

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

March 30, 1999 Hearing Room D

8:30 a.m. Tape 36

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Larry Wells, Chair

Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Ryan Deckert

Rep. Elaine Hopson

Rep. Jerry Krummel

Rep. Judy Uherbelau

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Jim Hill

STAFF PRESENT: B. Harrison Conley, Administrator

Samantha Demchak, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 186 Public Hearing and 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 36, A		

005	Chair Wells	Opens Public Hearing on SB 186 at 8:35 a.m.
<u>SB 186 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Harrison Conley	Committee Administrator. Discusses provisions of SB 186.
019	Ray Wilkeson	Oregon Forest Industries Council (OFIC). States OFIC supports SB 186. Indicates SB 186 will correct an error that was part of the original legislation.
022	Chair Wells	Asks what the difference is between the Forest Institute and the Industry Council.
026	Wilkeson	Answers the OFIC is a lobbying, advocacy, and trade association. Adds OFIC becomes involved in political issues.
037	Leslie Lehmann	Executive Director, Oregon Forest Resources Institute (ORFI). Indicates OFRI was created by the legislature in 1991 to improve public understanding of forest practices and products. Testifies in support of SB 186 (EXHIBIT A & B).
100	Chair Wells	Asks who are the elected members of OFRI.
112	Lehmann	Answers there are 6 forest products producers and 1 small woodland owner representative. Adds those elected members then appoint 3 additional producers and an employee representative.
128	Chair Wells	Asks what is the problem under the current law.
132	Lehmann	Indicates that Ssection 2 of SB 186 lists all the requirements that the board members are expected to meet. Under SB 186As written, the employee representative will also beis required to meet the same producer qualifications.
155	Rep. Uherbelau	Indicates the only new language in SB 186 is in line 26 and line 27.
158	Lehmann	Responds that is correct.
161	Chair Wells	States it is odd to have the 6 elected officials appoint the rest of the members.
167	Lehmann	Notes that was to ensure the board had geographic diversity.
172	Chair Wells	Asks how the members are elected.
176	Lehmann	Answers that the State Forester conducts an election. Notes that ballots are sent

		to harvest tax payers.
180	Chair Wells	Asks how much of the harvest tax is used to fund the OFRI.
184	Lehmann	Answers .79 cents per thousand board feet.
185	Chair Wells	Asks what is the current harvest tax.
187	Wilkenson	Answers it is \$2.26 per thousand board feet.
196	Chair Wells	Closes Work Session on SB 186. Opens Work Session on SB 186.
<u>SB 186 WORK SESSION</u>		
200	Rep. Beyer	MOTION: Moves SB 186 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
224		VOTE: 7-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Hill, Thompson
	Chair Wells	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
230	Chair Wells	Closes Work Session on SB 186. Adjourns hearing

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Samantha Demchak, B. Harrison Conley,
Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 186, written testimony, Leslie Lehmann, 1 p.

B ñ SB 186, information booklet, Leslie Lehmann, 20 pp.