

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

June 09, 1999 Hearing Room 50

8:30 a.m. Tape 83

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jim Hill, Chair

Rep. Ryan Deckert, Vice-Chair

Rep. Al King

Rep. Jerry Krummel

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Anitra Rasmussen

Rep. Diane Rosenbaum

Rep. Bill Witt

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Mark Simmons

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Cody, Administrator

Annetta Mullins, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 1149-A ñ 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 83, A		
003	Chair Hill	Calls meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and announces that the committee will recess until 3:00 p.m. awaiting amendments from Legislative Counsel.

011	Chair Hill	Recesses meeting at 8:34 a.m.
011	Chair Hill	Reconvenes the meeting at 3:25 p.m. and opens a work session on SB 1149-A.
<u>SB 1149-A ñ WORK SESSION</u>		
016	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of reconsidering the vote by which the SB 1149-A18 amendments (EXHIBIT A) were adopted.
019		VOTE: 8-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
020	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to RECONSIDER the vote by which the SB 1149-A18 amendments were adopted.
023	Jason Cody	Administrator. Explains that the ñA18 amendments primarily dealt with industrial customers abutting an investor owned utilityís (IOU) territory and paying a one- percent public purpose fee.
035	Rep. Krummel	Asks what the intent of the motion is.
036	Rep. Witt	Explains that the ñA18 amendments were missing a date in the language. The language has been fixed in the SB 1149-A24 amendments (EXHIBIT B). If the ñA18 amendments are removed then the ñA24 amendments can be put into the bill.
041		VOTE: 8-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
042	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1149-A24 amendments dated 05/21/99.

063		VOTE: 8-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED .
065	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1149-A29 amendments dated 05/24/99 (EXHIBIT C).
068	Cody	Explains that the ñA29 amendments are similar to the ñA24 amendments in that they also require an aluminum plant that averages more 100 megawatts to pay a one percent public purpose charge. The difference is this is for an aluminum plant that abuts a consumer owned utilityís (COU) territory.
075	Rep. Witt	Explains that the ñA29 amendments apply the same one percent charge to aluminum companies that are in a COU territory to make it equal to the charge being applied in the ñA24 amendments.
080	Rep. Montgomery	Asks if this would make Northwest Aluminum pay one percent when they were not going to have to.
081	Rep. Witt	Nods affirmatively.
082	Rep. Montgomery	Comments he will vote no on the amendment.
084	Rep. Witt	Advises that Northwest Aluminum agrees to the ñA29 amendments. They are not opposing them.
090		VOTE: 8-0-1 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	The motion CARRIES .
096	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1149-A36 amendments dated 06/08/99 (EXHIBIT D).

100	Cody	Explains that the ñA36 amendments require electric meter installation, testing and maintenance be performed only by a distribution utility.
111		VOTE: 8-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
113	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of reconsidering the vote by which the SB 1149-A23 amendments (EXHIBIT E) were adopted.
127	Cody	Explains that the ñA23 amendments (EXHIBIT E) did not contain a \$500 limit which the new conceptual amendments will that Rep. Witt is going to offer. Advises that it is better to delete the ñA23 amendments and adopt the new conceptual amendments that include the \$500 limit per site for the low-income electric bill assistance plan.
135	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks if the amendment would set a limit of \$500 a month regardless of how large the customerís bill is.
137	Rep. Witt	Explains that this amendment makes it consistent with what is in the bill for low-income electric bill payment assistance following October 1, 2001. This committee adopted an amendment to make a \$10 million maximum assessment to assist low-income residents in paying their heat bill and capped payment at no more than \$500 per customer on a monthly basis. Then this committee adopted an amendment that provided up to \$5 million per year during the interim until October 1, 2001. This would put the same maximum \$500 maximum cap on during the interim up until October 1, 2001, which will be the cap after October 1, 2001.
155	Rep. Witt	Comments that if the committee has accepted the idea of no more than \$500 per customer after October 1, 2001 when it will be up to \$10 million, then it seems appropriate to have that \$500 cap in the transition period when it is only going to be \$5 million.
165		VOTE: 7-1-1 AYE: 7 - Deckert, King, Krummel, Rasmussen, Rosenbaum, Witt, Hill NAY: 1 - Montgomery EXCUSED: 1 - Simmons

