

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REDISTRICTING
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

March 30, 2001 Hearing Room BEND
1:30 PM Tapes 45-46

SENATE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Steve Harper, Chair

SENATE MEMBERS
ATTENDING VIA
CONFERENCE CALL Sen. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair
Sen. Lee Beyer

SENATE
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Jason Atkinson
Sen. Kate Brown
Sen. Randy Miller
Sen. John Minnis

HOUSE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair
Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair
Rep. Bill Garrard
Rep. Steve March
Rep. Joanne Verger

HOUSE
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Dan Doyle, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dan Gardner
Rep. Cherryl Walker

VISITING MEMBER: Sen. Bev Clarno

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Allen, Committee Administrator
Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Redistricting

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 45, A		
005	Chair Harper	Opens meeting at 1:30 p.m. Discusses the redistricting process.
029	Sen. Clarno	Welcomes the committee to her legislative district.
	Staff	Distributes meeting handout (EXHIBIT A).
030		Committee members introduce themselves.
042	David Ghormley	Sunriver. Introduces himself.

051	Sen. Courtney	Joins by conference call.
057	Sen. L Beyer	Joins by conference call.
058	Ghormley	Continues testifying. States Sunriver is tied to Bend. Sunriver provides 15% of the assessed value of the county.
074	Ghormley	Comments he is interested in civic issues. Discusses experience of redistricting in California. Encourages committee to consider all viewpoints. Wants to maintain as the primary goal the public interest and public good. Hopes the committee will not allow the development of diverse small groups sway them from the larger question of whether there will be representation of all viewpoints. Believes that isolating the City of Bend from a big district that would surround Bend would create two strongly diverse viewpoints. Comments that while it may be more convenient for the people in Bend who seem to think they all think the same way, he questions whether that representative would represent the viewpoints of all in central Oregon. Hopes that the committee will continue the current lines.
108	Robb Reavill	Bend. Advocates for Bend to be a separate House district (EXHIBIT B) .
137	Dennis Luke	Deschutes County Commissioner. Speaks of legislative district he represented as a legislator. Submits and summarizes written testimony (EXHIBIT C) .
160	Luke	Discusses Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation made up of Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook Counties and all cities within the counties. Speaks of joint planning efforts with county and cities within the county. Discusses Bend-Lapine school districts. Suggests that a Bend-only district would not allow a legislator to address broader issues.
189	Phillip Randall	Comments that Bend, Sunriver, and LaPine are separate communities. That can be seen by the way the communities vote. LaPine votes down a lot of measures that get passed in Bend. Sunriver is a community with a high concentration of people who actually live in other communities. Comments that the district has been split in the past and it did not work. Comments on his membership in the Pacific Green Party. Believes the Pacific Green Party has a better chance of being represented in Salem if the City of Bend is represented as a whole unit.
210	Bill Friedman	Mayor, City of Bend. Comments that the city, county, and region work well together. States that either a North/South distribution or Bend as a separate district would work. Comments on "donut" theory. City of Bend is split evenly between the two political parties. Thinks the committee could do well to separate Bend but it will not destroy the city, county or region if it is not split.
244	Bruce Bishop	Executive Director, High Desert Forum. Comments on democracy. States the people have to have confidence in government. Encourages the committee to make a decision that will strengthen and support the democratic system and contribute to the confidence of the people involved.
280	Bishop	Requests a fair decision that represents the region.
298	Ken Cooper	Bend. Comments on unity in area. Discusses statutory criteria. Comments on city limits of Bend as a political boundary. Suggests bringing in some of those on the outskirts of the area.

		Comments that people in Gilchrist feel left out because they are too far from both Klamath Falls and Bend. Thinks that a viable option would be that Bend be one district and the surrounding part of Deschutes County another district.
354	Cooper	Comments on previous district arrangements. States that the future says Bend has a leading role in developing central Oregon, and the surrounding area has a leading role in seeing that they stay together and work together for their interest as well. Asks that the city limits of Bend be one house district.
374	Barbara McAusland	Says Bend meets the statutory criteria for a district. Comments on growth rate of Bend. Comments on system development charges (SDCs) for schools. Comments on increased political participation. Thinks if Bend were to become a district of its own, they might finally get more political participation.
TAPE 46, A		
004	Andrea Blum	States she lives in the triangle between Sisters, Bend, and Redmond. Lives in Sisters School District, gets medical care in Redmond, and often shops in Bend. Believes the triangle area is her community. Believes the way the districts are broken up now is beneficial in some respects because if Bend is split, the people who live in the "dough" of the donut would say Bend is the controlling factor. Would not want to see Bend split in two districts because she believes the people in the outlying areas would feel more that the Bend people would be in control and there would be less rural representation.
082	Ann Philben	Chair of Deschutes County Democratic Party. States that the concerns in the area are different in different areas. States that if efforts could be concentrated in one specific area, there could be more effective leadership and legislation. Believes rural and urban representation at the same time creates too many problems. Bend meets all the requirements and criteria. It has political boundaries and does not divide communities of common interests; believes the "donut" does.
111	Nancy Pope Schlangen	Recommends the county be split North and South. States she was a former county commissioner and worked very closely with the representatives from House Districts 54 and 55. States that the concerns of the county are concerns for all of central Oregon. The county works together already. It is important that a legislator understand both the urban and rural issues.
130	John Hatfield	Jefferson County. Comments that it is always easy to lop off the edges of the districts and move them into other districts. Jefferson County is tied in with central Oregon, with the Bend-Redmond area on many economic and development issues. Feels if they are moved, east, north, or west, they will be moved out of their element and would lose a lot of their influence and representation.
147	Rep. Devlin	Asks who Hatfield represents.
125	Hatfield	Replies he is an interested citizen.
127	Mike Goss	States he lives in Jefferson County and has a small business. Is concerned about Jefferson County being split off and placed somewhere else. Comments that they feel they are a part of Central Oregon. They have close economic ties to Redmond and

176	Leonard Peoples	Bend and have social ties with Redmond and Bend and want to remain a part of Central Oregon. Bend resident. Comments that Bend and Redmond are growing and asks if they will have to go through the same process 10 years from now.
180	Chair Harper	Replies districts must adjust boundaries every 10 years.
191	Peoples	Asks if there could be more than 60 districts.
198	Chair Harper	Answers no. Points out map of current districts and effect on Eastern Oregon.
204	Rep. Devlin	Discusses range of population growth.
218	Sen. Clarno	Comments on her service in legislature with past district configuration.
230	Chair Harper	Recesses committee at 2:15 p.m.
230	Chair Harper	Reconvenes meeting at 2:25 p.m. and asks for additional comments.
249	Dennis Luke	Comments from audience.
250	Chair Harper	Reviews handout (EXHIBIT A). Encourages audience to submit more comments.
253	Chair Harper	Adjourns meeting at 2:27 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Redistricting, meeting handout, staff, 4 pp**
- B – Redistricting, written testimony, Robb Reavill, 1 p**
- C – Redistricting, written testimony, Dennis Luke, 1 p**