

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

February 17, 1999 Hearing Room 50

4:30 P.M. Tapes 44 - 45

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Gary George, Chair

Sen. Tony Corcoran

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Thomas Wilde, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher

STAFF PRESENT: Brad Harper, Administrator

Kristal Hatton-Nease, Administrative Support

MEASURES HEARD: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

SB 231

SB 232

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 44, A		
005	Chair George	Convenes meeting at 4:39 p.m.
<u>Oregon Parks and Recreation Department</u>		
019	Robert Meinen	Director, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). Submits [EXHIBIT A] and gives a summary of 1997-1999 budget expenditures and

		gives a brief agency overview. Explains the mission of OPRD is to provide and protect outstanding natural, scenic, cultural, historic, and recreational sites for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations.
070	Meinen	Summarizes the history of OPRD and Oregon's park system. Discusses recreation programs for which OPRD is responsible. Comments on the Governor's recommended budget. Says OPRD has 283.75 permanent FTE and 125.88 seasonal FTE.
084	Chair George	Asks if any money from Measure 66 is included in the budget.
085	Meinen	Says this is based on the Governor's budget. Continues testimony on OPRD estimated revenue sources (\$90,107,627) and estimated expenditures (\$87,053,737). Adds information on park projects OPRD in designed and constructed in the 1997-1999 biennium.
134	Chair George	Asks if the legislature gave an additional \$25 million above the Governor's budget to OPRD in the last session.
137	Meinen	Answers he is not sure. Continues testimony on the State Historic Preservation Office and Oregon Heritage Committee.
149	Chair George	Asks if park staff who work with prison inmates in a work group get protection by the Department of Corrections.
154	Nancy	Responds OPRD had the ability to train one person per crew but says OPRD did not take advantage of it.
164	Chair George	Asks if crew directors have a right to ask for inmates' correction information.
175	Meinen	Replies OPRD tries to have a corrections officer with each work crew.
186	Sen. Dukes	Gives a personal experience on work crews in Tillamook and around her district. Asks if OPRD has the ability to decline help from the Corrections Department.
202	Meinen	Replies OPRS can work with the different crews. Adds that the Department of Corrections often provides security. Gives information on a variety of other programs that provide services. Points out the Corrections Department is sensitive to the safety of park employees.
223	Sen. Corcoran	Comments inmate crew leader in his district. Says there is the additional consideration of park guests' safety. Anticipates the liability of the State and the OPRD to be quite large.
253	Chair George	Closes informational meeting. Opens public hearing on SB 231 and SB 232.

SB 231 & SB 232 PUBLIC HEARING

260	Brad Harper	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 231 removes the age limit for vaccinating bovines for brucellosis, exempts female cattle having genetic advantage from brucellosis vaccination requirement upon approval of the State Veterinarian, and defines feedlot meeting brucellosis vaccination for some female cattle. Adds SB 231 standardizes language regarding isolation of, and indemnification for, diseased animals. [EXHIBIT B and C]
286	Charles Craig	Assistant Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture. Testifies in support of SB 231 and introduces the State Veterinarian.
309	Andrew Clark	State Veterinarian, Oregon Department of Agriculture. Submits [EXHIBIT D] and testifies in support of SB 231. Discusses the proposed changes affecting Oregon's brucellosis vaccination requirements for the importation of cattle, ages of vaccination, acceptable proof of vaccination, and definition of a facility approved for feeding non-vaccinated.
360	Clark	Says the department proposes all reference to "calf vaccination" be deleted from current statute. Explains acceptable proof of official brucellosis vaccination is confirmed by the tattoo on the right ear rather than the ear tag.
383	Sen. Corcoran	Asks what kinds of genetic improvement are Clark referring to.
392	Clark	Replies Canada is a brucellosis free area. Suggests a case by case basis of genetic superiority.
419	Sen. Corcoran	Asks if the Department of Agriculture keeps records of disease control information of animals.
425	Clark	Responds yes and explains the disease control information that is recorded by the department .
441	Clark	Submits [EXHIBIT E] and testifies in support of SB 232. Explains ORS 596.341(2) requires that "the Department shall require a written permit authorizing entry into this state of any livestock or other animals subject to the disease control law". Adds this broad interpretation has been interpreted to mean not only livestock but pet animals as well.
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013	Clark	States the revisions in SB 232 would: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Exempt dogs and cats from import permit requirement2. Allow the department to exempt other classes of animals from the import permit, based on analysis of the need, and then to provide for such exemption in rule3. Allow the department to drop return permit requirements for Oregon

