

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LAW

March 23, 1999 Hearing Room 357

1:00 p.m. Tapes 72

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Lane Shetterly, Chair**

**Rep. Max Williams, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Judy Uherbelau, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Vic Backlund**

**Rep. Randall Edwards**

**Rep. Kathy Lowe**

**Rep. Vicki Walker**

**Rep. Larry Wells**

**Rep. Bill Witt**

**STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Felton, Counsel**

**Nancy Richards, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 3085 Public Hearing**

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 72, A		
004	Chair Shetterly	Calls meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

**HB 3085 n PUBLIC HEARING**

022	Counsel Felton	HB 3085 authorizes local governments to operate photo radar systems.
031	<b>Rep. Rob Patridge</b>	<b>State Representative, House District 50</b> Testifies in support of HB 3085. Discusses who would use the photo radar equipment. Asks if HB 3085 could be assigned to a later date.
058	Rep. Uherbelau	States that in section 2 of HB 3085 that language could be added stating "trained uniformed police officer" to run the photo radar equipment.
077	Rep. Patridge	States that there is no objection to the added language regarding a trained police officer.
086	Rep. Uherbelau	Discusses the need for standard guidelines for all the courts regarding trained police officers to run photo radar equipment.
096	Rep. Patridge	States that putting in a certification for the individual who runs the photo radar equipment would involve administrative rule. Explains the need to postpone the hearing for HB 3085.
108	Rep. Uherbelau	What does "otherwise delivered" mean on line 27 & 29, page 1 of HB 3085?
109	Rep. Patridge	Explains how Legislative Counsel decided on that wording.
115	Rep. Walker	Asks if there is an awareness that photo radar generates a revenue loss.
117	Rep. Patridge	Discusses the other cost savings that are incurred because of the photo radar and the lives it would save because of slower traffic.
120	Rep. Walker	Asks why a city would want to lose money by using the photo radar instead of using money for more police officers.
125	Rep. Patridge	States that this is a local government issue and it would be up to the city to decide whether to use the photo radar.
132	Rep. Edwards	Asks what creates the loss of revenue regarding photo radar.
135	Rep. Walker	States that the City of Portland loses a quarter of a million dollars a year on photo radar, but citizens are happy to have this system of law enforcement.
141	Rep. Edwards	States that as a taxpayer and Representative of Portland, there has been no

		known fact of loss of revenue using photo radar.
146	Rep. Edwards	Expresses the need to expand the process of photo radar to other local governments.
152	Rep. Witt	Discusses the loss of revenue that results with any public safety issue. Asks if passage of HB 3085 will enhance public safety in residential and school areas.
158	Rep. Patridge	States that public safety does generate revenue.
162	Rep. Backlund	Expresses his support for HB 3085.
168	Rep. Uherbelau	Asks for more information regarding the impact the photo radar has on public safety.
177	Rep. Witt	States that, as a Representative of Portland and Beaverton, photo radar has enhanced public safety.
184	<b>Kevin Campbell</b>	<b>Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police</b>  Testifies in support of HB 3085. Discusses the cost of photo radar in the City of Portland and the benefit of this equipment in regards to revenue cost. Discusses where photo radar is used. Discusses the compliance to speed limits regarding the new speed limit law.
234	Rep. Patridge	Discusses that the intent of HB 3085 is to allow local governments to make the decision to use photo radar.
258	Rep. Williams	Expresses support for HB 3085.
276	Rep. Uherbelau	States that HB 3085 has broader implications than just the public safety issue. Asks for more information regarding statistics that are generated because of photo radar issues. Asks what areas of the city will the photo radar equipment be located.
297	Rep. Walker	Discusses some of the facts that have been obtained regarding photo radar that the committee should read before voting on HB 3085.
327	Chair Shetterly	Closes public hearing.
372	Chair Shetterly	Adjourns meeting at 1:37 p.m.

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