

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

March 16, 1999 Hearing Room D

8:30 a.m. Tapes 29 - 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Larry Wells, Chair

Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Ryan Deckert

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Elaine Hopson

Rep. Jerry Krummel

Rep. Judy Uherbelau

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: B. Harrison Conley, Administrator

Samantha Demchak, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2517 Work Session

HB 2121 Work Session

SB 231 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 232 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 233 Public Hearing and Work Session

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 29, A		
005	Chair Wells	Opens meeting at 8:35 a.m.
<u>HB 2517 WORK SESSION</u>		
013	B. Harrison Conley	Committee Administrator. Notes the amendment in line 11 of HB 2517. States HB 2517 permits the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, to establish, by rule, a limit on the number of annual limited fish seller permits issued to commercial fishers. Notes previously there was a limit in statute of 40 permits for sellers of salmon.
031	Conley	Continues that the reporting can be handled in such a way that quotas are not exceeded. States the language of the bill now specifies that the commission has the authority to limit permits if necessary.
039	Rep. Hill	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2517-1 amendments dated 3/8/99.
		VOTE: 9-0
Chair Wells		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
042	Rep. Hill	MOTION: Moves HB 2517 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
054	Rep. Beyer	States he has concerns about HB 2517. Notes his concerns are about many new types of fish being listed on the endangered species list. Indicates HB 2517 may open the door for selling endangered salmon. Indicates he will vote no on HB 2517.
068	Rep. Thompson	Notes all fish that were listed are Columbia river stock, which typically do not go below Tillamook Head. States the area below Tillamook Head has been closed for years.
074	Joe Rohleder	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). States several stocks being listed are steelhead. Adds steelhead has had no commercial or ocean directed fisheries from the sport side for many years. Stresses HB 2517 will not impact any of the newly listed fish.

091	Rep. Thompson	States he has only caught 3 steelhead in all his years of fishing.
098	Rep. Beyer	Note that the Willamette stock is scheduled to be listed as endangered or threatened soon.
100		VOTE: 8-1 AYE: 8 - Deckert, Hill, Hopson, Kropf, Krummel, Thompson, Uherbelau, Wells NAY: 1 - Beyer
	Chair Wells	The motion CARRIES. REP. THOMPSON will lead discussion on the floor.
111	Chair Wells	Closes work session on HB 2517. Opens wWork Session on HB 2121. Is it appropriate to capitalize "work session" or not. I think not, but please be consistent with it one way or the other.
<u>WORK SESSION HB 2121</u>		
134	Chair Wells	Notes HB 2121 deals with a processing fee for new applicants for livestock auction houses. States an annual license which is costs \$100 will not be eaffected by HB 2121. Describes the processing fee for new applicants who want to operate livestock auctions. States the amendments will deal withpermit transfer of ownership from theof an auction house to the a buyer without paymenting of the increased processing fee. Notes HB 2121 changes the processing fee from \$200 to \$1000.
141	Conley	States Section (3) of the amendment, exempts the reissuance of a license that has expired within the pastone year.
147	Chair Wells	States that this amendment would allow a livestock auctioneer to stop and restart a business, as long as it was within one year of the license expiration.
159	Rep. Beyer	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2121-1 amendments dated 3/5/99.
		VOTE: 8-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Krummel

