 2142A will take place.
250	Chair Duncan	Asks 1000 Friends to work with Governor's Office and ODOT on this bill.
332	Bruce Warner	ODOT Director. Expresses appreciation of the work done on HB 2142A. Discusses flexibility in HB 2142A to allow ODOT to work with counties, cities and other partners (EXHIBIT D). Discusses partners of AAA and Oregon Truckers and others and thanks them for their consideration. States ODOT's list of projects will be agreeable to all.
402	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Asks if the plan is to not bond the entire amount right away.
404	Warner	Explains expected bonding plan.
TAPE 11B 016	Pat Egan	Governor's Office. Discusses priorities in funding package. Explains maintenance, preservation and bridge repair are priorities of the Governor. Supports HB 2142A. Transportation Commission will decide the priorities by February 2002. Discusses local government involvement. Discusses financing. Oregon Transportation Commission supports HB 2142A.
073	Sen. Metsger	Asks where the additional money that is raised will go when the bonds are paid off.
0887	Warner	Explains that revenue above and beyond will go to cities and counties and the highway trust fund.
097	Egan	Comments that there is some risk that there could be less money than anticipated.
100	Warner	Explains that \$62 and \$64 million are being looked at.
111	Metsger	Asks if there was consideration of the viability of using dollars in a separate trust fund for future bond activity.

120	Warner	Replies he does not recall discussion on that.
125	Egan	Comments that occurs anyway.
130	Sen. Metsger	Discusses that part of the \$71.2 million is coming from capturing highway funds made available.
135	Warner	Until HB 2139 provisions are in place, there is a subsidizing of services.
140	Sen. Metsger	Expresses concern on fiscal impact. Asks why new positions need to be created since most projects are privately contracted.
145	Warner	Replies construction is done by contract. Explains possible positions.
154	Adkins	Asks about unobligated funds and if we are not spending all of the federal money allocated.
188	Warner	Replies that federal government funds have always been obligated and spent. Explains expenditure limitations by the federal government.
220	Egan	Mentions that Congress in 2003 will reallocate T-21 dollars. Thinks this package meets the needs.
239	Bob Russell	Oregon Trucking Associations. Describes last legislative transportation financing package in the 1980's. Supports HB 2142.
245	Sen. Duncan	Adjourns meeting at 4:20 pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – HB 2142A, written testimony, Andrea Fogue, 1 p**
- B – HB 2142A, written testimony, Lincoln Cannon, 2 pp**
- C – HB 2142A, written testimony, Randy Tucker, 6 pp**
- D – HB 2142A, written testimony, Bruce Warner, 1 p**