

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

June 30, 1999 Hearing Room B

3:00 p.m. Tape 81

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Charles Starr, Chair

Sen. Marilyn Shannon

Sen. Veral Tarno

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Joan Dukes, Vice-Chair

Sen. Thomas Wilde

STAFF PRESENT: Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator

Brian Smith, Administrator

Patrick Brennan, Administrative Support

MEASURES HEARD: HB 2700 Work Session

HB 3219-A Public Hearing and Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 81, A		
004	Chair Starr	Calls the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Opens a work session on HB 2700.
<u>HB 2700 WORK SESSION</u>		
006	Karen Smith	Policy Analyst, Senate Majority Office. Gives a detailed review of the 18 amendments (EXHIBIT A).
062	Sen. Tarno	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2700 -18 amendments dated 6/30/99.

065		<p>VOTE: 3-0-2</p> <p>EXCUSED: 2 - Dukes, Wilde</p>
	Chair Starr	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED .
068	Sen. Tarno	<p>MOTION: Moves HB 2700 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</p>
071		<p>VOTE: 3-0-2</p> <p>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</p> <p>EXCUSED: 2 - Dukes, Wilde</p>
	Chair Starr	<p>The motion CARRIES.</p> <p>SEN. QUTUB will lead discussion on the floor.</p>
		Additional testimony was submitted to the committee for the consideration of the committee members (EXHIBITS B & C).
080	Chair Starr	Closes the work session on HB 2700 and opens a public hearing on HB 3219-A.
<u>HB 3219-A PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
084	Tom Novick	<p>Representative, Renewable Northwest Project. Testifies in support of HB 3219-A. States that the bill would establish a system of "net metering," which encourages investment in alternative energy systems by making them easier to use. Explains that other consumers would be allowed to use surplus energy produced by small, renewable energy systems that flows back into the grid for use. Gives an overview of what the bill does:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplifies the protocol for connecting alternative energy systems in a way that insures quality and safety • Allows consumers who produce more electricity than they use to receive a credit against their next bill • Encourages investments in alternative energy systems by simplifying metering and reducing accounting costs
113	Sandy Flicker	<p>Representative, Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA). Testifies in support of HB 3219-A. Says ORECA had concerns with the A-engrossed version, specifically regarding a requirement for owners of alternative</p>

		energy sources to have liability insurance. Indicates that a second area of disagreement was over whether credits should be given at wholesale or retail value. Explains that the compromise, embodied in the ñA10 amendments (EXHIBIT H) was to allow the option of either a meter or an avoided cost process, for which ORECA would provide a second meter without additional billing or metering cost to the consumer.
158	John Brennemen	Representative, Idaho Power. Testifies in support of HB 3219-A. Indicates that Idaho Power has a system similar to net metering in place. Says he submitted the ñA9 amendments (EXHIBIT I) to allow "a substantial equivalent offset" as an alternative to net metering. Suggests that the amendments be combined (EXHIBIT J) by deleting lines 9-15 of page 2 in the ñA10 amendments and replacing it with lines 8-15 of page 2 from the ñA9 amendments.
200	Chair Starr	Closes the public hearing on HB 3219-A and opens a work session on HB 3219-A
<u>HB 3219-A WORK SESSION</u>		
210	Sen. Tarno	MOTION: Moves to AMEND HB 3219-A10 amendments dated 6/30/99 on page 2, by deleting lines 9-15 and inserting lines 8-15 from page 2 of the ñA9 amendments.
217		VOTE: 3-0-2 EXCUSED: 2 - Dukes, Wilde
	Chair Starr	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
227	Sen. Tarno	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT AS AMENDED HB 3219-A10 amendments dated 6/30/99.
220		VOTE: 3-0-2 EXCUSED: 2 - Dukes, Wilde
	Chair Starr	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
226	Sen. Tarno	MOTION: Moves HB 3219-A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
230		VOTE: 3-0-2

		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Dukes, Wilde
	Chair Starr	The motion CARRIES. SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.
230	Starr	Closes the work session on HB 3219-A and adjourns the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Patrick Brennan, Sandy Thiele-Cirka,
Administrative Support Administrator

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Reviewed By,

Brian Smith,
Administrator

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ HB 2700, -18 amendments, staff, 21 pp.

B ñ HB 2700, testimony, Gov. John Kitzhaber, 1 p.

C ñ HB 2700, testimony, Bruce A. Bishop, 1 p.

D ñ HB 3219, -A10 amendments, staff, 2 pp.

E ñ HB 3219, -A9 amendments, staff, 2 pp.

F ñ HB 3219-A, hand engrossed, staff, 7 pp.