	Chair Wells	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED .
161	Rep. Beyer	MOTION: Moves HB 2121 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
170	Rep. Krummel	States he will vote no on HB 2121 because it represents a 500% increase in fees.
190	Chuck Craig	Department of Agriculture. Explains the application for a new license, requires an extensive check of the financial background of the applicant and their ability to conduct the business of running a livestock auction. Continues there is an extensive check of the facility. Notes there also needs to be a geographic hearing in the area to be served by the auction. States new applications are not processed these actions do not happen very often, and the last time these fees were addressed was about ten years ago.
225	Rep. Kropf	Notes the livestock auction owners are very supportive of HB 2212.
		VOTE: 8-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 ñ Krummel
		Chair Wells The motion CARRIES. REP. UHERBELAU will lead discussion on the floor.
		Chair Wells Closes work session on HB 2121. Opens public hearing on SB 231.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING SB 231</u>		
280	Andrew Clark	State Veterinarian, Oregon Department of Agriculture. Testifies in favor of SB 231. Reading from written testimony (EXHIBIT A) .
		Staff presents written testimony submitted prior to hearing (EXHIBIT B). Staff presents the proposed ñ1 amendments (EXHIBIT C) .
329	Clark	Notes up until this point the only vaccination available for bovines was "strain 19." If used at or near sexual maturity, strain 19 vaccine can cause positive test

		results, which that are not indistinguishable from infection. States this is the reason for age limits in the law.
345	Chair Wells	Asks for the main reasons behind SB 231.
355	Clark	Answers "RB 51" is that there is a new vaccine currently available, RB 51. States this new vaccine can be used safely in older cattle without causing a positive reaction.
377	Chair Wells	Asks what cattle are required to be vaccinated.
381	Clark	Responds all breeding stock..
391	Chair Wells	Asks how extensive the brucellosis problem is.
397	Clark	Answers that Texas is the only place with the disease.
409	Rep. Uherbelau	Notes SB 231 does not state that the cattle cannot be imported unless it is disease free.
TAPE 30, A		
001	Clark	Notes the wording is to allow the importation of Canadian cattle. Adds Canada is brucellosis free.
013	Rep. Uherbelau	Indicates just because the cattle are disease free at one point, that does not mean they will remain disease free.
017	Clark	Responds affirmatively.
019	Rep. Hill	Asks what is brucellosis.
022	Clark	Answers brucellosis is a bacterial disease cause by an organism called bruceela abortis. Adds the disease causes the abortion of the calf. Notes this is a human disease as well, called undulant fever.
041	Chair Wells	Asks what the ñ1 amendments will accomplish.
045	Conley	Answers both SB 231 and SB 232 amend the same section, ORS 596.341. Notes that this is a "conflict amendment" that makes no substantive changes there is no particular changes to the bills. The conflict amendment merely harmonizes minor differences in wording, just the language in the bills.

065	Glen Stonebrink	Executive Vice-President, Oregon Cattlemen's Association (OCA). Testifies in support of SB 231.
073	Chair Wells	Asks how eliminating ear tags will effect affect auction houses.
081	Clark	States ear tags can be pulled out, but tattoos are not as visible. Notes tattoos are permanent and can be a positive way to identify vaccinated cattle.
090	Chair Wells	Closes public hearing on SB 231. Opens Work Session on SB 231
<u>SB 231 WORK SESSION</u>		
101	Rep. Thompson	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 231-1 amendments dated 3/15/99.
		VOTE: 9-0
	Chair Wells	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
110	Rep. Thompson	MOTION: Moves SB 231 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
	Chair Wells	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. HOPSON will lead discussion on the floor.
		VOTE: 8-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Krummel
<u>SB 232 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
145	Clark	Testifies in favor of SB 232. Reading from written testimony. (EXHIBIT D).
		Staff submits written testimony submitted prior to hearing. (EXHIBIT E).
159	Chair Wells	Asks about the number of entry permits issued annually.

