

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

April 1, 1999 Hearing Room 50

4:30 p.m. Tape 85

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Gary George, Chair

Sen. Thomas Wilde, Vice-Chair

Sen. Tony Corcoran

Sen. Joan Dukes

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Bill Fisher

STAFF PRESENT: Brad Harper, Administrator

Kristal Hatton-Nease, Administrative Support

MEASURES HEARD: HB 2496-A Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 992 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 179 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 85, A		
005	Chair George	Convenes meeting at 4:39 p.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2496-A.
<u>HB 2496-A PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

010	Brad Harper	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2496-A changes the geographical representation of Oregon Potation Commission membership. Adds HB 2496-A modifies the length of terms of commission members to four years and makes modification of term length retroactive. Discusses current Oregon Potato Commission membership.
015	Mike Dewey	Oregon Potato Commission. Testifies in support of HB 2496-A. Explains the path of HB 2496-A in the House. Explains the new membership representation called for in HB 2496-A. Describes sections of HB 2496-A.
051	Chair George	Asks if potatoes are grown in areas around Polk and Tillamook counties.
055	Dewey	Responds he is not sure. States Lincoln county still grows potatoes. Says the Oregon Potato Commission does not want to leave any counties out.
060	Sen. Corcoran	Asks if the geographical representation includes Ireland.
061	Dewey	Replies the commission is working on that.
070	Chair George	Closes public hearing on HB 2496-A. Opens public hearing on SB 992.
<u>SB 992 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
	Harper	Explains SB 992 specifies that outfitters or guides must meet certification requirements in calendar year prior to deer and elk season, in order to participate in system of allocating nonresident hunting permits. Adds SB 992 declares an emergency and takes effect upon passage.
097	Phil Donovan	Oregon Guides and Packers Association. Submits [EXHIBIT A] and testifies in support of SB 992. Says the 1997 Legislature passed HB 3387, which set aside half of the number of nonresident controlled deer and elk hunting permits for Oregon's guides and packers. Says the legislation also created a certification process through the State Marine Board for outfitters and guides for who to qualify for the program. Says currently five percent is set aside for non-residents. Explains a sunset date in the 1997 legislation erroneously prohibits entry of new guides in to the program.
130	Chair George	Asks if there have been any complaints about the shortage of tags.
134	Donovan	Responds not to his knowledge.
138	Mickel Crawford	Eastern Oregon Guide. Submits [EXHIBIT B] and testifies in support of SB 992. Explains he has been a guide for three years. Says he is able to be in business because of the outfitter tags that are available to license outfitters. Says guides are needed to provide a service to the aging public.

188	Crawford	Says professional guides are needed in many ways. Explains guides have training in first aid, knowledge of wildlife game laws, how to hunt in areas of Oregon, and have the ability to prepare the animal for the hunter to take home. Comments guides are often the ego-between for private landowners, hunters, public, and state on many issues. Urges committee to support SB 992.
203	Steve Mathers	States he is a guide and that he is in support of SB 992.
211	Chair George	Asks if the non-resident tags are being used.
218	Donovan	Says the guides in this program are not fully utilizing all the non-resident tags. Says he expects the program to expand.
233	Rich Berry	Wildlife Division Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Submits [EXHIBIT C] and testifies in regards to SB 992. States ODFW believes the required certification timing will aid in the orderly conduct of the allocation process among guides and outfitters by ODFW.
257	Chair George	Asks if there is room to expand businesses for additional tagging.
262	Berry	Answers there are some predation issues but that deer and elk harvests are at a high.
273	Chair George	Asks if there are any mechanisms to help guides who find themselves in a district with a decrease in deer and elk populations.
279	Berry	Says ODFW has had discussions with Oregon Guides and Packers on how ODFW can complement both better.
289	Sen. Wilde	Asks if the allocation impacts the ability of residents to get a tag.
293	Berry	Responds a different statute sets up the controlled hunt laws.
306	Chair George	Closes public hearing on SB 992. Opens work session on SB 992.
<u>SB 992 WORK SESSION</u>		
320	Sen. Corcoran	MOTION: Moves SB 992 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Fisher

	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. CORCORAN will lead discussion on the floor.
340	Chair George	Closes work session on SB 992. Opens work session on HB 2496-A.
<u>HB 2496-A WORK SESSION</u>		
345	Sen. Wilde	MOTION: Moves HB 2496A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Fisher
	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. WILDE will lead discussion on the floor.
350	Chair George	Closes work session on HB 2496A. Opens work session on SB 179.
<u>SB 179 WORK SESSION</u>		
355	Sen. Wilde	MOTION: Moves to take SB 179 FROM THE TABLE.
		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Fisher
	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
361	Chair George	Closes work session on SB 179. Adjourns meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 992, written testimony, Phil Donovan, 2 pp.

B ñ SB 992, written testimony, Mickel Crawford, 1 p.

C ñ SB 992, written testimony, Rich Berry, 1 p.