	Chair Hill	The motion CARRIES.
173	Rep. Deckert	MOTION: Moves to recess for five minutes for conference with members.
180	Rep. Deckert	Explains the reason for the recess is that a few of the amendments were not circulated and a few of the questions were not asked and they would like to discuss them before moving forward.
190	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks if members have all the amendments that the committee will be considering.
190	Chair Hill	Responds that the committee will figure that out when they return.
		VOTE: 8-0-1 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
191	Chair Hill	Recesses meeting at 3:39 p.m.
192	Chair Hill	Reconvenes meeting at 3:50 p.m.
192	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of reconsidering the vote by which the SB 1149-A23 amendments were adopted.
198	Rep. Rasmussen	Asks what the intent is for the remainder of the meeting.
198	Chair Hill	Explains the committee has two more amendments, will replace the ñA23 amendments, adopt the ñA30 amendments and the committee will meet on Friday with the corrected amendments.
207		VOTE: 7-1-1 OBJECTION: 1 ñ Rep. Montgomery EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	Recognizing objection by Rep. Montgomery, declares the motion

		CARRIED.
206	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to RECONSIDER the vote by which the SB 1149-A23 amendments were adopted.
		VOTE: 7-1-1 OBJECTION: 1 ñ Rep. Montgomery EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Simmons
	Chair Hill	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
218	Rep. Witt	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1149-A23 amendments as conceptually amended (EXHIBIT F).
221	Chair Hill	Advises that the committee needs to suspend the rules in order to adopt conceptual amendments.
221	Rep. Witt	Explains that the conceptual amendment (EXHIBIT F) adds "provided that no retail electricity consumer shall be required to pay more than \$500 per month per site for low-income electric bill payment assistance". The amendment goes to the discussion held prior to the recess. It just caps any one customer at \$500 during the interim.
229	Chair Hill	Suggests that the committee not adopt conceptual amendments today and have the amendments drafted for the Friday meeting. Explains that he did not know there would be a conceptual amendment and having the amendment drafted would allow everyone to see the amendment on Friday.
237	Chair Hill	Asks if the amendment to the ñA30 (EXHIBIT would also be conceptual.
234	Rep. Witt	Responds affirmatively.
237	Chair Hill	Asks that the amendments also be included in the amendments to be considered at the meeting on Friday.
240	Chair Hill	Asks that Cody request amendments that include the ñA23 (EXHIBIT F), the ñA30 amendments including language from Rep. King (EXHIBIT G), and Rep. Deckert's amendments (EXHIBIT H).

248	Rep. Deckert	Comments he will work with Cody on his amendments.
254	Chair Hill	Advises that on Friday the committee will have one set of amendments for discussion and adoption.
255	Rep. Rasmussen	Comments that three members have a conflict with the Revenue Committee meeting on Friday morning.
270	Chair Hill	Suggests the members of Revenue may attend the committee meeting on Friday to vote on the amendments and the bill.
282	Chair Hill	Adjourns meeting at 3:56 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 1149, hand engrossed SB 1149-A18 amendments, Committee, 1 p

B ñ SB 1149, SB 1149-A24 amendments, Rep. Witt, 1 p

C ñ SB 1149, SB 1149-A29 amendments, Rep. Witt, 1 p

D ñ SB 1149, SB 1149-A36 amendments, Rep. Witt, 1 p

E ñ SB 1149, hand engrossed SB 1149-A23 amendments, Rep. Witt, 1 p

F ñ SB 1149, conceptual SB 1149 A-23 amendments, Rep. Witt, 1 p

G ñ SB 1149, SB 1149-A30 amendments, Rep. Witt, 1 p

H ñ SB 1149, SB 1149-A38 amendments, Rep. Deckert, 9 pp