162	Clark	Answers 12,000-14,000.
165	Chair Wells	Asks if there will be a fiscal impact to on the State Veterinarianis officey Department (SVD).
170	Clark	Answers it would not have a fiscal impact. Notes issuing permits is more a time issue than a fiscal issue.
171	Conley	States there were no revenue or no fiscal, impacts issued on SB 232.
172	Rep. Uherbelau	Asks if there are standards or rules sets as to regarding what animals can be imported.
186	Clark	Answers there is a lot of networking concerning disease control through out the nNorthwest United States. Notes there are not specific criteria to determine if there is a threat of an outbreak. Notes in pet animals there are not diseases that are large scale diseases, or diseases that effect affect humans.
212	Rep. Uherbelau	Asks if there is a directive issued during the outbreak so the SVD State Veterinarianis office is aware of which animals that pose a disease threat.
225	Clark	Answers the method of dissemination is through e- mail to permit clerks.
238	Glen Stonebrink	OCA. States the OCA is concerned anytime there is a bill dealing with cattle the OCA is concerned. Notes OCA supports SB 232.
	Chair Wells	Closes Ppublic Hhearing on SB 232. Opens Wwork Ssession on SB 232.
<u>SB 232 WORK SESSION</u>		
248	Rep. Thompson	MOTION: Moves SB 231 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 3 - Krummel, Kropf, Rep. Hill
	Chair Wells	The motion CARRIES.

		REP. WELLS will lead discussion on the floor.
	Chair Wells	Closes work session on SB 232. Opens public hearing on SB 233.
<u>SB 233 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
300	Conley	Notes there are no fiscal and no revenue impacts issued on SB 233. States there are no amendments. Describes the provisions of SB 233.
323	Clark	Testifies in favor of SB 233. Reads from written testimony.
349	Rep. Hill	Asks about transporting the carcass.
370	Clark	States that with some diseases it is very undesirable to move the carcass because of the potential for air-borne contaminants. Notes there are some diseases where the carcass can be moved (EXHIBIT F) .
		Staff submits written testimony submitted prior to hearing (EXHIBIT G) .
402	Rep. Hill	Asks if it is up to the State Veterinarian to decide when not to move the carcass.
TAPE 29, B		
003	Clark	Answers that not moving the carcass in emergencies only.
006	Chair Wells	Asks if there has been a problem with people not failing to contacting the State Veterinarian's office. SVD has been a problem in the past.
009	Clark	Answers there has been no specific authority given to the State Veterinarian for this measures.
013	Rep. Hill	Asks about land use laws because of other statutes.
018	Clark	Answers he is not aware of any other statutes dealing with the burial or burning of a carcass on the property of the owner.
025	Rep. Hill	Asks if there is another statute that may be a conflict at another time.
031	Chair Wells	Asks Rep. Hill if he thinks section 1, subsection (2), dealing with notifying environmental agencies is sufficient.

032	Rep. Hill	Answers no.
034	Rep. Uherbelau	States Legislative Counsecil must have checked for conflicts.
039	Rep. Beyer	States there may be a conflict between the State Veterinarian identifying a need to burn a carcass and the Department of Environmental Quality saying it cannot be done.
042	Craig	Notes that is the reason the bill requires language states of notification rather than approval for a burn. Indicates he is comfortable with the statute.
051	Rep. Hopson	Asks why the previous amendment at the Senate removed the owner as a party that could seek a burning a diseased carcass.
055	Clark	Answers it was meant to have the owner seek advice from the State Veterinarian. Notes it was removed to clarify that burning could not be done at the owner's free will.
060	Stonebrink	States OCA supports SB 233. Adds further information.
072	Chair Wells	Closes public hearing on SB 233. Opens work session on SB 233.
<u>SB 233 WORK SESSION</u>		
081	Rep. Thompson	MOTION: Moves SB 233 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 8-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 ñ Rep. Krummel
	Chair Wells	The motion CARRIES. REP. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
093	Chair Wells	Closes hearing.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 231, written testimony, Andrew Clark, 2 pp.

B ñ SB 231, public letter submitted prior to meeting, staff, 1 p.

C ñ SB 231, proposed 1- amendments, staff, 3 pp.

D ñ SB 232, written testimony, Andrew Clark, 1 p.

E - SB 232, public letter submitted prior to meeting, staff, 1 p.

F ñ SB 233, written testimony, Andrew Clark, 1 p.

G ñ SB 233, public letter submitted prior to meeting, staff, 1 p.