

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 22, 1999 Hearing Room D

8:30 a.m. Tape 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bob Montgomery, Chair

Rep. Mike Lehman, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Jeff Kropf

Rep. Jerry Krummel

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Jackie Taylor

Rep. Vicki Walker

Rep. Larry Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Richard Devlin

STAFF PRESENT: Janet Adkins, Administrator

Brad Daniels, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2491 Work Session

HB 2613 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2622 Public Hearing and 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 30, A

004

Chair Montgomery

Opens the meeting at 8:34 a.m. Opens the work session on HB 2491.

HB 2491 WORK SESSION

010

Janet Adkins

Committee Administrator. Introduces and explains HB 2491 ñ1 amendments (**EXHIBIT A**). Notes that on line 4 of the amendments the word "minimum" should be deleted.

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Rep. Lehman

MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2491-1 amendments dated 02/19/99 with the deletion of the word "minimum" in line 4 of the amendments.

VOTE: 7-0

EXCUSED: 3 - Rep. Devlin, Rep. Kropf, Rep. Walker

030

Chair Montgomery

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

033

Rep. Lehman

MOTION: Moves HB 2491 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.

VOTE: 7-0

EXCUSED: 3 - Rep. Devlin, Rep. Kropf, Rep. Walker

035

Chair Montgomery

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

REP. THOMPSON will lead discussion on the floor.

038

Chair Montgomery

Closes the work session on HB 2491. Opens the public hearing on HB 2613.

HB 2613 PUBLIC HEARING

040

Adkins

Explains HB 2613, which repeals the statutory height limitation on

		motorcycle handlebars. Lists the laws in other states related to handlebar height.
070	Teresa Hepker	BikePAC of Oregon. Supports HB 2613. Points to the photographs and anecdotes included in written testimony as evidence of errors in the enforcement of the current statute (EXHIBITS B-G). Notes that the purpose and origin of the law is unknown. Adds that the law provides an unjust opportunity to harass individuals who fit a certain profile.
110	Rep. Taylor	Asks why one would want handlebars that are higher than his/her shoulders.
114	Hepker	Replies that it is a style.
123	Randy Westbrook	Sergeant, Oregon State Police. States that his position is neutral; he can not support or oppose the bill. Explains that the position of the handlebars can be a safety concern because it affects one's ability to make quick, precise movements. Notes that the position of the handlebars can also affect braking ability. States that companies do not manufacture handlebars at an unreasonable height.
158	Rep. Lehman	Asks if the distance from a car's body to the ground affects its safety.
161	Westbrook	Replies yes.
164	Rep. Lehman	Asks if this height is currently regulated.
166	Westbrook	Replies no.
169	Rep. Lehman	Asks if the sizes of car steering wheels are regulated.
173	Westbrook	Replies no.
176	Chair Montgomery	Asks what the current law is in Washington.
180	Westbrook	Responds that the inconsistency between the laws could be a problem. Adds that, as opposed to a specific number of inches, shoulder height can be a subjective measurement.
193	Chair Montgomery	Notes that a person's body size does make a difference. Asks if the pictures earlier referred to (EXHIBITS C & D) comply with the current requirement.
202	Westbrook	Replies yes.

206	Rep. Krummel	Asks if shoulder height is too arbitrary as a measurement.
216	Westbrook	Explains that the requirement is arbitrary and can depend on the sitting position of the rider. Supports a more specific distance requirement to make enforcement easier and clearer.
232	Chair Montgomery	Closes the public hearing on HB 2613. Opens the work session on HB 2613.
<u>HB 2613 WORK SESSION</u>		
240	Rep. Taylor	Inquires if the committee should call for a 15-inch limit as other states have done.
245	Chair Montgomery	Asks Hepker if there should be a height specified in the law.
252	Hepker	Responds that, even with a specific distance requirement, the method of measuring this distance still allows for some subjective abuse.
272	Rep. Lehman	Supports HB 2613 in the absence of a compelling safety interest to maintain a requirement.
279	Rep. Lokan	Asks Hepker if any riders have caused an accident due to handlebar height.
288	Hepker	Replies no. Concedes that she knows of some people who loosen handlebars in order to comply with the law.
303	Rep. Lehman	MOTION: Moves HB 2613 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 9-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Devlin
305	Chair Montgomery	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. KROPF will lead discussion on the floor.
307	Chair Montgomery	Closes the work session on HB 2613. Opens the public hearing on HB 2622.

<u>HB 2622 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
309	Adkins	Explains HB 2622, which exempts manufactured dwellings from a statute requiring vehicle dismantlers and wreckers to be certified.
329	Ted Hughes	Oregon Manufacturing Housing Association. Supports HB 2622.
339	Rep. Krummel	Asks why HB 2622 is necessary.
348	Hughes	Replies that the Vehicle Code could be misconstrued on this point and erroneously applied to manufactured houses.
364	Chair Montgomery	Closes the public hearing on HB 2622. Opens the work session on HB 2622.
<u>HB 2622 WORK SESSION</u>		
370	Rep. Krummel	MOTION: Moves HB 2622 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 9-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Devlin
375	Chair Montgomery	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. KRUMMEL will lead discussion on the floor.
377	Chair Montgomery	Closes the work session on HB 2622. Adjourns the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Brad Daniels, Janet Adkins,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñHB 2491, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p.

B ñHB 2613, written testimony, Teresa Hepker, 1 p.

C ñHB 2613, letter and pictures, LeRoy Hecker, 3 pp.

D ñHB 2613, letter and pictures, Robert Russ, 3 pp.

E ñHB 2613, letter, Jeffrey Mcghehey, 3 pp.

F ñHB 2613, letter, Robert Smith, 1 p.

G ñHB 2613, letters, Marvin Setters, 2 pp.