

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

April 09, 1999 Hearing Room 350

1:00 p.m. Tape 34

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jim Hill, Chair

Rep. Al King

Rep. Jerry Krummel

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Anitra Rasmussen

Rep. Diane Rosenbaum

Rep. Bill Witt

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Ryan Deckert, Vice Chair

Rep. Mark Simmons

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Cody, Administrator

Annetta Mullins, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2824 ñ Work Session

HB 2923 ñ Work Session

HB 2856 ñ Work Session

HB 3218 ñ Work Session

HB 3279 ñ Work Session

HB 2975 ñ Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 34, A		
002	Chair Hill	Calls meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. and opens the work session on HB 2824.
<u>HB 2824 n WORK SESSION</u>		
005	Jason Cody	Administrator. Reviews HB 2824 and the n1 amendments.
012	Rep. King	MOTION: Moves HB 2824 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
017	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks if the HB 2824-1 amendments have been adopted.
017	Chair Hill	Advises the amendments were adopted in subcommittee.
018	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks if there was any opposition to HB 2824.
019	Rep. King	Responds there was no opposition.
022		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 3 - Reps. Deckert, Rasmussen, Simmons
	Chair Hill	The motion CARRIES.
		REP. KING will lead discussion on the Floor.
027	Chair Hill	Opens the work session on HB 2923.
<u>HB 2923 n WORK SESSION</u>		
027	Cody	Reviews HB 2923.

034	Chair Hill	Explains that the Federal Treasury is minting new quarters. Under the 50-state program, each state may choose a design for the back. HB 2923 sets up a methodology involving school children in competition of the design. Advises the bill does have subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
046	Rep. Montgomery	MOTION: Moves HB 2923 to the floor and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
054	Rep. Hill	MOTION: Moves to AMEND the motion. Moves HB 2923 to the floor with a DO PASS RECOMEMNDATION and BE REFERRED to the committee on WAYS AND MEANS by prior reference.
054		VOTE: 6-0 EXCUSED: 3 - Rep. Deckert, Rasmussen, Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
058	Chair Hill	Opens the work session on HB 2856.
<u>HB 2856 n WORK SESSION</u>		
061	Cody	Explains HB 2856 and the n1 amendments.
069	Rep. Witt	Explains the bill originated with an individual who was concerned about safety when landlords require identifying stickers be placed on cars identifying where the tenant resides. Adds that objection to the bill was worked out by the amendment to require the sticker be removable.
095	Rep. King	Asks if the bill applies only to living quarters or any facility that may require a parking identification.
088	Rep. Witt	Responds that it involves a landlord/tenant relationship.
102	Rep. King	Asks if this bill would apply to any type of facility where there is a landlord/tenant relationship.
103	Rep. Witt	Responds he believes that would be correct.

104	Rep. Witt	Explains that the landlords want to have identifying stickers on tenantsí vehicles when the vehicles are on the landlordís property.
115	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves HB 2856 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
119		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Reps. Deckert, Simmons
	Chair Hill	The motion CARRIES. REP. RASMUSSEN will lead discussion on the floor.
127	Chair Hill	Opens work session on HB 3218.
<u>HB 3218 ñ WORK SESSION</u>		
127	Cody	Administrator. Explains HB 3218 and the ñ2 amendments (EXHIBIT A).
131	Chair Hill	Notes the ñ2 amendments do need to be adopted.
149	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3218-2 amendments dated 04/08/99.
152	Rep. Rasmussen	Asks who has requested HB 3218.
153	Chair Hill	Responds that the proponents of the bill are E-WEB, PacifiCorp and the City of Klamath Falls.
159	Rep. King	Comments he also had extensive conference with the parties in preparing the bill.
162	Rep. Rasmussen	Asks if HB 3218 impacts anyone else.
164	Chair Hill	Responds the amendments will impact the City of Klamath Falls and the Klamath Cogeneration Project as well as public utility districts and municipal electric utilities.