		animals.
045	Glen Stonebrink	Executive Vice-President, Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Submits [EXHIBIT F] and testifies in support of SB 231 and SB 232.
063	Chair George	Closes public hearing on SB 231 and SB 232. Opens work session on SB 231.
<u>SB 231 WORK SESSION</u>		
080	Sen. Ferrioli	MOTION: Moves SB 231 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
085		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Fisher, Wilde For Sen. Fisher's final vote on SB 231 see tape 44, B (055).
	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. DUKES will lead discussion on the floor.
088	Chair George	Closes work session on SB 231. Opens work session on SB 232.
<u>SB 232 WORK SESSION</u>		
090	Sen. Ferrioli	MOTION: Moves SB 232 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
095		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Fisher, Wilde For Sen. Fisher's final vote on SB 232 see tape 44, B (055).
	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. CORCORAN will lead discussion on the floor.
099	Chair George	Closes work session on SB 232. Re-opens information meeting on the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.
<u>Oregon Parks and Recreation Department</u>		

105	Meinen	Continues testimony on the 1997-1999 bond projects. Explains what OPRD said it would do in 1997-1999 and what it actually did. Explains emergency repair projects the department was involved in the 1997-1999 biennium.
155	Nancy	Explains the five basic challenges for the OPRD: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failing infrastructure-many utility systems are nearing complete exhaustion 2. Deteriorating roads, paths, and trails. 3. Outdated camping facilities
205	Nancy	Continues testimony on the five basic challenges for the OPRD in the 1997-1999 biennium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating mandated programs with little or no funding 5. Balancing expenditures to routine revenue shortfalls.
242	Chair George	Comments on the increase in OPRD's budget in the past ten years. Says in 1987-1989 OPRD's budget was \$40 million, \$59 million in 1993-1995, and \$60 million in the 1995-1997 biennium. Adds OPRD's budget increases to \$80 million in the 1997 session and now the proposed budget is \$107 million yet the legislature is hearing the same concerns about funding. Asks where the money is going.
258	Meinen	Replies the \$60 million was not enough money to keep the parks system open and subsequently OPRD got into a downward spiral. Adds the \$87 million figure included \$15 million in bond debt.
308	Meinen	Discusses OPRD's 1997-1999 estimated revenue sources being \$90,107,627 and the 1997-1999 estimated expenses were \$87,053,737. Says there was a \$110 million backlog of maintenance to structures and parks included in the 1997-1999 discussion. Says it is going to take a sustained period of time of investment to get this backlog of maintenance projects completed.
342	Sen. Corcoran	Compliments OPRD on what they do. Asks what Measure 66 contemplate in 1997-1999 dollars.
356	Meinen	Responds \$44,130,000 million of funds.
367	Sen. Corcoran	Asks if the OPRS budget increased by \$44 million.
372	Meinen	Answers no but says there was some replacements put into the base budget.
386	Sen. Corcoran	Comments the revenue bonding authority gap being around \$500 million.
405	Sen. Dukes	Says she now understands why park enthusiasts are upset. Comments on the budget process for agencies. Asks if the OPRD had an additional \$44 million in

