

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**March 8, 1999 Hearing Room 50**

**4:30 P.M. Tapes 64 - 65**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Gary George, Chair**

**Sen. Thomas Wilde, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Tony Corcoran**

**Sen. Bill Fisher**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Ted Ferrioli**

**Sen. Joan Dukes**

**STAFF PRESENT: Brad Harper, Administrator**

**Kristal Hatton-Nease, Administrative Support**

**MEASURES HEARD: HB 2099 Public Hearing and Work Session**

**HB 2073 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
<b>TAPE 64, A</b>		
005	Chair George	Convenes meeting at 4:40 p.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2099.
<b><u>HB 2099 Public Hearing</u></b>		
015	Brad Harper	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2099 establishes criteria to identify a person with a disability for the purposes of wildlife laws.

022	Joe Rohleder	Assistant to the Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Submits <b>[EXHIBIT A]</b> and testifies in support of HB 2099. Introduces Steve Williams and says he will give the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's position on HB 2099.
030	Steve Williams	Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Explains HB 2099 was introduced by the Governor at the request of ODFW. States HB 2099 resolves conflicts between current statutory language and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). Explains current state law provides special hunting and fishing licenses for persons who are blind or in wheelchairs.
080	Williams	Explains language in HB 2099 is like language in ORS 801.235. Says that the department established an advisory committee to define "persons with disabilities". Says the list of participants in the advisory committee is listed on page three of the exhibit submitted by Rohleder. Explains this legislation will increase Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's customer base.
122	Sen. Wilde	Asks if section two of HB 2099 complies with federal laws.
125	Williams	Replies the assistant attorney general has advised the department that HB 2099 does meet federal standards.
134	Al Elkins	Oregon Hunters Association. Submits <b>[EXHIBIT B]</b> and testifies in support of HB 2099. States he was part of the advisory committee that created the new definition of "person with a disability," in regards to wildlife laws.
165	Chair George	Closes public hearing on HB 2099. Opens public hearing on HB 2073.
<b><u>HB 2073 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
170	Harper	Explains HB 2073 allows the director of the Oregon State Fairs and Exposition Center to enter into sponsorship agreements to receive moneys, services, products, or other items of value. States HB 2073 exempts sponsorship agreements from the requirements of public contracting laws in ORS chapter 279.
176	Rusty Vernon	Director, Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center. Submits <b>[EXHIBIT C]</b> and testifies in support of HB 2073. Says a similar bill was introduced in 1997, but it was not passed out of committee. Explains there are two policies addressed in HB 2073: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognition of sponsorship as a necessary and appropriate revenue activity of the State Fair; and</li> <li>2. Exemption sponsorship activities from the purchasing requirements of ORS 279.</li> </ol>
203	Chair George	Asks how far Vernon envisions HB 2073 will be applied.

211	Vernon	Replies it will be very broad and says he wants to protect the integrity of the State Fair, at the same time.
222	Chair George	Comments on the charter of the Oregon State Fair. Asks if he sees a conflict of interest.
234	Vernon	Replies the State Fair is a commercial venture in many ways. Says the State Fair is a celebration of Oregon communities and it brings communities, people, and businesses together.
274	Sen. Fisher	Expresses concern about giving power of public entities to big corporations.
311	Vernon	Replies a contractor would not see any effect in relation to the daily operations of the State Fair. Comments the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center had many conversations on this issue.
361	Vernon	Discusses how the State Fair can increase the money and contributions it receives from private business. Adds that sponsorships at the 1998 State Fair generated roughly \$90,000. Says that if in-kind contributions are added to this, the State Fair sponsorships total \$200,000. Explains sponsorships produce revenue and are not purchases.
413	Sen. Fisher	Asks about the percentage figures for the amount of money received from gate receipts.
418	Vernon	Replies contracts differ. Says that typically, sponsorship is based on cash dollar value and is not based on what occurred at the event.
<b>TAPE 65, A</b>		
025	Vernon	Gives an example where a company gives beverage services to the State Fair in exchange for advertising supplements.
043	Sen. Wilde	Asks if usage of building would be included in the sponsorship money.
051	Vernon	Answers it depends on the contract the State Fair and Exposition Center has with the sponsor. Adds the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center would not like to see that happen.
062	Sen. Wilde	Asks, if additional values were received, if they would be included in the 15 percent amount.
066	Vernon	Replies they would not.

069	Chair George	Closes public hearing on HB 2073. Opens work session on HB 2099.
<b><u>HB 2099 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
<b>075</b>	<b>Sen. Wilde</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2099 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
<b>080</b>		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Dukes, Ferrioli</b>
	<b>Chair George</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b> <b>SEN. FISHER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
084	Chair George	Closes work session on HB 2099. Adjourns meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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#### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A ñ HB 2099, written testimony, Joe Rohleder, 3 pp.**

**B ñ HB 2099, written testimony, Al Elkins, 1 p.**

**C ñ HB 2073, written testimony, Robert Vernon, 3 pp.**