168	Rep. Rasmussen	Asks if the subcommittee received testimony from the Public Utility Commission (PUC).
169	Libby Henry	Eugene Water and Electric Board. Comments she shared this bill with the PUC, the Treasurer's office, the finance community, all the customer groups and all the utilities.
173	Rep. Rasmussen	Asks if anyone testified in opposition to HB 3218.
173	Rep. Witt	Responds there was no opposition.
177		VOTE: 7-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Reps. Deckert, Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
178	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves HB 3218 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
186		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Reps. Deckert, Simmons
	Chair Hill	The motion CARRIES. REP. KING will lead discussion on the floor.
192	Chair Hill	Opens the work session on HB 3279.
<u>HB 3279 a WORK SESSION</u>		
199	Chair Hill	Advises that HB 3279 has a subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

202	Cody	Explains HB 3279.
205	Rep. Krummel	Reviews history of the decision to locate The Oregon Garden. Explains The Oregon Garden organization has a good working relationship with Silverton and the extra dollars will allow the project to be completed on time in the year 2000. Adds that the garden will be comparable to the Butchart Gardens in Canada. It will feature species native to Oregon and non-native species that have been brought in.
230	Rep. Krummel	MOTION: Moves HB 3279 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.
235	Rep. King	Asks if the garden will be funded with Measure 66 dollars.
236	Rep. Krummel	Responds negatively. Adds that the project will cost about \$16 million. The \$1 million of lottery proceeds will help fill in a small gap that still exists.
244	Rep. King	Asks if the \$1 million is an aspect of economic development.
246	Rep. Krummel	Responds it is.
246	Chair Hill	Asks if this project would be eligible for Measure 66 dollars.
253	Rep. Krummel	Responds he does not recall any discussion about whether it would be eligible for Measure 66 dollars and is not sure it would qualify as a state park development.
266	Rep. Rasmussen	Comments she is willing to vote to send the bill to Ways and Means but the \$1 million appropriation troubles her at a time when the legislature does not have a budget open for discussion.
275	Rep. King	Comments he believes taking a look at the Parks structure is worthy of evaluation. Would think State Parks can work with private corporations to fulfill their mission. Adds that if it is benefiting private vendors, then maybe the private vendors should fund it.
292	Rep. Montgomery	Comments he would be extremely disappointed if any of the Measure 66 money ever went to anything that charges a fee to get into.
298	Rep. Krummel	Comments the project really is an economic development issue. It has helped the City of Silverton because they needed a place to take their sludge and The Oregon Garden people needed a place to put their garden that would be very fertile and would have a good source for water. Adds that it is a way a non-profit and a community are able to work together.

338		VOTE: 7-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Reps. Deckert, Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
339	Chair Hill	Opens the work session on HB 2975.
<u>HB 2975 n WORK SESSION</u>		
343	Cody	Explains HB 2975 with the n1 amendments.
348	Chair Hill	Advises that HB 2975 has a subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
351	Rep. Witt	Explains HB 2975 increases two different fees relative to electrical licenses. The last time the administrative fees were raised to administer the Electrical Safety Law was 1985. Sponsors of the bill believe an increase is necessary to maintain a sufficient level of electrical safety. Adds that the bill is a result of an interim Electrical Board work group's decision to adequately fund the Department of Consumer and Business Services in carrying out its duties. Adds there was initially some opposition to the bill but the opposition has been removed by some action in the Senate. Believes the bill is supported by the industry and is important in maintaining public safety.
360	John Gervais	National Electrical Contractors Association. Comments he was not aware the bill had referral to ways and means and it would be easier without it.
388	Chair Hill	Comments the Speaker placed the subsequent referral to Ways and Means on the bill.
391	Gervais	Responds he was not aware of the subsequent referral.
395	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves HB 2975 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
401	Rep. Krummel	Comments he thinks having the support of the industry is very helpful but in line 22 of the printed bill, the fee increase is 50 percent and in line 17, the fee increase is about 20 percent.
428	Rep. Witt	Responds there has not been a fee increase since 1985. Ads there was no opposition to the increases and there was broad support for the bill.

440		VOTE: 7-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Reps. Deckert, Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
447	Chair Hill	Adjourns meeting at 2:05 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ HB 3218, HB 3218-2 amendments, Libby Henry, 2 pp