		it.
433	Meinen	Replies no because at the time the budget was constructed, OPRD did not know if Measure 66 would pass.
TAPE 44, B		
011	Sen. Corcoran	Comments on Colorado's lottery funding of state parks.
023	Chair George	Says that based upon the information received from OPRD the \$107 million is just a sustaining budget. Adds Oregon voters have right to be concerned about what happened to the rest of the \$44 million.
034	Meinen	Comments page 20 of OPRD's exhibits the total of Measure 66 funds.
045	Chair George	Closes informational hearing.
055	Sen. Fisher	MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow SEN. FISHER to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on SB 231 and SB 232.
060	Chair George	Re-opens informational hearing on OPRD.
<u>Oregon Parks and Recreation Department</u>		
066	Meinen	Continues testimony on the whereabouts of Measure 66 funds.
078	Chair George	Asks if Oregon will be able to purchase surplus ODOT property, especially the ones in the Gorge area.
093	Meinen	Responds OPRD put additional money into the protecting special places budget for the purposes of expansion. Says OPRD could use a portion of this \$3.16 million to purchase property such as in the Gorge area.
125	Chair George	Comments on several town hall meetings he held on the coast.
130	Meinen	Comments OPRD does take into consideration ADA regulations when building or renovating parks.
205	Sen. Fisher	Asks if OPRD has to keep all buildings up to code.
209	Meinen	Replies he believes so and the regulations may be more strict.

225	Sen. Fisher	Asks if the information on page 20 of the report is in addition to the figures on page 19.
235	Meinen	Responds no. Explains that page 20 shows the distribution of the Measure 66 funds.
259	Chair George	Comments if voters found out that part of the \$44 million allocated from Measure 66 dollars did not actually go to OPRD, there would most likely be a major protest from voters.
171	Meinen	Comments on the newspaper article included in [EXHIBIT G] . The title of the article is "Oregon Park Proposed for Farm Showcase".
322	Meinen	Discusses a map relating to
361	Chair George	Asks about the Greenway projects on the Willamette River.
371	Meinen	Responds there are 83 different Willamette River Greenway parks and that 60 of them have some form of development. Says he would be happy to send the committee a copy of the map. Comments OPRD has conducted extensive reviews of parks along the Willamette River Greenway and is going to try to make some improvements.
421	Chair George	Thanks Meinen for offering to give the committee a copy of the map and says it will be helpful.
439	Cathy Tholl	Grand Ronde, Oregon Citizen. Expresses concern about the realignment of the Fort Hill Road proposed in the 1998-2001 budget. Says it appears the realignment is to promote the Fort Yamhill site as a state park. Shows a 1991 map of the area to committee members. Says she read in the paper the Governor said that the lottery money could not be used for acquisition of new land.
<u>TAPE 45, B</u>		
026	Meinen	Responds he is not familiar with the Fort Yamhill realignment project but understands it is a safety issue regarding Highway 18. Comments on the heritage of the Fort Yamhill site.
044	Sen. Fisher	Gives a personal experience.
060	Chair George	Asks how many acres the site encompasses.
062	Tholl	Answers 557 acres.

064	Meinen	Responds he is not sure about the number. Comments on the historic nature of the Fort Yamhill site and says the access to it is off old military road.
098	Tholl	Understands the answer she received from OPRD regarding the realignment. Asks why OPRD is expanding when it doesn't have the money to take care of what it already has.
112	Meinen	Replies that side from taking care of existing system the department also feels there are some expansion capabilities. Says Oregon needs to be realistic in that there has been a doubling of population in recent years.
128	Chair George	Comments the site could have potential. Says he hopes there is not a threat to the community.
140	Meinen	Comments OPRD is aware of this and says it will keep track of what is going on with the realignment so there is full consideration of all aspects involved.
168	Chair George	Asks Meinen to keep the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee informed. Adjourns at 6:20 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Budget Overview, Robert Meinen, 22 pp.

B ñ SB 231, Staff, 4 pp.

C ñ SB 232, Staff, 2 pp.

D ñ Written testimony on SB 231, Andrew Clark, 1 p.

E - Written testimony on SB 232, Andrew Clark, 1 p.

F - Written testimony on SB 231 & SB 232, Glen Stonebrink, 1 p.

G ñ OPRD Wetland and Riparian Enhancements, Robert Meinen, 4 pp.

H - Written testimony on SB 231, Steven Brown, 1 p.

I - Written testimony on SB 232, Steven Brown, 1 p.