

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL LAW

March 11, 1999 Hearing Room 357

8:30 a.m. Tapes 84 - 85

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mannix, Chair

Rep. Prozanski, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bowman

Rep. Gianella

Rep. Hansen

Rep. Simmons

Rep. Sunseri

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: John Horton, Counsel

Patsy Wood, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2977 Public Hearing and Possible 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 84, A		
005	Chair Mannix	Calls meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Opens public hearing on hb 2977.

009	Counsel Horton	Hb 2977
020	Chair Mannix	
030	Sen. Peter Courtney	Testifies in behalf of HB 2977. (EXHIBIT A). Discusses overcrowding conditions and how this might affect to recklessly boating behavior. IT will create rules on the water. Discusses background with boating and how it has always been a part of his life. Remembers learning about boating safety from his uncle.
081	Rep. Bowman	Asks if we now have a law that requires lifevests for people under a certain age.
093	Courtney	That is not addressed in this bill but that is a good issue that should be discussed.
103	Chair Mannix	
108	Paul Donheffner	State Marine Board Says that a lifevest is necessary for children under the age of 12. Speaks for hb 2977 and why it was introduced and by whom. (EXHIBIT B). Behind highways it is the second of dangerous transportation safety. (EXHIBIT C). Discusses other states which have similar legislation. Discusses polls and that voters favor boaters education. Discusses different groups that would support this bill.
202	Rep. Bowman	Would this legislation include jet ski and other kind of water crafts?
207	Donheffner	Yes.
212	Rep. Gianella	Asks about the license and how it looks and whether it would be waterproof or not.
224	Donheffner	Discusses specific needs in Oregon. Discusses different watercrafts that are on Oregon's waterbodies today. Discusses specifics of the bill. Explains how this bill would affect youth and what they would be required to do. Discusses those whom would be exempt from this bill. (EXHIBIT D)
342	Rep. Prozanski	What is going to be done to make sure people know that this is a requirement?
353	Donheffner	There will be a number of outreach programs and a variety of techniques that will inform the public and this can be distributed with their license.
369	Rep. Prozanski	Asks about renewal requirement.
374	Donheffner	Discusses boat dealers.

383	Rep. Prozanski	
388	Gianella	Asks about
400	Simmons	What about complaints?
405	Donheffner	There is no central place to receive complainst but we hear from them on a frequent basis.
410	Chair Mannix	IS there a log?
	Donheffner	
427	Simmons	
	Donheffner	We donit have a database on complaints.
437	Simmons	How many fatalities have you had in the last two years.
	Donheffner	Discusses the numbersÖ
Tape 85, side A		
023	Simmons	Can we have that provided to us?
	Donheffner	Yes.
026	Simmons	I have heard of people being harrassed by authority when they have
041	Donheffner	
043	Chair Mannix	Sailboats
045	Donheffner	
084	Simmons	Asks about congested areas.
092	Donheffner	

106	Chair Mannix	Can you please get us a chart on the breakdown of geographical areas where accidents take place. Asks about
120	Rep. Bowman	Asks about the exemption of people renting boats?
127	Chair Mannix	Pg. 3 line 1
130	Rep. Bowman	Why would we exempt someone from renting a boat?
138	Donheffner	IT would be a hinderance to the business if people had to take a test every time they rented a boat. There will probably be some kind of safety checklist.
154	Rep. Bowman	The ones having the most problems are jetskis and people rent those all the time. This does not seem to be consistent.
166	Donheffner	We do require that before they rent they fulfill a dock side safety test and they have to carry a copy of that certificate with them.
182	Rep. Bowman	Can you tell what is include in the dockside safety checklist?
186	Donheffner	Gives examples of what is included on that checklist.
193	Chair Mannix	IS this being seen as something of a progression?
209	Donheffner	This is a growing toward progressionÖ
221	Simmons	
226	Chair Mannix	I might suggest that this be blended into high school curriculum.
241	Douglas White	U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary I have instructed a boating safety class for 18 years at CCC. Discusses the volunteer hours given by the Coast Guard on behalf of safety. Emphasizes that
272	Chair Mannix	Should we make sure that these schools do not charge for the rooms since they are being funded by the state.
293	White	We had five students show up to our last safety class. WE advertised everywhere. It is very frustrating. The class only lasts four evenings. The auxiliary has a memorandum. I strongly support this bill. We can save lives with mandatory safety courses. I am willing to do this without pay because I believe strongly in this.

332	Simmons	Oreogn voters think this is a good idea, but you can only get five people to show up,.
348	White	This is a fast paced world and they can't find the time.. They are well intentioned, but this bill would force them to make the time.
358	Chair Mannix	
369	White	We did things as a family when I was young. Times have changed.
384	Robert Blensly	Discusses personal background. I teach classes. Discusses the type of test that should be given. I support the other two testimonies given before him. I oppose giving the right to renters. They seem the most irresponsible on the water.
Tape 84, Side b		
035	Chair Mannix	
036	Blensly	
039	Rep. Bowman	Because of your experience Ö
057	Blensly	I don't know how that could affect itÖ
063	Chair Mannix	I'm going to set another public hearing date as this one was set at short notice. There is a fiscal impact statementÖ
076	Donheffner	This is contemplated in our budget.
082	Chair Mannix	We should not have to refer this to ways and means.
086	Horton	
087	Chair Mannix	Closes public hearing on HB 2977 at 9:42 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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