

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

April 8, 1999 Hearing Room D

8:30 a.m. Tapes 42 - 43

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Larry Wells, Chair

Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Ryan Deckert

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Elaine Hopson

Rep. Jerry Krummel

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair

Rep. Judy Uherbelau

STAFF PRESENT: B. Harrison Conley, Administrator

Samantha Demchak, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 3135 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 42, A		

003	Chair Wells	Opens meeting at 8:40 a.m.
<u>HB 3135 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
030	Rep. Kitty Piercy	District 39. Testifies in support of HB 3135. (EXHIBIT A).
080	Harrison Conley	Discusses provisions of HB 3135.
		Staff distributes letter submitted prior to hearing (EXHIBIT B).
171	James Whitty	Coordinator, Stewardship Plan Partnership. Testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT C).
220	Whitty	Continues testimony in support of HB 3135.
233	Craig Shinn	Associate Professor of Public Administration, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University. Testifies in support of HB 3135.
300	Shinn	Continues testimony in support of HB 3135.
350	Shinn	Continues testimony in support of HB 3135. Notes the Environmental Stewardship Committee agrees that the new policy models work should be developed into an "actionable agenda" meaning draft legislation.
400	Bob Doppelt	Director, Watershed and Community Health. Testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT E).
450	Doppelt	Continues testimony. Notes the most important reason for establishing a task force to examine a new approach is it will create a new common language for talking about the links between environmental and socio-economic issues and how to manage for environmental sustainability
TAPE 43, A		
005	Doppelt	Continues testimony. Adds as watersheds, fisheries and other factors often lie beyond Oregon borders, Oregon cannot be sustainable on its own.
063	Doppelt	Continues testimony in support of HB 3135. States to achieve the new state goal of sustainable development, each state agency would be required to adopt an integrated set of clear long-term goals, measurable 2-5 year objectives and interim bench marks for the resources they manage.

098	Chair Wells	Asks where this information came from.
104	Doppelt	Answers this information is coming in from all over the world.
111	Rep. Hill	Asks what effect this would have in the metro area.
116	Doppelt	Answers certain things need to be defined in each area. Adds the amounts of air and water emissions are crucial.
131	Rep. Hill	Asks what is the result if the standards are not met.
136	Shinn	Indicates if an area plan will not meet the objectives a different plan would have to be used.
147	Rep. Hill	Asks if there will be administrative fines.
150	Shinn	Answers that should not be determined by the agency.
161	Rep. Hill	Notes the way HB 3135 is drafted, each agency is responsible to report back to the task force. Asks if there will be administrative rules to enforce the goals.
173	Doppelt	Notes HB 3135 will create a task force to explore the feasibility of implementing the Environmental Stewardship Plan and determine if and how the state should move forward with authorizing such a plan.
189	Jim Brown	State Forester. Testifies in support of HB 3135. Notes HB 3135 would allow Oregon to take leadership in environmental policy. Notes the work that is already underway by the Board of Forestry fits well with HB 3135 (EXHIBIT F) .
224	Paul Cleary	Director, Division of State Lands testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT G) . Notes the main reason for HB 3135 is to establish a state policy of sustainable development and evaluate ways to make government more efficient and cost-effective, while improving stewardship of the state's natural resources.
289	Rep Beyer	Asks if the Board of Forestry and the Division of State Lands already have mission statements.
310	Brown	Answers the Board of Forestry goes through several different levels of goal setting.
350	Rep. Beyer	Asks what happens when the private person completes all the tasks to satisfy the goals and the government changes its mind.

400	Cleary	Notes that is a land use issue. Adds the goal is to establish a policy that directs the comprehensive view.
TAPE 42, B		
		Staff distributes letter received prior to hearing (EXHIBIT H) .
030	Rep. Hill	Asks about interest from other groups that have other issues. Asks if there is anything in HB 3135 that cannot be done today.
052	Brown	Notes HB 3135 is aimed at establishing clear goals.
090	Rep. Hill	Asks are these goals contractual obligations.
113	Brown	Responds they would have to be to achieve specific goals.
121	Laurie Power	Environmental Manager, Eugene Water and Electric Board. Testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT I) .
168	Powers	Continues testimony in support of HB 3135.
172	Jenny Holmes	Program Director, Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns, Ecumenical Ministries (Ecumenical Ministries). Testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT J) . Notes Ecumenical Ministries supports HB 3135 because it reflects the input of diverse communities of interest.
193	Larry Chalfan	President Oki Semiconductor. Testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT K) . Notes HB 3135 proposes the development of a more efficient environmental management system that can place Oregon on a path towards sustainable development.
226	Jim Bronec	Farmer. Testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT L) . Notes developing a sound generational system to maintain and support natural resources is of vital importance to everyone, including future generations.
266	Connie Branz	Director of Strategic Management Services, Collins Pine Company. Testifies in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT M) . Notes the standards of environmentally, socially and economically sound management ensure the long-term health and productivity of the forest for timber production.
301	Julia Spence	Vice President of Human Resources and Communications for Neil Kelly Company. Testifies in support of HB 3135. (EXHIBIT N) . Notes organizations must begin to think about environmental sustainability to remain viable.

320	Hillary Abraham	Program Director, Legislative Affairs, Oregon Environmental Council (OEC). Testifies in Support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT O). Notes the mission of OEC is to restore and protect Oregon's clean water and air.
329	Paul Burnet	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Testifies in support of HB 3135. States many issues related to sustainability are closely linked to federal laws and regulation, and efforts to obtain greater flexibility will require sustained efforts by the state.
338	Chair Wells	Asks how to get the members of the Legislature to grasp the language dealing with concepts.
342	Burnet	Answers one of the best things to do is demonstrate success with these approaches.
350	Chair Wells	Asks if Burnet is familiar with the E4E report done at the federal level regarding these issues.
355	Burnet	Answers yes. Notes it is a report that the DEQ has followed closely.
		Staff distributes material presented prior to hearing (EXHIBITS Q, R, and S).
360	Chair Wells	Closes hearing at 10:11 A.M.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Rep. Kitty Piercy, 1 p.

B ñ HB 3135, written testimony, staffRep. Kitty Piercy, 2 p.

C ñ HB 3135, written testimony, James Whitty, 10 pp.

D ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Craig Shinn, 30 pp.

E ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Bob Doppelt, 90 pp.

F ñ HB 3135, written testimony, James Brown, 2 pp.

G ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Paul Cleary, 1 p.

H ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Sara Vickermanstaff,1 p.

I ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Laurie Power, 1 p.

J ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Jenny Holmes 2 pp.

K ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Larry Chalfan, 2 pp.

L - HB 3135, written testimony, Jim Bronec, 4 pp.

M ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Connie Grenz, 1 p.

N ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Julia Spence, 2 pp.

O ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Hiliary Abraham 1 p.

P ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Paul Burnet, 1 p.

Q ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Jim Greer, 1 p.

R ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Tom Kelley, 12 pp.

S ñ HB 3135, written testimony, Susan L. Smith, 2 pp.